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From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Australian wool market holds before the mid-year recess
- Increased AWTA tests in all states in the 2016/17 season
- Sharp increase in wool declared with Pain Relief in 2016/17
- Australian wool exports down in May 2017 but up for the season to date
- NCWSBA Annual General Meeting and Forum – 24th August 2017
- Upcoming events



Sample Article

Weight of wool tested in Australia in 2016/17 rises in all states

There has been the usual monthly release of industry data in the past fortnight, some of which provides data for the full 2016/17 season.

One set of industry data is the AWTA data on the **volume of raw wool tested**. AWTA tested 12% more wool in June than in June 2016. This increase comes after the 23% increase in May. For the full 2016/17 season, AWTA tested 5.3% more wool than in 2015/17 at 358 mkg greasy. Despite the increase, the total weight of wool tested was below the weight tested in 2014/15. The weight of wool tested increased in every state in 2016/17 to a greater or lesser degree. The most significant increase was seen for Queensland, which recorded a 25% increase in the weight of wool tested. Despite this, Queensland remains the smallest producing state and production has not even recovered to the 2014/15 level. Of the three largest producing states, Western Australia recorded a 10% increase in the weight of wool tested, while NSW lifted test weights by 3% and Victoria was up by 2%. South Australia recorded a strong increase in the weight tested (up by 6%) to record the highest level since the mid-2000s.

AWEX released the full year data on Mulesing Status from the **National Wool Declaration**. This confirms the significant jump in wool declared of from sheep that have been mulesed with pain relief (PR). There was a 25% increase in 2016/17 in the number of first hand bales offered at auction with a PR declaration. This brought the share of PR wool up to 28% from 22% in 2015/16. The number of bales of wool declared as Non Mulesed (NM) also increased, up by 12% in 2016/17. NM now accounts for 10% of first hand wool offered at auction. Wool declared as Ceased Mulesed also increased (+10%).

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INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **NCWSBA Annual General Meeting and Forum** will be held in Melbourne on 24th August 2017

Wool Week will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Melbourne on 24th to 25th August 2017.

The **2017 Nanjing Wool Market Conference** will be held in Tongxiang, China on 17th to 18th September 2017.

THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL MARKET IS IN RECESS STARTING NEXT WEEK.

SALES RESUME IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 7th AUGUST 2017

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