



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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COOL and Quality Affidavits

Members have their COOL and Quality Affidavits enclosed. Please return these for fiscal 2017, to insure a smooth payment process when you market your lambs. You can return the affidavits via mail, fax or scan and email to mailbox@mslamb.com.

Wild Zora features Mountain States Lamb

Mountain States product is the lamb of choice in popular meat and veggie bars, according to Ken Emrick, MSR Western Sales Manager. The product is available in King Soopers, Whole Foods, Amazon and from a variety of other vendors.

Wild Zora is a family-run business in Colorado where Zora, a mother of two, makes her shelf-stable, high-protein snack bars, similar to jerky, but more complete nutrition as each contains a full serving of organic fruits & VEGGIES. Wild Zora bars are gluten-free, soy-free, nut-free, (and also dairy-free & nightshade-free options), and are all-natural and completely healthy as they use 100% natural meats from animals raised on-pasture without antibiotics or added hormones and **NO ADDED SUGARS** or **CHEMICALS**. Their products are Whole30 and PALEO certified, and are even **KID-FRIENDLY** because they **TASTE GREAT!!**



2017 Board Elections

It is time to start thinking about MSLC board elections. Nomination forms will be sent out with the next newsletter in April and voting will take place in June.

The two seats up for election this year are the two at large directors. Those seats are currently held by Frank Moore and Regan Smith. At-large positions can be held by a MSLC member from any state. Board seats have a term of three years.

MSLC 15th Annual Meeting July 19-21, 2017

The Mountain States Lamb Cooperative 2017 Annual Meeting will be held July 19-21 in Pocatello, ID at the Clarion. Our discounted room rate is \$89. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at 208.237.1400 and mentioning that you are with the Mountain States Lamb group. Our block of rooms will be held until July 4th.

A welcoming reception will be held Wednesday evening, July 19. Thursday will be our annual business meeting. Friday we plan to tour MSLC producer range operations in this scenic area. We will wrap up the event on Friday evening with a Chuckwagon BBQ.

Go ahead and get your hotel reservations, mark your calendars and plan to join us in Pocatello.

TOP LAMBS

Frank Shirts, Wilder, Idaho marketed the top lambs in November. Fed at Double J, the lambs returned an average of \$4.65 in grid premiums and another \$3.05 per head in

natural premiums for premium total of \$7.70 per lamb.

December's top lambs were marketed by School Bell Feeders, Kaycee, WY. With 99% of the lambs grading YG3 or better these lambs averaged \$3.73 in market grid premiums and another \$3.31 in natural premiums for a total average premium of \$7.04 per head. The lambs were fed at Double J.

Camino and Sons, Buffalo, WY started the new year off right by marketing the top January lambs. Fed at Double J, these lambs earned an average market grid premium of \$4.40 per head and another \$1.92 in natural premiums for a total premium per head of \$6.32.

MSLC pelts averaged \$6.93 in November, \$7.81 in December and \$7.54 in January.

Payment Information

Please let us know if any of your contact information changes, you can give us a call, email the change to mailbox@msslamb.com or request a new payment information sheet.

Also, if you have a lien holder listed on your settlement checks, it is critical that the loan department at your bank endorses the check either with the loan department stamp or with the signature of the loan officer. Any checks not properly endorsed by the loan department are returned for proper endorsement. If a check is returned for proper endorsement, it will delay your access to the proceeds of that check for several days after deposit. If you have any questions about this requirement, please give us a call.