NORTHERN REGION INDICATOR 1213 +21
AWEX - NORTHERN REGION QUOTES

| MICRON | $\begin{aligned} & \text { C/KG } \\ & \text { CLEAN } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +/- } \\ \text { FOR } \\ \text { WEEK } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { LAST } \\ & \text { YEAR } \end{aligned}$ | CHANGE SINCE LAST YEAR C/kg and \% |  | $\begin{gathered} 5 \text { YEAR } \\ \text { CHANGE } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ |
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| 16.5 | - | - | 2405 | - | - | - |
| 17 | 1742 | +33 | 2222 | -480 | -21.6\% | -30\% |
| 17.5 | 1667 | +45 | 2020 | -353 | -17.5\% | -32\% |
| 18 | 1562 | +23 | 1863 | -301 | -16.2\% | -35\% |
| 18.5 | 1509 | +35 | 1744 | -235 | -13.5\% | -36\% |
| 19 | 1454 | +22 | 1620 | -166 | -10.2\% | -37\% |
| 19.5 | 1408 | +17 | 1542 | -134 | -8.7\% | -38\% |
| 20 | 1382 | +20 | 1478 | -96 | -6.5\% | -39\% |
| 21 | 1342 | - | 1431 | -89 | -6.2\% | - |
| 22 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 23 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 26 | 535 | - | - | - | - | -63\% |
| 28 | 355 | - | - | - | - | -71\% |
| 30 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 32 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MC | 732 | +3 | 831 | -99 | -11.9\% | -32\% |

## EASTERN MARKET INDICATOR 1172 +14 <br> COMMENTARY

This week's market began strongly with prices rising on the opening day. The Northern region indicator closed the day 21 cents dearer with the Merino types climbing 25 to 40 cents higher. The second day of sales produced a more mixed result with the Merino types giving back some of their gains but offset by selected Crossbred categories gaining ground, resulting in no change to the indicator. The Aussie dollar climbed almost 1 cent against the US as local inflation data came in higher than expected for the March quarter, lowering the chance of official interest rate reductions this year. When looked at in US dollars the Eastern market indicator jumped almost 3\% for the week. 39,624 bales were sold nationally for the week with a passed in rate of $5.2 \%$. Major buyers included Techwool, PJ Morris and Tianyu. The headline market indicators have closed the week at almost the identical levels of the opening sale of the season in the first week of July. Forecasts indicate weekly national sale offerings of around 40,000 bales for upcoming fortnight which is typical for this time of year.



| This Week's National Offering Statistics |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | NORTH | SOUTH | WEST |
| Bales Offered | 9,116 | 22,171 | 10,501 |
| Bales Sold | 8,977 | 21,058 | 9,589 |
| Passed In \% | $1.5 \%$ | $5.0 \%$ | $8.7 \%$ |

## Next Week's Sale

41,433 bales are expected to be on offer nationally with 8,725 in Sydney. Schute Bell, Wool Auctions, Goddard and Monaro Wool are selling on Tuesday the $30^{\text {th }}$ of April.

Wool Price Percentile Data Avg Nth/Sth from July 95* to Current *18 Micron data commenced August 1998

| Current |  |  | Current Mkt Percentile Rank |  | PERCENTILES |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mic | Level | High | Low | $\begin{gathered} \text { Percentile Rank } \\ \% \end{gathered}$ | 80\% | 60\% | 50\% | 40\% | 20\% |
| 18 | 1561 | 2680 | 811 | 61.7\% | 1972 | 1545 | 1442 | 1317 | 1150 |
| 19 | 1443 | 2462 | 677 | 72.4\% | 1595 | 1302 | 1202 | 1112 | 963 |
| 20 | 1377 | 2381 | 556 | 76.7\% | 1401 | 1200 | 1060 | 939 | 803 |
| 21 | 1339 | 2356 | 481 | 78.9\% | 1351 | 1181 | 1027 | 910 | 722 |
| 22 | 1320 | 2350 | 415 | 80.2\% | 1319 | 1162 | 1003 | 896 | 692 |
| 23 | 1270 | 2308 | 378 | 74.8\% | 1312 | 1109 | 1000 | 873 | 649 |

