



# U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

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# Wool Prices For Territory States

## 2013 Clean Price

### Micron    Price

- 21      4.26
- 22      4.12
- 23      3.79
- 24      3.36
- 25      3.01
- 26      2.58

Annual Averages

## 2014 Clean Price

### Micron    Price    Change

- 21      4.21      -.05
- 22      4.10      - .02
- 23      3.89      + .10
- 24      3.53      + .17
- 25      3.09      + .08
- 26      2.85      + .27

Annual Averages

# Domestic wool trade

- Wool clearances this year were better than 80%.
  - Only limited carryover in the warehouses.
- Wools with little to no defects selling at 85% of Australian values.
- A few clean up sales in Nov and Dec were 65-75% of Australia.
  - These wools carried a higher percentage of defect.
- Shearing is beginning in the western states.

# Australia from January to December

## 2013

<u>Micron</u>	<u>Price</u>
• 18	5.80
• 19	5.61
• 20	5.40
• 21	5.36
• 22	5.31
• 23	5.27
• 24	4.95
• 25	4.16
• 26	3.71
• 28	2.96
• 30	2.78

## 2014

<u>Micron</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Change</u>
• 18	5.22	Dn .58
• 19	5.04	Dn .57
• 20	4.92	Dn .48
• 21	4.89	Dn .47
• 22	4.85	Dn .46
• 23	4.79	Dn .48
• 24	4.38	Dn .57
• 25	3.71	Dn .45
• 26	3.37	Dn .34
• 28	2.92	Dn .04
• 30	2.79	Up .01

# Australia Data

- The Eastern Market Indicator has declined steadily from its top of 1436 in June of 2011.
- Last week's EMI was at 1051.
- Since mid-April of 2012 their market indicator has fluctuated from the mid 900's to the low 1100's.

## Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News

- 2015 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Market News.
- Some of the market information available:
  - National Wool Review
  - Western U.S. Direct Sheep Report
  - Daily Estimated Lamb Carcass Cutout
  - National Retail Report - Lamb/Veal
  - National Monthly Replacement Sheep Report
  - San Angelo, TX and New Holland, PA Auction Reports
    - 14 States have auction market coverage.

# Comments, Questions, or Suggestions

- LPGMN is tasked with providing transparency to the market place.
- Without your assistance we cannot meet that goal.
- Thank you for your time.

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