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AUSTRALIAN RECORD PRICES

Mohair Auction Held in Narrandera 29th August 2014 28114 Kgs - 152 Bales in 45 Lots.

On the back of strong demand, Australian Mohair Auction prices reached record levels, AYG 2820 c/ kg, BYG 2640c/kg and BFFH 1800c/kg were all records for mohair sold at auction.

The B2014 auction continued on from the strong gains made at the May sale.

Underlying strong international demand and a global supply shortage, saw the average price increase by 133 c/kg to an overall average price of 1770 c/kg.

Very keen competition from the four participating buyers saw a sale top price of 4180c/kg. This 24.8 micron lot was purchased by New England Wools whilst the 22.6 micron lot of BFFKID was also purchased by New England Wools for 3920c/kg.

At this stage we are quietly confident that good demand and high price levels will continue for the remainder of the 2014 calendar year at least.

The final AMMO sale for the year will be held in Narrandera on Friday 29th November 2014.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

This year AMMO and Mohair Australia will hold their AGM's on the one weekend in Narrandera.

Keep Friday and Saturday 28th and 29th November free and come along to our sale on Friday

and stay for the two AGM's on Saturday and a Seminar ~

"The Future of the Mohair Industry in Australia"

Guest speakers and an Industry Dinner on Saturday night!

More details will be available on our website, Facebook or in our mail out to members soon!

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MARKET REPORT B2014 (not including grower lots)							
DESC	Price	NETT KGS	Micron	CVD	YIELD	Veg.	BALES
BFFKID	3828	626	22.7	29.1	81.8	0.8	3
AFFKID	4180	160	24.8	28.6	84.2	0.3	1
FFKID2	3280	156	22.7	31.3	82.6	1.3	1
CFFKID	3290	403	21.9	32.0	84.6	0.4	2
FKID	3100	140	27.3	26.4	84.2	1.0	1
BFKID	3560	485	26.8	26.9	80.8	0.7	3
CFKID	2850	401	26.6	28.6	84.3	0.5	2
KIDV	2500	368	23.6	32.2	77.7	3.4	2
BKID	3500	573	26.6	27.1	80.3	0.5	3
CKID	2900	174	26.1	28.7	82.4	0.3	1
BSKID	2770	396	28.7	26.8	78.7	1.4	2
CSKID	2500	302	27.0	27.8	80.1	0.4	2
BYG	2640	1477	29.3	28.0	81.0	0.5	8
AYG	2820	211	30.0	25.3	83.2	0.5	1
CYG	2200	1900	29.1	29.6	81.6	0.2	10
DYG	1510	361	27.6	31.2	81.9	0.7	2
YGV	1700	209	27.4	32.8	75.6	3.9	1
BFFH	1800	2063	32.0	29.0	82.7	0.6	11
FFH2	1200	133	33.1	31.7	82.4	0.5	1
CFFH	1487	3833	32.0	31.0	82.3	0.3	20
BFH	1400	1182	33.2	32.2	81.9	0.4	6
FHK	1295	1341	33.4	32.9	82.4	0.7	7
BFHK	1305	724	32.5	31.1	89.0	0.4	4
CFH	1220	746	33.3	34.5	86.3	0.5	4
DFH	900	364	31.9	32.9	83.3	0.9	2
FHV	905	493	31.0	33.2	78.8	3.2	3
FHKK	500	205	31.8	40.9	86.4	0.6	1
HAIR	895	204	34.5	33.3	84.0	0.4	1
SCOT	2225	1343	30.1	33.9	81.7	0.5	8
LSTN	1375	2463	31.2	34.0	81.3	1.0	13
FLSTN	1750	601	25.6	32.0	82.7	1.0	3
HSTN	695	1666	31.8	37.1	73.0	1.2	9
HSTN/COT	600	185	29.4	37.8	80.1	1.4	1
STNV	500	537	33.0	34.8	69.0	5.7	3
CSTN	640	602	29.7	35.0	78.1	1.7	3
LKS	295	307	26.0	31.9	77.4	1.7	3



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Following the final closure of DAYS Transport

Please note that these are the new depots for

Sydney and Melbourne Transport.

