

**NATIONAL MARKET REPORT****Thursday 16 February - Week 33****South Island Compared to  
South Island  
9 February 2012**

Merino Fleece	(Compared to last sold on 15 December 2011)	2 to 5% dearer
Mid Micron Fleece		N/A
Fine Crossbred Fleece	32 to 35 mic	Firm to 2.5% dearer
Fine Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	32 to 35 mic 3/5 and 3/4 inch	Firm to 2.5% dearer
Coarse Crossbred Fleece	Good Style Average Poor	1% cheaper 2% cheaper 1 to 2% dearer
Coarse Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	3/5 inch 3/4 inch 2/4 inch 2/3 inch	1 to 2% dearer Firm to 1% dearer Firm Firm
First Lambs		1 to 2% dearer
Crossbred Oddments	Combing  Clothing 2/4 inch 2/3 inch	4 to 7% dearer  1.5 to 3% dearer 1 to 2% cheaper
<u>Bales on offer 7,878</u>	<u>Bales Sold 5,956</u>	<u>77% Sold</u>

This week's offering of South Island wool comprising 7,900 bales saw a generally stronger market tone with a 77 percent clearance rate. The weighted indicator for the main trading currencies hardly altered compared to the last sale on 9<sup>th</sup> February, with it strengthening 0.21 percent.

The end of season offering of Merino wools saw prices lift 2 to 5 percent compared to the last time sold in New Zealand on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Compared to the 9<sup>th</sup> February sale Fine Crossbred Fleece and Shears were well supported with prices remaining firm to 2.5 percent stronger. Coarse Fleece attracted less attention with the Good and Average styles easing 1 to 2 percent, however the poorer styles lifted by 1 to 2 percent. Coarse Shears 3/5 and 3/4 inches were firm to 2 percent stronger and the 2/4 and shorter types remained steady. First Lambs increased 1 to 2 percent. Long Oddments were 4 to 7 percent stronger with 2/4 inch oddments also 1.5 to 3 percent dearer. Shorter types eased by 1 to 2 percent.

Widespread interest with China, Western Europe and the Middle East principals, supported by Australasia, India and the United Kingdom. Next sale on 23<sup>rd</sup> February comprises approximately 17,700 bales from the North Island and 9,950 bales from the South Island.



## MARKET SELECTION

### MAIN BUYERS

Fuhrmann	1,850	J Marshall	250
Masurel	1,400	G Modiano	250
Charguers	850	Lempriere	250
NZ Wool Services	650	H Dawson	150
J S Brooksbank	600	Bloch & Behrens	55

### 7,878 Bales South Island

	%
Merino Fleece	6.9
Merino Oddments	2.2
Mid Micron Fleece	N/A
Mid Micron Oddments	N/A
Fine Crossbred Fleece	10.7
Fine Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	10.4
Coarse Crossbred Fleece	34.5
Coarse Crossbred Early Shorn and Second Shear	10.2
First Lambs	13.6
Second Lambs	1.4
Crossbred Combing Oddments	2.6
Crossbred Clothing Oddments	1.5
Miscellaneous	6.0