



Mountain States Lamb Cooperative

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Newsletter

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MSLC 16th Annual Meeting July 18-20, 2018

Our 16th Annual Meeting is July 18-20 in Watertown, SD. You can make your room reservations now by calling the Ramkota Hotel and Watertown Event Center directly at 605-886-8011 and mentioning that you are with the Mountain States Lamb group. Our group rate starts at \$99. You will need to make your reservation by **June 25** to receive our rate.

The Welcoming Reception will be on Wednesday evening, July 18 starting at 6:30 pm. The Annual Business Meeting is on Thursday, July 19. Don't miss this opportunity to get important updates on your meat company and cooperative. Friday, July 20, is reserved for the Lamb Tour and BBQ. We will also visit the Redlin Art Center. The event will conclude Friday night with a lamb buffet dinner.

Included with the newsletter is the registration form for the annual meeting. Your registration fee includes all your meals and meeting costs. Please fill out and return to our office by **July 9**.



Redlin Art Center

In addition to a tour of area sheep operations and a Lamb BBQ, the Annual Meeting will include a

short tour of the Redlin Art Center. Terry Redlin (1937-2016) was a popular American artist known for painting outdoor and wildlife scenes. His paintings capture America's rural past highlighting sunrises, sunsets, wildlife, and nostalgic themes. This beautifully designed gallery and its picturesque grounds were developed by Terry's son, Charles, to house the original oil paintings by his father. It currently displays more than 150 of Terry Redlin's original oil paintings. To view his paintings, check out www.redlinart.com. This tour comes highly recommended by the ASI Young Entrepreneurs group.

2018 Board Election

Ballot forms for the MSLC board position are included with this newsletter and are due on or before July 9, 2018 and can be mailed in with your meeting registration.

The one seat up for election this year is the District I, Wyoming, director. This seat is currently held by Brad Boner of Glenrock, Wyoming. Brad Boner has been nominated again for this position. The District I position can be held by a MSLC member from Wyoming. Board seats have a term of three years. Please fill out your ballot and return to Mountain States Lamb Cooperative office, 327 E. Center Street, Douglas, WY 82633, by **July 9**.

New Marketing Grid

Effective June 4, all Co-op member lambs will be paid on the new MSLC marketing grid. This grid was developed based on the results of testing the economic value of carcasses to Mountain States Lamb over the last 5 months using the electronic grading system. The new grid pays 10 cents on a yield grade 3. There are no premium or discounts on a yield grade 2 or 4 which allows a wider window

to deliver lambs without a discount, as compared to previous grids.

Electronic (camera) grading was implemented in August 2017. Most MSLC producers have marketed lambs using the system and realize that while far more consistent than USDA grades, generally the camera grades run higher than the USDA yield grades on the majority of lambs. If you have any questions about the grid or electronic grading, give us a call.

Your settlement sheets have a new feature. The USDA Comprehensive information from the National Weekly Slaughter Sheep Review (LM352) is included, and your total grid premium or discount is calculated as compared to that price. As always, feel free to give us a call if you have any questions.

MSLC Marketing Grid

	YG1	YG2	YG3	YG4	YG5	YG6
75 & down	-0.05	0	0.10	0	-0.35	-.50
76-90	-0.05	0	0.10	0	-0.35	-.50
91-100	-0.05	0	0.10	0	-0.35	-.50
101 & up	-0.05	0	0.10	0	-0.35	-.50

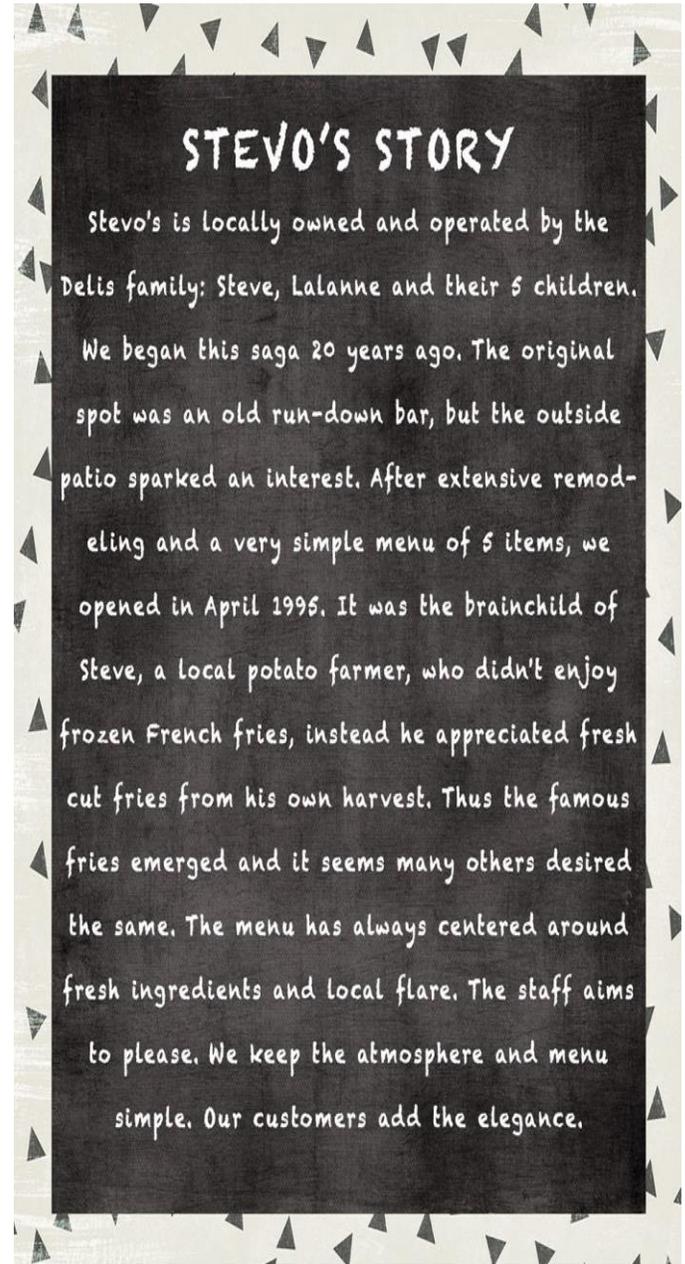
Natural Premiums

January	5 cents
February	4 cents
March	4 cents
April	4 cents
May	5 cents
June	6 cents
July	7 cents
August	7 cents
September	6 cents
October	6 cents
November	5 cents
December	5 cents

Natural Premium is paid on carcasses 90 lbs. and down grading Y2, Y3, and Y4.

Stevo's features Mountain States Lamb

Just off I-84 in South Central Idaho lies the small town of Heyburn. A favorite of the locals is Stevo's restaurant which features Mountain States Lamb Loin Chops and Lamb Burgers. They season both the chops and burger just right and then cook them to perfection. They are open Monday through Saturday 11 am until 9 pm.



Do you have a favorite restaurant featuring Mountain States Lamb? Let us know and we will share the information with our members.