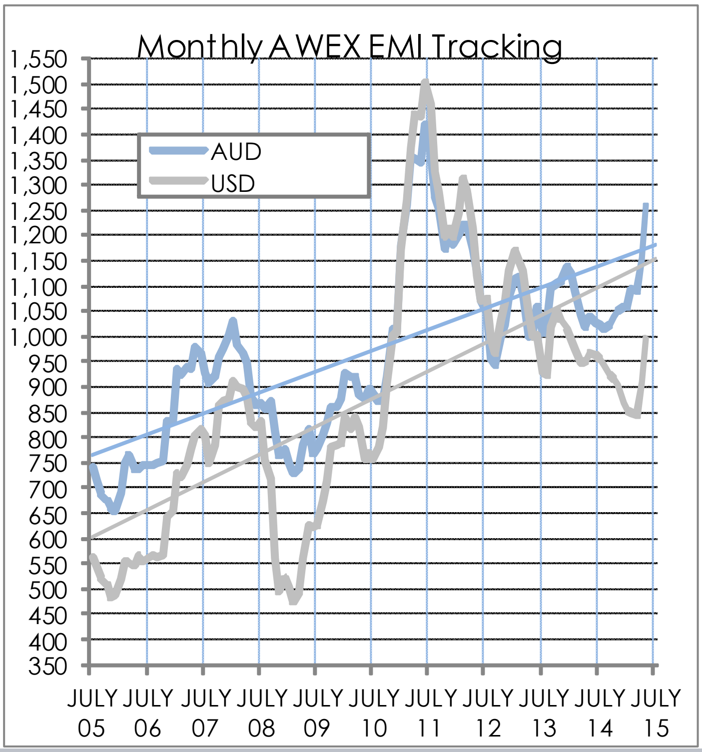
Offering	
Bales offered	37,719
Passed-In (%)	1.0%
Bales Sold	37,330

AWEX EMI			
AUD	1312 c/kg cln	+70 c/kg	+5.64%
USD	1011 c/kg cln	+30 c/kg	+3.02%
CNY	62.66 ¥/kg cln	+1.80 ¥/kg	+2.96%
EUR	9.26 ú/kg cln	+0.43 ú/kg	+0.13%

Currency movements		
AU:USD	0.7705	-2.48%
AU:CNY	4.7758	-2.53%
AU:EUR	0.7057	-0.70%



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Sales held on Wednesday & Thursday

MPG	North	South	West
17	1551 +66	1537 +56	-
18	1530 +82	1518 +79	1457n +29
19	1471 +80	1475 +91	1412 +36
20	1422 +89	1432 +102	1372 +39
21	1403 +96	1429 +120	1357 +51
22	1368n +104	1386 +126	1311n +59
23	-	1364n +140	-
24	-	-	-
25	1176n +80	-	-
26	1099n +81	-	-
28	928n +33	921 +31	-
30	853n +23	841n +16	-
32	743n +29	744n +29	-
MC	1088 +17	1113 +28	1073n +31

Riemann Wool Forwards - TRADES this week

Maturity month	Type	Price low/high	Sum of kgs
June 2015	21.0 micron	1275 / 1290	12,500
July 2015	21.0 micron	1290 / 1300	7,500
July 2015	19.5 micron	1340	2,500
August 2015	21.0 micron	1260 / 1315	18,500
August 2015	19.5 micron	1350	2,500
September 2015	21.0 micron	1250 / 1300	22,250
October 2015	21.0 micron	1250 / 1285	36,000
October 2015	28.0 micron	850	2,500
October 2015	30.0 micron	800	2,500
November 2015	21.0 micron	1270 / 1275	5,000
November 2015	28.0 micron	850	5,000
December 2015	18.5 micron	1400 / 1425	15,000
December 2015	19.0 micron	1330 / 1350	13,500
December 2015	21.0 micron	1225 / 1260	16,000
December 2015	28.0 micron	820	8,000
		Continued over	

Upcoming Wool Auction Sales

Sale week	2014/15 forecast	2013/14 actual
Week 49	25,846 bales	27,577 bales
Week 50	36,810 bales	34,158 bales
Week 51	26,900 bales	23,457 bales

