



Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation Ltd

B2017 NEWSLETTER

MARKET COMMENT B2017

AMMO's second auction held in Narrandera on 24th November was characterised by extremely spirited bidding for virtually all lots. All the usual buyers were active, i.e. AMT, Safil, Stucken, and New England Wools

The very buoyant market could be attributed to several factors. i.e. A strong underlying International demand, Lower Australian dollar and lower supply. The top price for the auction was paid for Lot 1 of AFKID, 24 micron, which sold for 3110c/kg to New England Wool.

The sale average for the auction was 1630c/kg but this was actually more like 1767c/kg when the poorer carried forward lines are omitted. The 100% sale clearance was also a major positive. All participating buyers should be congratulated for their strong support.

Australasian Mohair Trading, (AMT) was the largest buyer.

AMT -	68 Bales	SAFIL -	22 Bales
Stucken -	42 Bales	New England-	7 Bales



Weaving Type Mohair

The second pool of weaving type mohair was sorted in Narrandera in early November. A total of 2806kgs was received and all has now sold. This elite fibre was well prepared and producers are to be congratulated for their efforts in this regard. Prices ranged from 5800c/k for 23-25 micron to 1960c/kg for the stronger 34+ micron fibre and the 15 producers concerned will no doubt be happy with their results.

Craig Clancy, Warehouse Manager

STOP PRESS

- AMMO will continue to be open for your business!
- AMMO will continue to provide you with personal service concerning your Mohair!
- AMMO will continue to work on new innovative ideas to secure the future of the Australian Mohair Industry
- AMMO will continue to support the Mohair Industry!
- AMMO values your role to support Mohair production in Australia.
- AMMO needs your Mohair!!
- Talk to our friendly Management staff today about your next mohair clip!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A2018 Sale Season closes on 13th April with the sale to be held 1st June.

AMMO Classing School early 2018 (see website for details as they come to hand www.ausmohair.com.au)

B2018 sale season closes on 12 Oct 2018 with the sale to be held on 23rd November.

MARKET REPORT B2017

139 Bales in 42 Lots

LOT No	DESC	PRICE c/kg	MEAN DIAM	YIELD %	NETT KGS	BALES
1	AFKID	3110	24.7	0.0	116.0	1
2	AFKID	2820	26.5	80.3	203.0	1
3	BFKID	2880	25.0	83.0	302.0	2
4	BFKID	2480	28.4	0.0	65.0	1
5	CFKID	2620	24.7	80.4	538.0	3
6	BKID	2530	27.0	82.9	521.0	3
7	DFKID	1590	23.1	79.6	191.0	1
8	KIDV	1860	26.3	76.8	397.0	2
9	BYG	2120	32.4	0.0	82.0	1
10	BYG	2385	27.8	82.7	644.0	4
11	BYG	2330	30.2	84.6	371.0	2
12	CYG	1960	28.8	79.7	1637.0	9
13	DYG	1740	27.5	82.7	694.0	4
14	YGV	1920	28.8	76.3	595.0	3
15	BFFH	1965	33.2	85.0	142.0	1
16	BFFH	2160	31.5	84.1	1117.0	6
17	BFFH	2130	31.9	83.4	654.0	4
18	CFFH	2010	31.5	84.0	886.0	5
19	CFFH	1995	31.0	83.8	1548.0	8
20	CFFH	2025	31.4	82.0	1551.0	8
21	BFH	1865	36.4	85.1	350.0	2
22	DFFH	1570	30.2	81.0	557.0	3
23	CFFH	2100	31.0	86.2	522.0	3
24	CFH	1940	32.8	82.9	227.0	1
25	FHK	1500	30.7	82.9	181.0	1
26	CFHK	1260	32.7	91.1	104.0	1
27	FHV	1570	31.2	77.1	579.0	3
28	SCOT	1810	27.6	81.2	1054.0	6
29	FCOT	2455	24.7	81.3	272.0	2
30	COT	1320	28.1	81.2	357.0	2
30A	FCOT	1800	23.9	80.8	1044.0	6
31	FLSTN	1940	26.9	82.3	216.0	1

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LOT No	DESC	PRICE c/kg	MEAN	YIELD %	NETT KGS	BALES
32	LSTN	1710	29.8	80.9	1306.0	7
33	HSTN	690	30.0	71.9	1950.0	10
34	STNV	550	29.5	68.5	325.0	2
35	CSTN	330	30.2	75.6	528.0	3
36	CLSTN	460	29.9	82.0	741.0	4
37	LSTNCOT	665	26.8	81.4	229.0	2
38	HSTNCOT	330	27.6	0.0	127.0	1
39	LOCKS	240	27.2	77.8	698.0	4
40	LOCKS	215	28.6	78.0	912.0	5
41	XBH	255	25.7	0.0	114.0	1
	TOTAL				24647.0	139.0

Spirited bidding and a lively sale saw clients enthralled with proceedings at the B2017 auction sale conducted by AMMO under the control of auctioneer Chris from Barellan.



