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Lamb Price update

Sioux Falls SD Dec. 17

Fat Lambs 101lbs & up
\$135.00 - \$157.50/cwt
Feeder Lambs 74-97lb
\$151.00 - \$228.00/cwt
Market Ewes — Scarce

Mt Hope OH Dec. 31

Feeder Lambs 40-100lb
\$197.50 - \$400.00/cwt
Fed Lambs 100+lbs
\$182.50 - \$197.50/cwt
Ewes & bucks
\$80.00 - 120.00/cwt

Billings MT Dec. 15

Fed Lambs 100 lbs & up
\$140.00 - \$168.00/cwt
Feeder Lambs
\$169.00 - \$198.00/cwt
Market Ewes
\$62.50 - \$77.00/cwt

Kalona IA Dec. 17

Feeder lambs
\$164-235.00/cwt
Fed Lambs
\$144.00-155/cwt
Cull ewes & bucks
\$75-95/cwt

Fort Collins CO Dec. 17

Slaughter lambs
\$155.00-\$170.00/cwt
Feeder lambs
\$164.00 - \$222.50/cwt
Ewes & bucks
\$50.00 - \$96.00/cwt

Zumbrotta MN Jan. 6

Fed lambs
\$135.00-\$148.00/cwt
Feeder lambs
\$180.00 - \$225.00/cwt
Ewes: \$10-\$87.50/cwt

Scheffert Receives Jr Silver Bell Award

At the Annual Shepherd's Holiday, the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association (MLWPA) presented Caroline Scheffert of Waseca with their 2014 Jr Silver Bell Award. Scheffert was nominated for this award which annually recognizes one outstanding junior leader within the Minnesota sheep industry for her commitment and dedication to promoting lamb and wool, helping other youth with their sheep projects, participation in leadership training programs, efforts engage consumers in discussions about the sheep industry and involvement with MLWPA legislative activities.

"Caroline has been a great example for other youth in the sheep industry. I can speak for the whole board in saying that we are very proud of all she has done on behalf of Minnesota sheep producers," said MLWPA President John Dvorak.

Caroline is currently a student at South Dakota State University, pursuing an agriculture-related degree. She is the daughter of Steve and Kim Scheffert of Waseca.



Melanie Pamp Elected MLWPA President

At the MLWPA annual Shepherd's Holiday, members elected Melanie Pamp of Garvin, MN as our new President. Melanie and her husband raise Registered Columbias. Pamp will take over of Past-President John Dvorak who's term had expired.

Travis Fowler of Truman was elected 1st Vice-President, while Randy Kinney of Glenwood was elected 2nd Vice-President. Leaving the board after eight years of dedicated service is Dan Persons of Kensington. Replacing Randy as West Central Director is Bob Padula of Montevideo.



MLWPA Sends Letter because Wolves back on Endangered List

MLWPA joined the MN State Cattleman's Association in sending a letter expressing our concern about the decision to place the Western Great Lakes Wolves (MN, WI, MI) back on the Endangered Species list. The decision came as a result of

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a lawsuit files by HSUS and other extremist groups. MLWPA and others will work diligently with USDA, and our Congressmen to appeal this decision.

Celebrate Lamb Social a Huge Success

The second annual **Celebrate Lamb Social** which kicked off the 2014 MLWPA Shepherd's Holiday was a smashing success. In addition to many MLWPA members, a number of special guests (include state Representatives, Congressional Staffers, Ag Media, and leaders from MN Turkey Growers, MN Corn Growers, MN Farmers Union, MN Farm Bureau, the American Sheep Industry Association, and the American Lamb Board) enjoyed sheep cheese provided by Shepherd's Way Farms, wine from Millner's Heritage Winery and especially the lamb cooking & sampling demos from Chef Virgil Emmert. If you haven't been to the Shepherd's Holiday in awhile, don't miss this year's Celebrate Lamb Social (Dec. 4, Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska).



MLWPA members and guests enjoy Mediterranean Lamb Sliders prepared by Chef Virgil Emmert (watch for recipes in a future edition)

Wolves Reinstated Under Endangered Species Act

A federal judge has ruled to reinstate the gray wolves under Endangered Species Act protections in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. This once again places wolves' protection status under the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

If a livestock farmer/rancher has suspected wolf depredation, they should contact a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer to investigate. If determined to be wolf depredation, the state has a compensation program in place. In order to submit a claim, a DNR conservation officer must investigate.

DNR conservation officer contact information can be found by area [here](#) and by phone number [here](#).

If you or anyone you know encounters wolf issues, contact Jeremy Geske at Jeremy.geske@gmail.com or 612-756-1200 with your experience and/or photos.

