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June Report

As we reflect on the month of June, it's probably timely we look at where the wool market commenced the 17/18 season 12 months ago and where it's closed. Firstly, this time last month it was talked that the wool market was peaking with the potential of not much more upside. As listed below the movement for the month, particularly 19.0 micron and finer, are within a few cents of the May close. However, the medium microns have driven the wool market to some very lofty levels ably assisted by the lack of volume in this range and to a lesser degree a favourable currency. Within the month we enjoyed an incredible week 51 with most Indicators lifting by up to 80¢ in which some eased back this week. Competition throughout has been very strong as all members of the trade eagerly bid for wools to meet their commitments prior to shipping. The Skirting market also performed credibly with top making businesses looking for types to blend with lower style Merino fleece wools. A sizeable percentage of the skirting market has also been favoured towards short Lambs/Weaner lengths, with the longer combing types keenly sought. Crossbreds have enjoyed a solid close to the season with finer types very keenly sought with, at times, 24.0/25.0 microns types pushing 1900¢ clean. The volume of broader types eased marginally, mainly due to the lack of supply after a sustained period of large offerings. Cardings have kept trading on a positive note with all types very keenly sought, which has been the situation for a period of time. When we are receiving clean prices of above 1800¢ clean for a selection of Lks and Crt's it a sign of good trade demand.

Seasonal reflection: The AWEX EMI opened at 1525¢ and closed at 2056¢ = plus 531¢ or up 34.8%. Over 3.4 billion dollars' worth of wool was traded at Auction alone.

Southern Indicator		Movement C/kg cln	Percentage Movement	AWEX Micron Price Guides		Movement C/kg cln	Percentage Movement	Percentile Rank
01/06/18	29/06/2018			01/06/2018	29/06/2018			
	1996		39		2035		2.0%	
Micron	01/06/2018	29/06/2018	Movement C/kg cln	Percentage Movement	Percentile Rank			
16.5	NQ	3019	0	0.0%	98%			
17.0	2888	2867	-21	-0.7%	99%			
17.5	2762	2683	-79	-2.9%	99%			
18.0	2532	2513	-19	-0.8%	100%			
18.5	2396	2396	0	0.0%	100%			
19.0	2331	2369	38	1.6%	100%			
19.5	2274	2364	90	4.0%	100%			
20.0	2266	2351	85	3.8%	100%			
21.0	2263	2350	87	3.8%	100%			
22.0	2246	2336	90	4.0%	100%			
23.0	2218	NQ	0	0.0%	0%			
24.0	2016	NQ	0	0.0%	0%			
25.0	1709	NQ	0	0.0%	0%			
26.0	1488	NQ	0	0.0%	0%			
28.0	1019	1028	9	0.9%	100%			
30.0	709	695	-14	-2.0%	94%			
32.0	448	448	0	0.0%	55%			
MC	1479	1500	21	1.4%	100%			
\$Aud:US	0.7546	0.7341	-0.0205	-2.7%				
\$Aud:EUR	0.6462	0.6348	-0.0114	-1.8%				

Percentiles calculated using weekly data since 1996 except the 16.5-17.5 percentiles which have been calculated using weekly data since May 2009 from AG Concepts

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SALE ROOM

Over recent reports we've mentioned the need to fill in the National Wool Declaration correctly on our classer's specification, particularly the Non-Mulesing component if you have Non-Mulesed Merino or Crossbred wools, or used pain relief. It's become very apparent that the trade is becoming extremely keen to acquire these wools. So, to ensure maximum support please make sure all boxes are completed correctly.