

**USDA SPECIFICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF LAMB CARCASS  
QUALITY AND YIELD CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICIALLY GRADED LAMB**

This specification is for certification by an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) agent for carcasses which are derived from certain carcass characteristics of lamb carcasses which have been officially identified for quality and yield grade, and will: (a) carcasses must be accompanied with documentation approved by the California Wool Growers Association (CWGA) verifying California born and raised, and (b) meet the following set of requirements:

1. U.S. Prime or Choice quality grade;
2. A yield grade of 1, 2, or 3
3. Carcasses must be in excellent condition
4. Dressed carcass weight not to exceed 85 lbs.

**CERTIFICATION**

An AMS agent will certify acceptable carcasses. Carcasses to be examined for compliance with the requirements of this specification shall be clearly identified when presented to the AMS agent for certification. Procedures for identification, certification, the removal of preliminary identification marks (or other methods of control) from non-qualifying carcasses, and control of certified carcasses shall be in accordance with established Quality Assessment Division (QAD) procedures.

The costs of all grading and certification services performed by the AMS agent involving examinations, supervision, official documentation, and related services shall be borne by the person, group, or plant requesting the service.

**LABELING**

Labeling of Certified California Lamb products shall be in compliance with Food Safety and Inspection Service regulations and policy guidelines, QAD instructions and Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program Policy Standardization Procedure 2.