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NATIONAL MARKET REPORT

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**South Island Compared
to South Island
15 December 2011**

**North Island Compared
to North Island
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Mid Micron Fleece	24.0 mic		7.5% dearer	N/A
	25.0 to 27.5 mic		2% cheaper	N/A
	28.0 to 30.5 mic		6 to 9% cheaper	N/A
	31.0 to 31.5 mic		Firm	N/A
Fine Crossbred Fleece	32 to 35 mic		1 to 1.5% cheaper	2% cheaper
Fine Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	32 to 35 mic			
	3/5 and 3/4 inch		1 to 2% cheaper	Firm to 1% cheaper
	2/4 inch		1 to 2% cheaper	Firm
	2/3 inch		N/A	Firm
Coarse Crossbred Fleece	Good Style		1.5% cheaper	2% cheaper
	Average		1.5% cheaper	1% cheaper
	Poor		1.5% cheaper	5% cheaper
Coarse Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	3/5 inch		1.5% cheaper	1 to 4% cheaper
	3/4 inch		Firm	1% cheaper
	2/4 inch		1.5% cheaper	Good = 1% dearer Poor = 5% cheaper
	2/3 inch		N/A	1 to 4% dearer
Crossbred Oddments	Combing	Good	4 to 5% dearer	Firm to 2% cheaper
		Poor	N/A	Firm to 2% cheaper
	Clothing	Good	3% cheaper	4 to 6% cheaper
		Poor	N/A	3.5 to 6% cheaper

Bales on offer 16,554

Bales Sold 12,614

76.2% Sold

The combined North and South Island Wool Auction comprising 16,500 bales saw a 76 percent clearance with prices generally easing with the currency factor having the greatest effect.

Compared to last sale on 15th December, the weighted indicator for the main trading currencies strengthened 1.95 percent with a corresponding easing of prices locally.

Mid Micron Fleece was firm to 2 percent easier except the 29.5 to 30.5 micron bracket which came back 6 to 9 percent. Fine Crossbred Fleece and Shears 32 to 35 micron was firm to 2 percent cheaper. Coarse Crossbred Fleece and Shears 36 micron and coarser were generally 1.5 percent easier except the poor styles in the North Island which eased by up to 5 percent. Coarse Long Oddments saw lifts of up to 5 percent in the South and a firm to 2 percent drop in the North. Clothing Oddments weakened 3 to 6 percent with the North Island affected the most.

Wide spread competition with China, Australasia and Europe principals supported by United Kingdom, Middle East and India sparingly.

Next auction on 12th January 2012 comprises approximately 14,400 bales from the North Island and 9,600 bales from the South Island.

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MARKET SELECTION

MAIN BUYERS

Masurel	3,250	H Dawson	760
NZ Wool Services	2,150	W G Robinson	500
J S Brooksbank	1,950	Charguers	450
IWL	1,000	Bloch & Behrens	200
Fuhrmann	1,000	J Marshall	50

	<u>9,473 Bales</u>	<u>7,081 Bales</u>
	<u>North Island</u>	<u>South Island</u>
	%	%
Merino Fleece	N/A	N/A
Merino Oddments	N/A	N/A
Mid Micron Fleece	N/A	1.9
Mid Micron Oddments	N/A	N/A
Fine Crossbred Fleece	4.5	18.3
Fine Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	13.5	16.8
Coarse Crossbred Fleece	24.0	29.0
Coarse Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	34.0	9.7
First Lambs	9.2	1.4
Second Lambs	0.8	N/A
Crossbred Combing Oddments	2.4	5.7
Crossbred Clothing Oddments	11.6	12.6
Miscellaneous	N/A	4.6