

Montana Youth Lamb Certification Program

Minimum Standards

Lambs outside these ranges will be highlighted in red and will receive a 0 on the contest criteria.

Carcass Weight:	Not less than 45 lbs Not more than 85 lbs
Yeild Grade	Not over 2.99 and must have a 2.5 in ² loineye or better.
Quality Grade	Not less Ch- (Pr+, P, P-, Ch+, Ch. or Ch-). G+, G, G-, U+, U or U- do not meet standards.
Final Index:	Lambs must meet criteria for all three standards. Lambs are then ranked by the highest Percent Boneless Retail Cuts (%BRC) Ties broken by largest loineye/cwt.

Industry Normals

Lambs outside of these ranges will be highlighted in gold.

Live Weight:	Not less than 110 lbs Not more than 165 lbs
Dressing %:	Not less than 48% Not more than 54%
Backfat:	Not less than 0.15 in Not more than 0.25 in

Deductions

If lambs are suspected of being double-muscled, there will be a 10 point deduction.