

2005 Sheep & Lamb Marketing Policies

For the Western Montana Sheep Growers Association

Scrapie Tags

All sheep sold through the Western Montana Sheep Growers Association, including lambs, ewes, and rams **must have a scrapie tag**. If you have not ordered your **free** tags and applicator, please do so **now**, by calling toll free to (866) 873-2824, or (406) 449-5407. Since, it normally takes about two weeks for delivery we suggest ordering more than one years supply.

Metal tags are stronger and seem to keep their #'s longer.

UNTAGGED ANIMALS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED.

Cull sheep must also be tagged. Call in your numbers of culls for sale as early as possible.

Lamb Weights and Numbers

- Off-type lambs (small framed, thin muscled, hair/wool-less, etc.) will not be mixed into "straight lamb" loads.
- First load of the season will NOT have a heavy weight limit.
- Lambs sold between June 1 to September 20 lambs must weigh between **80 lbs.** and **110 lbs.**
- Call in the number of sheep you are shipping **before** they reach **90 lbs.**(max. wt. is 110 lbs.)
- Be accurate in your count, and deliver only the number of lambs or ewes consigned as load size does NOT allow for extras!

Physical Appearance

- No manure balls on lambs, bucks, or ewes.
- **No buck lambs** will be taken on "straight lamb" loads (including lambs that were banded **but, one or both testicles** were missed) ----- but **will be accepted on mixed loads.**
- No long tails (recommended 1½ inches long) but BUYERS DISCRETION.
- No "Short Docked" tails (recommended 1½ inches long)

Health

- No sick or crippled lambs accepted.

Horned Sheep

- Totally at the discretion of the buyer.

General Shipping Conditions

- Sheep must be as dry as possible (can be docked up to 5% for soggy sheep.)
- Do not **feed or water** sheep **within 12 hours of shipping** (can be docked up to 4% for fill.)