



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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Greeley Plant Nominated for Plant of the Year

We all know that being #1 is anything but easy. Yet, *National Provisioner* magazine just placed us in an elite league—we are **one of only six contenders in the running for their prestigious “Plant of the Year” recognition.** Being named #1 is clearly within our reach but you must **cast a vote for Mountain States Rosen---and then work to get out the vote.**

This past January, our capabilities, capacity and control greatly expanded when we took the bold move of acquiring the JBS Greeley plant. The industry and transition may not be easy, but we’re doing what we need to in order to continue to bring value to our cooperative producer members and customers and to remain a viable competitor in the marketplace.

Mountain States Rosen has never looked at this business as “commodity.” Together, we will proudly lead the way---producing the best, premium lamb and veal with integrity and a long-term vision.

As a show of our collective commitment and pride, let’s aim to be #1. For starters, please go to:
<http://www.provisioneronline.com/plantoftheyear2016>

and click onto the “Vote Now” button to choose “Mountain States Rosen, Greeley, Colo.” Then share this link with family, friends and vendors, via email and social media---ask them to help share the link and vote for MSR as the National Provisioner 2016 Plant of the Year.

Voting takes place only through July, so let’s go for it!

MSLC 14th Annual Meeting

While most cooperative annual meetings reportedly struggle with member attendance, the 14th Annual Mountain States Lamb Cooperative meeting was again very well attended by more than 120 producers and their families. Member enthusiasm and passion for the lamb industry, their cooperative and meat company was evident throughout the event.

Thursday’s General Session offered a lot of updates and discussion. MSLC members toured the Greeley Lamb Plant for the first time as Plant Owners on Friday. The Cooperative is grateful to all our hard working Mountain States Rosen team members for making the tour possible. Many attendees and their families enjoyed the Rockies game together on Friday evening to wrap up the event.

Watch this newsletter for our 15th Annual Meeting celebration next July. The dates and location will be determined in the near future.

Thank you to all that attended and help make the event a success. Please thank our generous sponsors. Their support is critical to keeping the attendee's costs down!

Nugget International-Mike Wheeler,
Windsor, CO

Center of the Nation Wool-Larry Prager,
Belle Fourche, SD

Double J Feeders-Hasbrouck Family, Ault,
CO

Food and Fiber Risk Managers-Burdell
Johnson, Tuttle, ND

Houghton Hampshires-Dean Houghton,
Polo, MO

Powell Early Lamb Pool-Powell, WY

SLOTTING AND PATRONAGE POLICY

Members attending the annual meeting received a copy of our new Slotting and Patronage Policy. Members owning "A" Delivery shares that did not attend the meeting will receive theirs by mail. If you do not receive the new policies, along with your slotting form by August 10 please give the office a call.

The 2017 slotting forms are due in the office by September 1, but we encourage you to also slot lambs for the remainder of 2016.

June Top Lambs

Philp Sheep Company, Shoshoni, WY fed and marketed the top lambs in June. Grading 80% Y2 or better, the lambs earned \$5.11 in grid premiums. The average pelt returned \$6.31 in June with the top load of pelts topping just over \$9.00 on average.

Mountain States Rosen Website

The Mountain States Rosen website has recently received a makeover and has a fresh new look. Check it out at www.mountainstatesrosen.com. While you are there be sure to check out the producer profiles and the Gather e-newsletter.

Have Short Term Ewes?

If you have a truckload or more of short term ewes available, please give Brad Anderson a call. 712.541.3608.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 1-2017 Slotting Forms due to office

September 13-88th Annual Wyoming State Ram Sale-State Fairgrounds Douglas, WY

October 5-9-Trailing of the Sheep-Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley, Idaho.
www.trailingofthesheep.org