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From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Sales resume in the Australian wool market next week
- An update on wool's price competitiveness with other fibres
- AWTA tests for July up
- Dry Seasonal conditions and outlook
- Reminder: Wool Week registrations close on 8th August
- Upcoming events



Sample Article

Merino wool price relativity against other fibres at highs

While the Australian wool market has been in an hiatus, the cotton and synthetic fibre markets have continued to operate around the world. Cotton prices, as measured by the CotLook A Index has lifted a little over the past month and polyester staple fibre prices and viscose prices have also risen. Acrylic fibre prices, on the other hand, have eased.

Where does this leave wool's price relativity with these other fibres? The price relativity for 18 micron wool is at or close to record levels against these other fibres. Against synthetic fibres, 18 micron wool is at 8.60, a little below the record 8.92 reached in March but still the second highest ever. Against cotton, the ratio is at 8.62, a shade below the record 8.66 reached in March

For 21 micron wool, the price relativity has increased in the past few months, and remains at high, but not extreme, levels. Compared with synthetic fibres, the price relativity of 21 micron wool is at 6.30, higher than at any time since January and at relativity high levels compared with the price ratios since 2010. The 21 micron price is 6.31 times the price of cotton, the highest since August 2016 but below the heights seen at various times in the past seven years. As can be seen from the charts, 28 micron wool has been at relative lows compared with both synthetics and cotton, but have seen an increase recently. It is currently at 2.66 times the synthetic fibre price and 3.15 times the price of cotton. This relatively low price ratio may help boost demand for this broader wool.

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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.

WOOL SALES WEEK BEGINNING 7th AUGUST 2017 – week 6 (roster as at 31/07/2017)

Sydney

Tues, 8th Aug; Wed, 9th Aug; Thurs, 10th Aug 18,522 bales

Melbourne

Tues, 8th Aug; Wed, 9th Aug; Thurs, 10th Aug 28,215 bales

Fremantle

Wed, 9th Aug; Thurs, 10th Aug 9,303 bales

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