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From the desk of Chris Wilcox, Executive Director

- Solid opening to 2021 for the Australian wool market
- Wrap up of the first half of the 2020/21 season continued:
 - AWTA wool tests to December hits new low
 - National Wool Declaration statistics to December
- China wool quota increase in line with the China-Australia FTA
- Very good seasonal conditions with more rain expected
- Upcoming industry events



Australian wool tests at decades low in first half of 2020/21

There has been the usual set of data on the Australian industry released over the recess period, including the wool test statistics for December and statistics on mulesing status from the National Wool Declaration. The AWTA data on **wool tested** in December shows that the volumes of wool tested fell compared with December 2019. The weight of wool tested was 4% lower for the month, while the number of bales tested was 4.2% lower. There were mixed results between states, with the weight of wool tested in New South Wales, Tasmania and Queensland all increasing for the month, but declining in Victoria, Western Australia and South Australia. The weight of wool tested across Australia in the first six months of the 2020/21 season was 9.1% below the total for the first six months of the 2019/20 season. As a result, the six-month aggregate is well below any year since at least 2000/01 (which is as far back as my databases go).

Further details including a table showing the weight of wool tests by Australia and for Australia in the first half of 2020/21 compared with the previous 8 seasons, are provided in this week's Weekly Newsletter. Available to NCWSBA members.

INDUSTRY EVENTS

The **2021 IWTO Congress** is scheduled to be held in Kyoto, Japan in May 2021.

WOOL SALES WEEK BEGINNING 18th JAN 2021 – week 30 (roster as at 14/1/2021)

<u>Sydney</u>		
Tues 19 th Jan, Wed 20 th Jan		12,927 bales
<u>Melbourne</u>		
Tues 19 th , Wed 20 th Jan, Thurs 21 st Jan		27,027 bales
<u>Fremantle</u>		
Tues 19 th Jan, Wed 20 th Jan		9,286 bales

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