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NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Australian wool prices ease ahead of the three-week recess
- AWTA tested more wool in 2017/18
- Wool declared as Non-Mulesed and Pain Relief lift again in 2017/18
- Australian wool exports rise in May
- Report on the Independent Review of AWI released
- Upcoming events



Sample Article

Wool Declared as Non-Mulesed and as Pain Relief lifts by 20% in 2017/18

Data from AWEX on the mulesing status of first-hand wool offered for the full 2017/18 season shows that there was a significant lift of around 20% in the number of bales declared as either Non-Mulesed (NM) or Pain Relief (PR). This increase took the share of NM wool to 11.5%, well above the 9.9% share recorded in 2016/17. The share of PR wool lifted to 31.6%. There was a 9% drop in wool declared as Ceased Mulesed (CM). This may be due to a change in definition for properties to be eligible to be declared as Ceased Mulesed. The definition is now: *Wool from sheep where mulesing has ceased on the property. No lambs born on this property in the last 12 months have been mulesed. No purchased sheep are mulesed.*

The number of bales with a Blank NWD increased by 2%. As a result, the volume of first hand offered wool with an NWD was up by 11% for the season. The volume of wool without an NWD fell by 9%. The share of wool with an NWD lifted to 65.9%, well ahead of the 61.2% with an NWD in 2016/17. The increase in the use of the NWD over recent years has been striking: in 2013/14 only 43.3% of all wool offered in Australia had an NWD. The share has increased by 20%+ in just four years.

Further details and a table giving the detailed breakdown of the volume of wool offered with each mulesing status and a chart showing a comparison of mulesing status in 2017/18 and in 2013/14 is included in the NCWSBA Weekly Newsletter for the week ending 13th July 2018, available to NCWSBA members.

INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **NCWSBA AGM and Forum** will be held on Thursday, 23rd August 2018 in Melbourne as part of the **2018 AWIS Wool Week**.

The **Nanjing Wool Market Conference** will be held on 11th to 13th September 2018 in Nanjing.

The **IWTO 2019 Congress** will be held in Venice on 9th to 11th April 2019.

THE AUSTRALIAN WOOL MARKET IS IN RECESS. SALES RESUME IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 6TH AUGUST 2018.

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