AWI Wool Market Commentary

Large price gains were the basics of the Australian wool auction markets this week. The positive mood of the past few months extended once more and gained momentum, as all types and descriptions on offer appreciated greatly. The small offering of just over 37,000 bales was obviously not enough to quench the current demand for Australian wool, particularly for Merino fleece wools. As a result some types in the Merino sector put on extraordinary weekly gain of up to 140ac/ clean kg in one instance, with a general 60 to 100ac/ clean kg rise being evident by the close of selling. With such positive activity and strength of competition, the EMI (Eastern Market Indicator) concluded the week at a 4 year high at 1312ac/clean kg or 70ac/clean kg higher. This level has not been seen since the July/August period of 2011 and now sits at a level equating to 26% higher than at the same time last year.

The overall confidence in wool demand reported back to Australia from last weeks IWTO (International Wool Textile Organization) conference in China was found to be spot on, as the major Chinese buyers exerted their strength in buying in local sale rooms. The competition was intense, as the local forward sellers and exporters put up a stronger fight this week to put some wool into their inventory and cover some obviously badly positioned forward contracts. The weak AUD helped the Chinese indent buyers immensely and they fully utilised the 2.5 to 3% week on week advantage in currency. The short to medium expectation of a relative shortage in global wool supply has triggered much of the activity, as stocks in most sections of the supply chain have been allowed to run dangerously low.

All Merino fleece types were in great demand and gains of 60 to 80ac/clean kg were made in the fine and superfine area, with the lower quality wools appreciating the most, as buyers looked to buy in as cheap as possible as the market raced away. Fine, medium and broad (19.5 to 23 micron) Merino fleece came under the strongest of attention and rises of 90 to a staggering 140ac/clean kg were made, with the largest gains made in the broadest sector, as quantities of these wools are low. Once again the majority of wools were purchased by Chinese interests.

Merino skirtings, all cardings and all Crossbred types gained a similar 20 to 35ac/clean kg for the week, apart from a very small offering of 24 to 27 micron crossbred fleece which gained 80ac/clean kg. Demand remains strong, and renewed activity from the large top makers indicates that wool top sales are being made downstream

Next week the extremely low volume of just short of 26,000 bales will surely test the depth of the buyers pockets. Most participants assume that the market will remain at strength until global mill stocks are replenished. With RSA and South America winding down for their seasons in the upcoming month, that will place further pressure on the Australian supply.

Riemann Wool Forwards - TRADES this week—(cont.)

Maturity month	Type	Price low/high	Sum of kgs
January 2016	21.0 micron	1220 / 1250	34,500
February 2016	19.0 micron	1340	2,500
February 2016	21.0 micron	1230	5,000
March 2016	18.5 micron	1420	3,500
March 2016	21.0 micron	1200 / 1260	31,000
April 2016	18.5 micron	1410	10,000
April 2016	19.0 micron	1325 / 1360	21,000
April 2016	19.5 micron	1290	10,000
April 2016	21.0 micron	1229 / 1250	17,000
May 2016	21.0 micron	1224 / 1259	20,000
July 2016	19.0 micron	1330	2,000
July 2016	21.0 micron	1230	2,500
Sept 2016	21.0 micron	1210/ 1220	10,000
Oct 2016	21.0 micron	1220	5,000
Nov/Dec 2016	21.0 micron	1200	14,000
		TOTAL	**357,250 kgs**

Industry News

Although womenswear is still the cornerstone of the apparel and footwear industry, with global sales in 2014 grossing USD662.1 billion, the growth in consumption of menswear has exceed womenswear for the second consecutive year. This growth is being fuelled by two trends: an increased focus on personal appearance by male consumers as well as large disposable incomes, with global male disposable incomes averaging around 50% higher than that of women's. This growth trend in menswear has been seen across both developed and emerging markets.

Source: Euromonitor May 2015

UK retailers recorded strong growth in the year to May, with expectations for the next month at their highest for 27 years. Sales volumes at clothing retailers jumped with a balance of 62% reporting year-on-year increases, up from the year to April where a balance of 58% reported increases. Retailers are optimistic that sales growth could continue to strengthen through June.

Source: Just-Style, 28 May 2015.