

**MOUNTAIN STATES LAMB COOPERATIVE
PERFORMANCE LAMB CONTEST
DIVISION 1215**

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Contest Date: Tuesday, August 12

Lambs In-Place: 10:00 A.M.

Weigh-In: 11:30 A.M.

Lamb Evaluation Seminar and Contest: 1:30 P.M.

Awards Presentation: Saturday, August 16, 11:00 A.M.
(Open Sheep Show)

PERFORMANCE LAMB PRODUCTION CONTEST

The Wyoming Performance Lamb Production contest was developed to identify fast growing, efficient lambs. The ideal lamb should have a high carcass weight per day on feed and a large ribeye. In addition, the lamb should be free of excessive external fat and possess desirable quality as indicated by youthfulness and other measures of palatability. Coordinated by University of Wyoming Animal Science Extension Specialist, this contest will provide a significant educational opportunity in quality lamb production. **All lambs will be purchased by a packer and processed.** Please read all of the following information.

POLICIES

1. Entries are due July 25, 2014. Exhibitors may enter no more than two lambs. Wether or ewe lambs may be entered.
 2. There is an entry fee of \$25 per head (a packing/trucking fee of \$15 per head and a \$10 processing fee).
 3. Contest is open to any interested person. Any exhibitor may enter two lambs. An entry form for each lamb is required and should include breed and birthdate (mm/dd/yy).
 4. Lambs must be in place by 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 12. Lambs will be weighed in from 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., August 12. Minimum acceptable live weight is 100 pounds.
 5. All lambs will be processed and eligible for Performance Lamb awards. Therefore, exhibitors will not be responsible for selling and disposing of their own lambs.
 6. Refer to Animal Health Requirements, as all required animal health papers are checked off site and brand inspection papers must be given to the Superintendent prior to judging.
- Performance Lamb contest carcass lambs must be on a separate brand clearance from other animals coming to the Wyoming State Fair.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Lambs must be nominated (Wyoming Extension Agents and FFA Advisors will have nomination cards), weighed and properly identified between May 1 and June 1, 2014. Out-of-state exhibitors may obtain nomination forms from Dr. Warrie Means at (307) 766-5283.
2. An exhibitor may nominate a total of five lambs and may enter two lambs.
3. Male lambs must be castrated prior to the date of weighing and tagging/tattooing.
4. All lambs must be identified with an ear tag or tattoo to the satisfaction of the Extension Agent or FFA Advisor.
5. The official weighing and identification should be supervised by an Extension Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher. The properly filled out nomination forms should be sent to Dr. Warrie Means, UW Extension Meats Specialist, Dept. 3684, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071 by June 15, 2013.
6. Remember separate brand clearances are required for carcass lambs.
7. Final Performance Lamb placings will be based on adjusted retail yield per day on feed. This value is determined by both rate of gain and carcass cutability.
8. Enter class **001** for Performance Lamb

Premiums Offered									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
\$150	125	100	90	80	\$75	70	60	50	\$40

PERFORMANCE LAMB AWARDS AND DONORS

The **AMERICAN HAMPSHIRE SHEEP ASSN.**, 1557 173rd Ave., Milo, IA 50166, offers \$50 each for the Grand Champion Market Lamb and champion carcass, if sired by a registered Hampshire ram. The sire's association number and a picture of the Grand Champion Market Lamb and/or Carcass must be submitted within 60 days to the AHSA office before payment will be made.

The **WYOMING STATE FAIR** will present banners to the Champion and Reserve Champion Performance Lamb exhibitors.

A custom made belt buckle will be awarded to the Champion Performance Lamb exhibitor, sponsored by an anonymous donor.

LAMB EVALUATION SEMINAR AND CONTEST

SHOW: Tuesday, August 12

The University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service will sponsor a live animal evaluation seminar and contest in conjunction with the Wyoming Performance Lamb contest, Tuesday, August 12. Adult and Youth participation is encouraged in this educational contest.

Schedule:

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| 1:00 - 1:30 P.M. | — | Registration for evaluation contest |
| 1:30 - 1:45 P.M. | — | Seminar on estimating yield grade and carcass quality of lambs |
| 1:45 - 2:30 P.M. | — | Judging of lambs by seminar evaluators |

An award donated by the University of Wyoming Animal Science Department will be awarded to the highest-scoring Youth evaluator based on actual carcass data. Adult (18 years old and up) estimators will pay a \$5 jackpot entry fee which will be paid back to the most accurate estimators based on carcass data. Recognition of the winners of the evaluation contest and awards will be presented at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 16 during the Open Sheep Show.

For more information contact: Dr. Warrie Means, UW Extension Meats Specialist, Dept. 3684, 1000 E University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071; phone 307-766-5283.

WELCOME SHEEP EXHIBITORS!

**Thank you for choosing the
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FUTURE WYOMING STATE FAIR DATES

**2015: August 8 - 15
2016: August 13 - 20**