

The 2013 mohair market opened today (19 February 2013) with an offering of 77 215kg's. For the first sale of the season the offering consisted of good quality mohair with overall good length, due to far better grazing conditions than a year ago.

The season kicked off on a very good note, with the average market indicator 5.8% higher than the corresponding sale of 2012 and 7.7% higher than the closing winter sale of 2012.

If prices are compared with the opening sale of 2012, all categories gained in excess of 20%, except strong adults which increased by 10%.

There is also a definite increase in demand in the adult sector, with fine adults increasing by 16.3% and strong adults by 5.3% from the closing winter sale of 2012.

Demand from Europe and Taiwan is driving the strong demand for kid and young goats' hair. A highest price of R240.10 per kg was paid for a bale of 23 micron good style kid mohair.

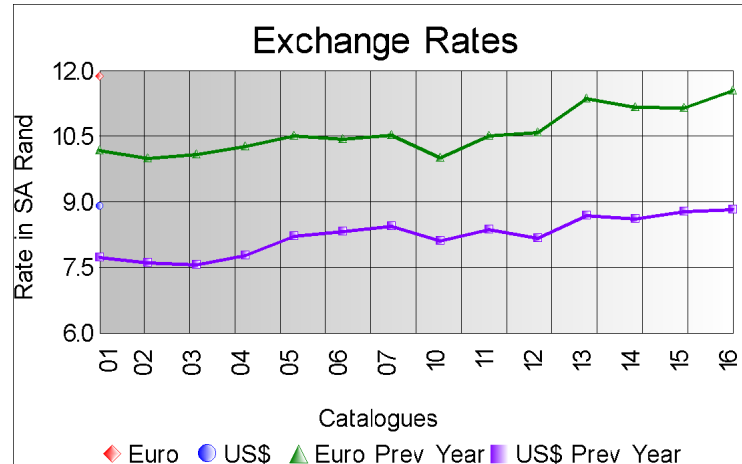
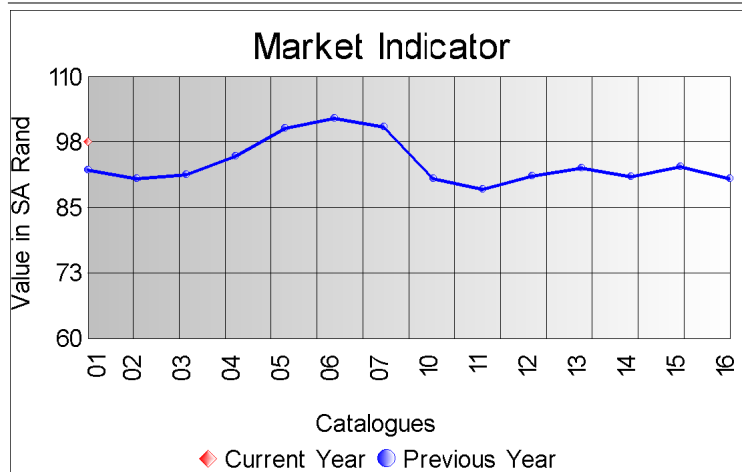
Compared to the corresponding sale of 2012, prices were as follows:

Kids (summer) up 28.6%  
 Young goats (summer) up 21.7%  
 Fine adults up 24.8%  
 Strong adults up 10%  
 Average up 5.8%

The second sale of the season will take place on 12 March 2013.

Description	Mass			Market Indicator		
	Offered	Sold	% Sold	Current	Previous	Last Year
<b>Kids</b>						
Summer	5,056.8	4,969.8	98.28	208.13	161.81	
Winter					185.40	182.55
<b>Young Goats</b>						
Summer	16,962.6	16,962.6	100.00	158.29	130.10	
Winter					125.19	113.59
<b>Adults</b>						
Fine	9,925.6	9,226.6	92.96	95.54	82.15	76.56
Strong	33,753.6	32,700.6	96.88	82.35	78.23	75.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,215.8</b>	<b>75,028.8</b>	<b>97.17</b>	<b>97.67</b>	<b>90.65</b>	<b>92.29</b>

The grand total includes Seady/Stain & Locks not represented in this report



Description	Sold			Offered		
	Bales	Nett Mass	Value	Avg. Price	Bales	Nett Mass
<b>Kids</b>						
Long (A/B) Summer	2	224.9	51,448.41	228.76	2	224.9
Long (A/B) Winter						
Medium (C) Summer	13	1,467.7	338,905.65	230.91	14	1,554.7
Medium (C) Winter						
Short (D) Summer	17	2,089.9	455,738.09	218.07	17	2,089.9
Short (D) Winter						
Washing (E) Summer	8	1,187.3	204,751.68	172.45	8	1,187.3
Washing (E) Winter						
Seady/Stain and Locks	4	564.0	26,938.00	47.76	4	564.0
Summer Total	40	4,969.8	1,050,843.83	211.45	41	5,056.8
Winter Total						

Description	Sold			Offered		
	Bales	Nett Mass	Value	Avg. Price	Bales	Nett Mass
<b>Young Goats</b>						
Long (A/B) Summer	43	5,773.0	908,383.45	157.35	43	5,773.0
Long (A/B) Winter						
Medium (C) Summer	54	7,026.2	1,161,015.40	165.24	54	7,026.2
Medium (C) Winter						
Short (D) Summer	28	3,679.3	500,998.18	136.17	28	3,679.3
Short (D) Winter						
Washing (E) Summer	4	484.1	45,367.01	93.71	4	484.1
Washing (E) Winter						
Seady/Stain and Locks	9	1,191.3	129,004.48	108.29	10	1,319.3
Summer Total	129	16,962.6	2,615,764.04		129	16,962.6
Winter Total						

Description	Sold			Offered		
	Bales	Nett Mass	Value	Avg. Price	Bales	Nett Mass
<b>Adults</b>						
Long (A/B) Fine	13	1,791.8	178,577.50	99.66	17	2,262.8
Long (A/B) Strong	60	8,608.8	720,681.78	83.71	62	8,839.8
Medium (C) Fine	45	5,928.4	563,680.87	95.08	45	5,928.4
Medium (C) Strong	118	16,169.8	1,338,975.45	82.81	123	16,897.8
Short (D) Fine	10	1,227.0	111,783.71	91.10	12	1,455.0
Short (D) Strong	50	6,679.6	537,431.26	80.46	51	6,773.6
Washing (E) Fine	2	279.4	24,342.39	87.12	2	279.4
Washing (E) Strong	10	1,242.4	95,117.10	76.56	10	1,242.4
Seady/Stain and Locks	73	9,413.9	549,267.64	58.35	75	9,633.9
Fine Total	70	9,226.6	878,384.47	95.20	76	9,925.6
Strong Total	238	32,700.6	2,692,205.59	95.20	246	33,753.6

Buyers Analysis	Bales
Mohair and Wool Traders	22
Samil (Pty) LTD	239
Stucken & Co (Pty) LTD	237
Mosenthals Wool & Mohair SA (Pty) LTD	93
New England Wool SA	7
Le Lean Fibres CC	
Standard Wool (SA) CC	