Left: Craig shows some of the fibre offered at the B17 auction, to Colin Sylvester from Tasmania



Right : Ivan Smith from Safil Sth Africa congratulates Craig on the excellent preparation of the sale offering.

Toxoplasmosis in Goats

Toxoplasma gondii is a protozoal parasite that can cause resorption of the foetus, mummified foetuses, abortions, stillbirths, birth of weak kids and very occasional deaths in adults. Normally an aborting doe will show no clinical signs at the time of abortion but may develop a fever and lethargy a few weeks after infection. Goats that are exposed to the parasite prior to mating will not abort but if infected during gestation will normally lead to abortion. Cats are the definitive host of *Toxoplasma gondii* where the parasite multiplies and infective eggs are passed in the faeces, which can contaminate foodstuffs, grain and pastures. Mammals (including goats and humans) and birds act as an intermediate host where infective eggs are ingested and can cause or lead to issues such as illthrift and abortion.

Goats are often exposed to the parasite when they are being supplementary fed during pregnancy if the feed has been contaminated by infected cat faeces. Abortion of the foetus will occur soon after infection.

In the case of abortion, it is always very important to protect yourselves and make sure pregnant ladies and children are kept away from any products of abortion and milk from aborting animals as the parasite is also passed in the milk. It is very important to wear protective clothing and rubber gloves that you can change after dealing with an aborting animal and always wash thoroughly.

There is laboratory testing available to obtain a diagnosis of Toxoplasmosis. If the foetus and placenta are available then testing can be done on these samples, so with strict safety to yourself the samples can be double bagged and placed into a cool box. Taking blood samples from the aborting doe can also detect antibodies to the parasite.

Does that have aborted may abort in subsequent pregnancies, so it is best to cull infected goats if possible. In sheep that have aborted due to *Toxoplasma gondii* they generally don't abort the following year. *Toxoplasma* eggs can persist in the environment for over a year and are very resistant to most disinfectants. Therefore prevention is best!

Preventative measures:

- * Stop access of cats to grain stores, feeding troughs and hay storage sheds.
- * products of abortions should be destroyed ASAP as the eggs can persist in the environment for over a year
- * Cats do acquire immunity to reinfection and do not present a subsequent threat to livestock unless they become immuno—suppressed.
- * Prevent cats breeding on the property; it is the youngest cats that provided the greatest risk to livestock. Get farm cats desexed.
- * Good rodent and bird control will reduce the reservoir of infection which exists for susceptible cats.

Any further questions on this or other issues please call Kylie Greentree **Kylie Greentree BVSc MANZCVS**

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Lice in Fleeces

The incidence of lice in mohair coming into the store seems much more noticeable this year than previously has been the case. Speaking with other classers, they too have noticed the problem increasing this year.

Lice infestation can cause fibre to discolour and stain and certainly increase the quantity of light cots being evident. Please ensure animals are treated for lice.

There are two main elements of good lice control in goats – preventing new infestations and effective treatment when infestations occur. Most new infestations result from contact with other infested goats, although often a supposed new infestation will

have come from failure to completely eradicate lice at a previous treatment. If you cannot detect an infestation, treatment is not warranted. Methods of pesticide application available for goats include backline application, spraying and dusts.

Products currently registered for treating lice in goats are listed on the MLA website. Check out the module (9) on parasite control at <https://www.mla.com.au/extension-training-and-tools/going-into-goats/>

Please make sure that if chemicals are used, the shearing is done outside the withholding period!

Grower Lots (better visibility)

For those producers currently utilising or considering the making of Grower Lots, we intend to make these more visible in the future and all grower lots will be better highlighted in the catalogue and subsequent market reports and newsletters. Improved visibility of grower lots will also extend to the show floor, with different coloured Lot markers used to easily distinguish these lots from AMMO pooled lines.

