



# The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia Inc

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Australian wool market pauses
- AWI announces WoolQ
- Raw wool exports from the five major exporters on the rise
- Buccalgesic approved for use for mulesing
- Seasonal outlook for summer 2017/18
- REMINDER: Opening of the NCWSBA Wool Broking Industry Historical Display
- Upcoming events



### Sample article

#### Supplies of non-mulesed wool from Australia up 44%

Data on exports from the five major wool producing and exporting countries for the 2017/18 season to September shows that total exports grew by 10% compared with the 2016/17 level. This is a recovery from the 3% decline that we saw in the full 2016/17 season. There has been an increase in exports from Australia (+7%), New Zealand (+12%), South Africa (+31%) and Uruguay (+40%). Of the five major exporters, only Argentina has recorded a decline, down by 10%. This improvement for New Zealand and Uruguay is a recovery from the large decline seen in exports from both of these countries in the past 12-18 months. The increase in exports from Australia and South Africa since the second half of 2016 can be seen clearly, and this continues. These two countries are the major exporters of Merino wool, which saw strong demand throughout the past 12 months or more.

In contrast, exports from New Zealand and Uruguay, which both produce mainly wool broader than 25 micron, saw export volumes drop from the second half of 2015. While the export volumes remain below year earlier levels for both countries, there is a clear upward trend and recovery of recent months. The lift in exports from New Zealand is particularly sharp, pointing to an increase in demand for this broader wool.

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#### INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **AWEX Annual General Meeting** will be held in Sydney on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**IWTO Roundtable in Cape Town**, South Africa, 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Click [here](#) to register.

**AWPFC meeting**, Melbourne. 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**IWTO 2018 Congress** in Hong Kong, 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

#### WOOL SALES WEEK BEGINNING 20<sup>th</sup> NOV 2017 – week 21 (roster as at 16/11/2017)

##### Sydney

Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov; Thurs, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 12,945 bales

##### Melbourne

Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov; Thurs, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 25,701 bales

##### Fremantle

Wed, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov; Thurs, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10,121 bales

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