



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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Newsletter

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Big Horn Mountains via buffalowyoming.org

2019 MSLC Annual Membership Meeting

The 2019 MSLC Annual Membership Meeting will take place July 15th, 16th, and 17th in Buffalo, Wyoming. We will kick off the meeting with the traditional “Welcome Reception” at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 15th. Tuesday, July 16th, will include the MSLC business meeting and educational programs presented by Dr. Whit Stewart. Last, but certainly not least, will be a great tour of Mountain Meadow Woolen Mill and several sheep operations on the beautiful Big Horn Mountains on Wednesday, July 17th.

One change to note for this year’s meeting is we have decided not to have an evening meal on Wednesday, July 17th, after the tour. In the past we have had some members wanting to get home after the tour. This resulted in paying for quite a few meals we didn’t use. We will have a BIG evening meal on Tuesday evening at the hotel with Peter John Camino agreeing to grill up a couple hundred lamb chops!

Please see the hotel contact information and tentative agenda to the right. The block of rooms we have reserved at the Hampton Inn in Buffalo is first come, first served, and **will only be available until June 14, 2019**, so please get your reservations made soon!

Registration fee - \$120 per person.

Includes: July 15th Welcome Reception, on-site lunch and dinner on July 16th, lunch on the mountain on July 17th and bus transportation for the tour. Included with this newsletter is the registration form. Please fill out and return to our office by **July 5th**.

Hotel Information:

Hampton Inn
86 Hwy 16 E.

Buffalo Wyoming
307-684-8899

Rate is \$119 per night – Please mention you are with the Mountain States Lamb block.

Reservation deadline – June 14th, 2019

Annual Meeting Tentative Agenda:

Monday July 15th

6:00 p.m. – Welcome Reception

Tuesday July 16th

8:00 a.m. – MSLC Business Meeting - members only

12:00 p.m. – Lunch on site

1 - 5 p.m. – Producer Education Sessions – Dr. Whit Stewart – U.W. Sheep Extension Specialist

6:00 p.m. – Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. – Dinner

Wednesday July 17th

8:00 a.m. - Load buses for tour

8:30 a.m. – Mountain Meadow Woolen Mill tour

10:30 a.m. – Depart for the Big Horn Mountains

11:30 a.m. – Lunch on the mountain

12:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Tour sheep operation on the Big Horns

5:30 p.m. – Arrive back at the hotel

Dinner Wednesday evening will be “on your own.”

NEWS TO EWES

I hope everyone's summer is starting well. As we prepare for the Annual Meeting, I realize that a lot of our membership will have questions about price, demand, supply and the future for sheep producers. With that in mind, please formulate your questions and opinions for our discussions and Q&A sessions at the meeting.

The pelt market is still poor at best, but it could be worse. At this time we need 100 days re-growth to receive any value on shorn pelts, but wool pelt averages have not been any more than \$2 to \$3.

Colorado on feed numbers as of May 1 totaled approximately 98,568. This is 26,048 less than April and 49,426 less than May 2018 which gives us some hope and positivity to have the industry weights and yield grades at an ideal level in the foreseen future. This trends closer to 2017 than anyone in the market is comfortable with, but it looks like we have been able to fill some gaps for future supply and hopefully this will mitigate some of the market swings this summer and fall.

A reminder, please be sure to submit the names of the producers that you have purchased Natural lambs from so that I may add them to the supplier list. We have been missing some as we see paperwork come to the plant, and this results in USDA non-compliances.

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American Lamb Summit

The American Lamb Board and Premier 1 Supplies have put together a program designed to address strategies to improve our industry's competitiveness and profitability.

When: August 27-28, 2019

Where: Fort Collins, Colorado

Karissa Isaacs with the American Lamb Board says she hopes the summit inspires the industry to make changes that will positively impact all sectors and help us take back market share from imports.

For more program details, registration and the hotel block please visit:

<https://www.americanlamb.com/product/lamb-summit/>

Please note that they are limiting the Summit to 150 attendees, so be sure to register soon if you'd like to attend!

2019 Board Nominations

Nomination forms for the Board of Directors went out the end of April to the members. The two seats up for election this year are District 2 and District 3 currently held by Robert Ball of Lewisville, ID and Jay Hasbrouck of Eaton, CO. District 2 consists of Idaho, Oregon, Washington, South Dakota, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska and North Dakota. District 3 consists of Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, Utah and New Mexico. Get your nominations in by **May 22nd**! Nominees must receive at least three nominations to appear on the ballot. Ballots will go out the end of May.