



## TEST STATISTICS OF NEW ZEALAND WOOL

### Background

One of the disappointing outcomes when the farmer-funded wool levy ceased in April 2010 was the lack of availability of NZ wool production statistics. Prior to that time, the Meat and Wool NZ Economic Service (and the NZ Wool Board before that) used to collect the wool sector data and distribute the information for the wider industry. With no industry body having access to all key information, the collection and analysis of important industry data ceased.

### NZWTA and Data Confidentiality

As New Zealand’s leading greasy wool testing facility, NZWTA collects a significant amount of data representing the New Zealand wool clip. Confidentiality of this data is critical to the values and integrity of NZWTA and its customers. However many parts of the overall database can be analysed in a way to provide useful statistics for the local and international industry without jeopardising its confidentiality.

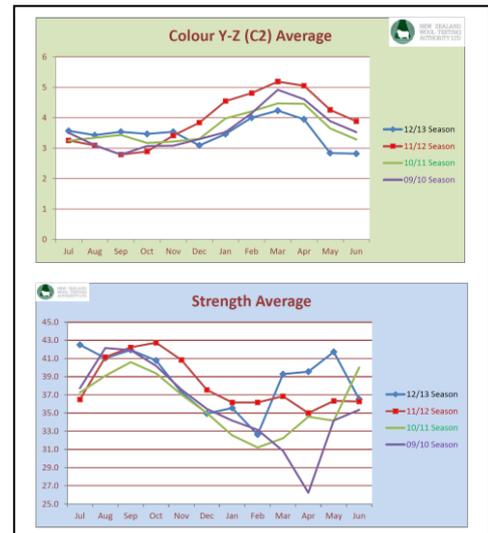
### Monthly Testing Statistics

Each month NZWTA produces testing statistics highlighting a number of key parameters. The reports generally demonstrate:

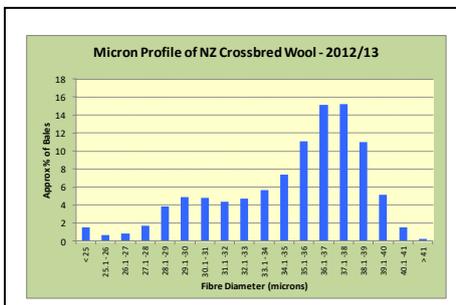
- the change within the current season of any parameter; and
- changes observed over recent seasons.

The data is split into three sections. For Crossbred wool, the data is analysed and reported independently for the North Island and South Island. The parameters covered include yield, vegetable matter, micron (fibre diameter) and colour (brightness Y and yellowness Y-Z).

A standalone analysis is presented for Merino wool. This report presents data for yield, vegetable matter, micron, staple length and staple strength.



### NZ Wool Data Profile



Annual profiles of the NZ clip are able to be formed from test data indicating the typical distribution for the main tested parameters. It should be noted that **this information relates only to greasy wool**. The profile analysis is available for:

*Crossbred wool* - Micron, Vegetable matter and Colour (Brightness Y and Yellowness Y-Z)

*Merino wool* - Micron, Vegetable matter, Staple Length and Staple Strength

### NZWTA Website

NZWTA’s website is your source for NZ wool test statistics. The statistics can be viewed online, downloaded or sent directly to your email as they are published. These can be viewed using the following links:

- [www.nzwta.co.nz](http://www.nzwta.co.nz) or [www.nzwta.co.nz/test\\_statistics/](http://www.nzwta.co.nz/test_statistics/)

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