Advance Payments

These will continue for the foreseeable future at \$4.00kg on the delivered weight of consignments. This payment is intended to help producers with their cash flow, giving you some payment prior to your mohair being sold. Advance payments are re-couped from your sale proceeds after the auction.

On Farm Preparation—skirting

Firstly I apologise in advance if I sound a bit like a broken record in this regard, but better on-farm preparation will achieve better returns! There is much room for improvement in relation to skirting of fleeces. It is absolutely essential that we concentrate our efforts to remove all stains both light and heavy from the fleeces prior to consigning them for classing at AMMO. This applies whether you are classing on-farm or just skirting individual fleeces prior to consigning them so we can present as clean a line as possible. Thank you to all the producers who already do a good job in this regard as it certainly makes classing in the warehouse easier and more time efficient. An example to illustrate this point is for one clip classed in November and submitted in individual bags, it was possible to class 1485 Kgs in one day due to the level of preparation where as the next day several poorly prepared clips of some 250kgs in total took all day to prepare. This is the difference better preparation makes and this will be reflected in the classing charges applied at sale time so better preparation -better returns!

Classing School

AMMO Ltd will present a marvellous opportunity for a limited number of producers to be schooled in proper preparation of their mohair clip. A highly knowledgeable and experienced classer from overseas will assist us to present this informative, not to be missed training. We are still in negotiations as to timing but we are hoping to hold this 2 day school in early 2018 here in Narrandera and will provide hands on training and assessment on a one to one basis and we encourage all producers to express an interest in attending by phoning or emailing the office ASAP. Again—it will be a limited opportunity for a maximum of 20 participants so get in early to reserve your place.

‘Through the door’ purchases

In 2018 AMMO will instigate a process whereby smaller producers may choose to have clips up to 50kg purchased on delivery to the AMMO warehouse. This will help us with our accounting process and will give these producers the opportunity to get payment for their mohair sooner. Purchase prices will be advised on delivery, and this pre-purchase will be an option only, not mandatory so there will always be an option to wait until the pool is sold. We see this as a benefit to both AMMO to ease the burden of the number of sales to be processed after an auction, and to assist smaller producers who may not wish to wait for their sale proceeds until the next AMMO pool.

AT AMMO we are striving to do our very best for mohair producers in Australia and to take Australian mohair onto the world stage as the greener, cleaner, better prepared option to other sources but WE NEED YOUR HELP! It will begin with better on-farm preparation and we must strive for this every day but especially during shearing.

OPENING HOURS

Please note Narrandera Warehouse is open

Mon, Thurs, & Fri: 8.30am - 4pm

And the office on Tues & Wed :9am - 4pm

NB: Office staff cannot unload bales!

Open at other times by prior arrangement only

FOR SALE

16 May 2017

Angora herd, 12 does and 7 wethers various ages. 12 months fleece, Selling due to relocating.

Selling as herd of 19 goats \$1520.00 i.e. \$80.00 each

Located west of Dubbo.

mobile: 0405235411 or
email: pamelame@bigpond.com

FASTER COMMUNICATION

Have we got your email address?

Rising postage costs have seen a switch to communication via email in recent times.

If you have forgotten to give us your email address, Please advise us soon so we can keep you updated

admin@ausmohair.com.au

MEMBERSHIPS

Have you paid your membership?

Membership invoices were sent via email or mail in May. Please contact the office if you don't have yours.

Payment is overdue!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held in Narrandera on 25th November. Quite a few people made a two day event of it by coming for the AMMO auction sale, and staying overnight to attend the AMMO AGM and the MAL AGM and dinner on the Saturday.

19 members and producers attended with two coming from as far away as Tasmania and others from the South Coast of NSW and everyone enjoyed the light luncheon offered between the two meetings.

The usual business was transacted in an orderly fashion and David Williams raised some important points in relation to classing and mohair preparation and sale. The meeting was chaired by current Chairman, Brett Grant who was re-elected to a Board position by a majority vote.

The Directors of AMMO would like to thank those members who attended, voted and sent RSVP's for their interest in the business that is AMMO Ltd.

Please Note: Although advertising in this newsletter is free, advertisements will only be run for two issues unless we are advised in writing prior to publishing.

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Please ensure that your fibre is prepared to the best of your ability. We are always available for advice

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Be sure to consign your mohair to us as soon as possible after preparation is completed.

Email, Fax or post Specification **before** consigning

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