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Agricultural Marketing Service
Livestock and Seed Division
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CERTIFIED FRESH AMERICAN LAMB

**USDA SPECIFICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF LAMB CARCASS
CHARACTERISTICS**

This specification is for certification by an AMS agent of certain carcass characteristics of lamb carcasses which have been officially identified for quality and yield grade. Carcasses must be certified at the point of slaughter and meet the following set of requirements:

- (a) quality grade of Choice or Prime,
 - (b) Yield Grade of 1 or 2, and
 - (c) carcasses must be in excellent condition.
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Evaluations shall be determined in accordance with the "Official United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Lamb" and Meat Grading and Certification Instruction 918-2, Rev 10, Part A, paragraph 2.

CERTIFICATION

When specified, carcasses to be examined for compliance with the requirements of this specification shall have been previously identified as prescribed in current Meat Grading and Certification Branch instructions. The AMS agent shall certify acceptable carcasses and include the information from the Certificate Preparation section of MGC Instruction 918-2, (G-21) on the Agricultural Products Acceptance Certificate, Form LS-5-3.

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

Supersedes Previous Schedule CL dated November 1989.