



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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14th Annual Meeting Registration and Reservations needed

Registration forms for the 14th Annual Meeting are enclosed. Please have your registration forms back to the office or postmarked by **July 1**. This provides accurate meal counts and keeps our costs down.

This year we will be in Loveland, Colorado at the Embassy Suites. **The cutoff for hotel room reservations is June 24**. After that date there will be no rooms available at our group rate and most likely the hotel will be booked full.

Rooms can be reserved by calling 1-800-Embassy and referencing the Mountain States Lamb Group block. Our rate for double occupancy in a suite is \$139.00. Mountain View rooms are \$159.00. If you have any problems with room reservations, please give our office a call. The two room suites include free parking, complimentary cooked to order breakfast and a nightly manager's reception featuring snacks and cocktails.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

In addition to our Annual Membership Meeting we will have tour buses take our group to the Mountain States Lamb Plant on Friday morning. Friday afternoon we will load the buses for Denver to attend the Colorado Rockies baseball game. Your registration fee of \$160 covers the reception, all meals, buses and your ticket to the game. You will need to purchase your own meal, drinks and any snacks during the game.

For those who do not want to attend the ball game we are offering a discounted registration of \$110. This covers everything though Friday noon.

Wednesday, July 20:

5:30-7:30 pm Welcoming Reception Embassy Suites Atrium

Thursday, July 21:

6:00-9:00 am Breakfast-Embassy Suites Atrium
8:00 am-12:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm meeting resumes
6:30 pm Dinner

Friday, July 22:

6:00-8:00 am Breakfast- Embassy Suites Atrium
8:00 am-Load Buses for Plant Tour
8:30 am-11:30 am MSR Lamb Plant tour
12:00-2:00 pm special lunch
3:00 pm-Load Buses for Denver Rockies vs. Atlanta Braves Game in Denver.
Anticipate returning around 9:30 pm depending on the game.

DENNIS STIFFLER TO RETIRE

We want to announce Dennis Stiffler's retirement from MSR. Dennis was considering retirement when we sought him out to take the reins as CEO back in 2008. His plan at that time was to run the company for five years and then retire. At the end of four we asked him to extend for a couple more years, actually three. That time came and went. Now that we have the acquisition of the JBS Lamb Plant behind us, Dennis feels he needs to spend a little more time with family and the boat that has been patiently waiting for him these past several years.

Dennis and the Board of Directors have identified a specialist with experience running plants and sorting out merger restructuring. Ron Gould comes

to us from Loveland, Colorado with the credentials to take what we have built and move it forward.

Ron will start on June 27th. Dennis will remain for a period of transition to get Ron up to speed on the inner workings of MSR. Ron's bio is below.

With gratitude for his service and sorrow for his departure we wish him the very best future possible.

Mountain States Rosen Board of Managers
Frank Moore

RON GOULD HIRED AS MSR CEO

Ron has had a very successful career in the protein business with 35 years of experience. He started his career working with a knife in his hand and has worked in many facilities and worked his way up to being General Manager of 3 large facilities and worked his way to corporate Vice President and President and COO.

For the past couple of years Ron has been running his own company which is involved in protein sales, brokering and leadership consulting.

He has been married to his wife Lori for 35 years and they raised two sons Ryan and Aaron.

They live in Colorado and enjoy camping, motorcycles, boating, snow skiing, fishing and so many other activities that keep them happy and healthy.

Ron feels that people and accountability is the key to success and interacting with people is the most enjoyable part of the job.

TOP LAMBS

Dockham Livestock Co, Inc. Pavillion, WY marketed the top lambs in March. Fed by Hearley Dockham these lambs averaged

\$4.53 on the marketing grid and qualified for a natural premium of \$2.46 bringing their total premium to an average of \$6.99 per head.

Reed Livestock, LLC, Douglas, Wyoming had our top April Lambs. Fed by Reeds, these lambs averaged \$4.09 a head on the marketing grid. They also earned another \$2.28 in natural premiums. Their total average premium was \$6.37.

During May, Child Ranch, LLC, Cokeville, Wyoming marketed the top Co-op lambs. They averaged \$4.98 on the marketing grid and qualified for another \$.75 in natural premiums. This brought the total average premium to \$5.73.

Our Mountain States Lamb Cooperative pelts averaged \$5.78 in March, \$5.58 in April and \$6.09 in May.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 24-Hotel Reservations Deadline

June 27- Director's Election Ballots Due to office or postmarked

July 1- Annual Meeting Registrations Due to office or postmarked

July 20-22 MSLC 14th Annual Meeting Loveland, Colorado- Embassy Suites

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.
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