



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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2015 MSLC Annual Meeting Wyoming Big Horn Mountains Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY July 15-17



We hope you are planning to join us for our 13th annual meeting in Wyoming's beautiful Big Horn Mountains.

Enclosed is a registration form. There are two dates to keep in mind:

- 1) **JUNE 24-deadline for hotel reservations**
- 2) **JULY 4- fax, mail or email convention registration**

The Sheridan, Wyoming Holiday Inn Convention Center will be our headquarters. This is a very popular hotel, especially in the summer time. Our block of rooms will only be held until June 24, after that they are subject to availability. We strongly recommend reserving your room today!

Room reservations can be made by calling 1.800.465.4329 or the hotel directly at 307.672.8931. Please mention you are with the Mountain States Lamb Cooperative group to receive

our \$99 group rate. You can also check out the facility and make your reservation online at www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy. Please type in the group code of MSL under the reservation segment.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

Wednesday, July 15 -7:00 pm Welcoming Reception sponsored by JBS Lamb.

Thursday, July 16- 8:00 am Annual Business Meeting, We will have MSLC, MSR, Plant, Pelt and Industry updates and allow plenty of time for member input, questions and discussion.

5:30 Social Hour sponsored by Nugget International Followed by Dinner featuring MSLC Lamb.

Friday, July 17- Sheep Tour in the Big Horn Mountains utilizing private and rented vehicles. Lunch will be provided. We will gather back at the Holiday Inn for a buffet lamb dinner, celebrate three million lambs harvested and recognize our Top Producers.



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MSLC producer Robert Ball at his fall shipping in Idaho

THREE MILLIONTH LAMB

We have marketed lamb number 3,000,000! Let's celebrate Friday evening after our tour and find out the lucky producer who sent this lamb.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Brad Boner, Glenrock, Wyoming was the only nominee for District One. A ballot is enclosed and can be returned by July 4.

APRIL AND MAY TOP LAMBS

Martin Auza Sheep Company topped the April grid with a load of lambs fed at Mountain View Feeders. The lambs graded 79% or better and earned an average grid premium of \$5.64 per head.

Nuckolls Ranches, Inc. marketed the top lambs in May. Fed at Drake Feedlot in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, the lambs graded 76% yield grade 2 or better. They earned an average of \$4.37 on the marketing grid and another \$2.87 per head in natural premium for a total natural premium of \$7.24.

The pelt market continues to struggle. The average pelt returned \$4.41 in April and \$3.24 in May. Mike Wheeler, Nugget International, plans on updating the membership on the pelt market at our annual meeting.

MADE SOME CHANGES?

If any of your contact information changes, please let us know. This includes your home phone, cell number, address or email address. We work diligently to keep your information updated and correct, but need your help.

If you prefer to receive your newsletter by email, please let us know. You will receive it faster and will help save us time, postage and printing costs. Past MSLC Newsletters can be accessed on our website at www.mslamb.com.

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 \$4 to \$5.

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. This is a critical compliance component of our program.

Brad Anderson

MSLC Marketing Grid

	YG1	YG2	YG3	YG4	YG5
55 dn	0	8	3	-10	-50
55-65	0	8	3	-10	-50
65-75	0	8	3	-10	-50
75-85	0	8	3	-10	-50
85 and up	0	8	3	-10	-50

Natural Premiums

January	6 cents
February	5 cents
March	5 cents
April	5 cents
May	6 cents
June	7 cents
July	8 cents
August	8 cents
September	7 cents
October	7 cents
November	6 cents
December	6 cents

Natural Premium is paid on 55-85 lbs carcasses grading Y2, Y3, And Y4

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