Narrandera company Hayllar Transport will collect from:

Sydney

Kitco

6 Inglis Rd Ingleburn NSW Ph 02 96181539

Melbourne

AJ Flynn Pty Ltd

187-189 Fairbairn Rd Sunshine West Vic Ph 0428293158

(enter via Spencer St)

The link to our full list of receival centres can be accessed via our webpage

http://www.ausmohair.com.au/receive.htm

KEY TO MARKET REPORT

DESC DESCRIPTION OR MOHAIR TYPE

> MICRON FIBRE DIAMETER

PRICE CENTS PER K/G

CVD COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION OF FIBRE DIAMETER

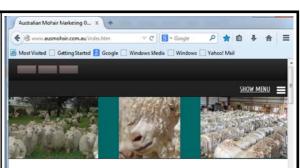
> YIELD COMBING YIELD

Veg VEGETABLE MATTER CONTENT

> N/T NO TEST

SHEARERS

′PE	The following people have indicated their willingness to shear angora goats.					
	Melbourne Mobile Shearing					
	Phone: 0427 362 917					
	Roger Abra –Hunter region NSW					
	Phone 02 4938 9457 (AH)					
	Bert Adams – Holbrook NSW					
OF	02 6020 5268					
	Michael Brigg –Condamine QLD 07 4627 7274					
	Susan Gunter -Tasmania					
	Mobile: 0429 705 146					
	Don Hansen-Yass NSW					
NT	02 6226 1382					
	Danny Horton —Leongatha VIC 03 5668 6308					
	List courtesy of					
	"Mohair News"					



Mohair is the fibre from Angora Goats. It is grown in most states of Australia and is consigned to us by producers. Our role is to clasify and pool the mohair into lots for sale to processors via buyers. **Our website contains information on mohair classing, sales, and production.**

Our purpose...

Our company's function is to collect, sort and pool mohair from the many producers

Website revamp underway

Check it out!! www.ausmohair.com.au

Ian Elkins --Farrer, ACT. Phone: 02 62866246.

Trevor King –Omeo Vic

(will travel) 03 5159 1415

David Lillis —Sthn Tablelands NSW

Mobile: 0413 426 290

Alastair McLaren Hawkesbury NSW

02 4572 8632

Phil Priest —Griffith NSW

02 6964 4379 (local area only)

Rose Pugh —Sth East Qld 07 4685 2519 or mobile 0428140 809

Mark Gillgren in New Zealand -mj_gillgren@ubernet.co.nz

Phone +649433975

If you have only a small number of animals to shear, coordinating shearing time with other local mohair producers will help to make it worthwhile for the shearer to travel to your area.

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Trangie Junior Judging

On Monday the 30th June 2014, the first day of the school holidays, six members of Western Region

Mohair Australia with the assistance of Phillip Oliver attended for the first time, Trangie Junior Judging. This encompassed Juniors aged from about 6 to 24 years old judging various breed types. These included Cattle, Meat Sheep, Cotton, Grains, Merino Sheep, Wool & for the first time this year Angora Goats and Mohair. The event is run in age groups of Sub Juniors (under 11yo), Juniors (11 & under 15yo) and Seniors (15-24yo). These age groups are then split into groups of about 8 and attend each station or breed type. This is held just out of Trangie on the research station and has participants from Dubbo, Warren, Trangie, Tomingley, Narromine, Wellington, Nyngan, Piambong, Nevertire, Tullamore, Tottenham, Walcha, Roseville, Burren Junction, Avalon, Coorparoo, Cunnamulla, & Binnaway.

This year's event had 15 Senior, 48 Junior & 40 Sub Junior competitors. This allowed the Mohair Industry to promote its assets to these participants. For most of these competitors it was the first time they had seen an Angora Goat let alone put their hands on one or felt the softness of their fleece. It was very encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the younger participants and the affection they showed towards the animals.

