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February Report

The month of February has been a very busy period, with some large offerings each week and the wool market generally holding up very well. The Chinese New Year holiday period, which at times can be difficult to market wool, was reasonably stress free. The superfine selling weeks also produced some excellent returns for those wools. And, just when the market was stabilising news broke from South Africa of a foot and mouth outbreak which led to China not taking delivery of wool purchased previously and sales in South Africa temporary suspended, leading to the wool market in Australia, for a fleeting period, rise up to 100 cents clean for some types in an attempt to acquire wool at short notice for prompt delivery. The micron range most affected were 18.5–22.0 for merino wools and all crossbred types. Wool on the electronic market traded at excellent levels and the forward market also opened up some opportunities. The South African situation was resolved, from a wool trading point of view, late last week and wool sales resumed in the region. Back home, as mentioned, the large offering in recent weeks has been as a result of some record levels for certain types of crossbreds and the volumes of these wools has been significant when perusing the numbers of bales on offer. Indicator levels below and the movement for the last month illustrate the strength for these types. During the recent period merino skirting's and cardings, in general, have maintained a reasonable level with competition/demand continuous complimenting an overall good wool market.

		Southern Indicator		Movement	Percentage	
		01/02/19	01/03/2019	C/kg cln	Movement	
		1906	1987	81	4.2%	
Micron	AWEX Micron Price Guides		Movement	Percentage	Percentile	
	01/02/19	01/03/2019	C/kg cln	Movement	Rank	
16.5	2548	2562	14	0.5%	88.4%	
17.0	2508	2524	16	0.6%	90.7%	
17.5	2502	2481	-21	-0.8%	90.6%	
18.0	2443	2468	25	1.0%	98.3%	
18.5	2346	2405	59	2.5%	98.5%	
19.0	2287	2374	87	3.8%	99.1%	
19.5	2259	2357	98	4.3%	99.0%	
20.0	2251	2339	88	3.9%	99.6%	
21.0	2224	2333	109	4.9%	99.6%	
22.0	2223	2330	107	4.8%	99.7%	
23.0	2222	NQ	0	0.0%	0.0%	
24.0	1915	NQ	0	0.0%	0.0%	
25.0	1503	NQ	0	0.0%	0.0%	
26.0	1333	NQ	0	0.0%	0.0%	
28.0	1031	1133	102	9.9%	99.9%	
30.0	848	971	123	14.5%	99.9%	
32.0	509	591	82	16.1%	91.7%	
MC	1123	1176	53	4.7%	93.9%	
\$Aud:US	0.7277	0.7101	-0.0176	-2.4%		
\$Aud:EUR	0.6356	0.6247	-0.0109	-1.7%		

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.