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From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Australian wool prices ease back
- ABARES' five year forecasts for wool and sheep confound
- Lift in proportion of wool declared Non-Mulesed
- Over- and under-weight bales - AWEX's "No More Than 204" campaign
- Update on South Africa's wool exports to China
- Video on the history of the processing of Australian Merino wool in Yorkshire
- Upcoming industry events



Almost 50% of wool declared as Non-Mulesed or Pain Relief

The latest data on mulesing status from the National Wool Declaration was released by AWEX last week. It shows a significant 16% fall in the total number of first hand bales for the season to February. However, the number of bales declared as Non-Mulesed (NM) or as Pain Relief (PR) both recorded much smaller declines: 6% lower year on year for PR-declared wool and just 4% lower for NM-declared wool. As a result, the proportion of wool offered at auction in the July 2018 to February 2019 period declared as NM reached 13%, the highest share ever recorded. The proportion of wool declared as PR was 34.5%. In total, 47.5% of wool offered at auction this season was either from non-mulesed sheep or from sheep mulesed with pain relief.

Further details, including a chart showing the shows the total number of bales in each category of mulesing declaration for each season to February since 2013/14, is contained in this week's edition of the *Weekly Newsletter*. Available to NCWSBA members.

INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **Australian Wool Production Forecasting Committee** meets on Monday, 1st April 2019 at AWTA in Melbourne.

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

WOOL SALES WEEK BEGINNING 11th MAR 2019 – week 37 (roster as at 7/3/2019)

Sydney

Wed, 13th Mar, Thurs 14th Mar 8,763 bales

Melbourne

Wed, 13th Mar, Thurs 14th Mar 22,626 bales

Fremantle

Wed, 13th Mar, Thurs 14th Mar 10,333 bales

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