Overall it was a very successful day for all who attended and the winners received a Mohair Scarf,

with the runners up receiving a pair of Mohair socks donated by Western Region. The highest scorers came out of the Junior age group, which was a surprise to some. Again Western Region would like to thank Phillip Oliver for his expertise and assistance, without him I am not sure we would have coped.

More information can be seen @

http://www.westernmagazine.com.au/story/2399995/junior-judges/?cs=1297#slide=3

The top 5 place getters for each age group are as follows;

Seniors

- 1 Anthony Labib, Dubbo
- 2 Alice Munro, Warren
- 3 Harry Kemp, Binnaway
- 4 Douglas Munro, Warren
- 5 Hugo Weston, Warren

Juniors

- 1 George Burns, Trangie
- 2 Lily Wettenhall, Trangie
- 3 Lachlan Burgess, Avalon
- 4 Max Rush, Narromine
- 5 William Campbell, Narromine

Sub Junior

- 1 Eliza Scott, Wellington
- 2 Paddy Burns, Trangie
- 3 Mac Wettenhall, Trangie
- 4 Angela Littler, Piambong
- 5 Hugh Bevan, Narromine





TOO MUCH SHORT MOHAIR

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Short staple length of mohair continues to be a major concern.

FACTS: Environment, climatic and seasonal conditions play a major role in determining staple length and so does genetics.

ECONOMIC FACTORS: Short staple length= less dollars per Kg i.e. less potential for profit.

Of a major concern in recent selling seasons appears to be a increase in the practice of shearing Angoras before they have reached 120mm in staple length. There is a very real financial cost involved when shearing before fleeces have reached "B" length , this big financial loss is most evident in the fine micron types. In the worst case scenario losses can be anything from 500 cents per kg to 2700 cents per kg.

NOTE: there are cases when animals need to be shorn earlier than normal to bring them into line with the rest of the herd. However you must be made aware of the financial costs involved and only ever prematurely shear if it is absolutely essential.

As a result of less than perfect growing conditions over the past few years AMMO had introduced "D" length lines (DYG & DFH) for the last couple of seasons, we will also introduce a "D" length kid line, DFKID this season.

Please note accurate appraisal of staple length is very important when classing. It is the average length of staples within a fleece which is critical. Example, if you are measuring the staples of a young goat type fleece and the staple length is a maximum of 110 mm than it should be described as "C" length and not "**B**."

LENGTH RANGES FOR ADULT AND YOUNG GOAT

Α	130mm to 160mm.	В	110 mm to 130mm.	С	60mm to 110mm.
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Skirting

With insufficient skirting of fleeces on- farm continuing to be a problem, it appears a revision of correct skirting practice is required.

WHY DO WE SKIRT FLEECES?

The objective of skirting is to endeavour to remove all the faulty portions of a fleece which may be present and to ultimately aim at achieving a fleece which is as uniform as possible in regards to fleece qualities such as staple length, kemp/medullation, Micron, style & character and vegetable matter content.

How to Skirt correctly.

Once the fleece has been shorn and straightened out on the classing table any locks need to be removed, then proceed to remove any discoloured/stained fibre. ALL light stain/ tip stain must be removed as well as all the heavy/dark stained fibre .Also ensure you make at least two separate stain lines. LSTN (light stain) and HSTN (heavy stain).

When shearing 1st and 2nd shearing kids all the light stained fibre from the kids would be sorted as FLSTN (fine light stain) all heavy stained fibre from your kids is sorted as HSTN (heavy stain).

Any excessively kempy portions (backs/britches) if present should be removed from the body of the fleece.

Heavy cutting/ densely fleeced or over grown fleeces often contain cotted portions at the outside edges or points of the fleece, if this type of fibre is present it should be removed and placed into a cot line. Improving the standard of skirting on-farm will enable classing staff at AMMO to spend their time more efficiently adding value to your mohair instead of removing stains and cots which should be removed on-farm. We are here to do our best and if we all work together we will achieve the best possible outcomes for all concerned.

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