



OSF Lamb Carcass Competition Rules

1. Entries in the Carcass Competition are limited to OSF members in good standing.
2. Weight categories are as follows:
 - a. On-farm live weight: Class 1: 68 to 75 pounds; Class 2: 90 to 100 pounds.
 - b. Target carcass weight: Class 1: 30 to 35 pounds; Class 2: 42 to 46 pounds.
3. Members can nominate lambs in one or both weight categories.
4. Nominations will be accepted up to September 7th, 2023.
5. From all entries received, a first and second place entrant per weight category will be selected for OSF District by random lottery draw.
6. First place entrants will have 7 days to confirm their entry. Where no confirmation is received, the 2nd place entrant will be given the opportunity to enter the competition, again with a 7-day confirmation deadline.
7. In the event of no entries from an OSF District, a draw from all remaining entries, irrespective of district may be made at the discretion of the competition organizers.
8. All lambs must be the property of the person listed on the entry form.
9. An entry fee of \$25 per lamb is payable to OSF and will be deducted from the purchase price. Entry fee will be forfeited if the lamb is not delivered for evaluation and processing.
10. OSF will purchase the lambs based on the following criteria:
 - a. $(\text{On-farm weight} + \text{pre-slaughter weight}) / 2$, multiplied by the higher value of
 - i. Average price per pound per respective weight category for the week ending October 9th,
 - ii. Or \$2.85 per pound for Lamb Class 1 and \$2.40 per pound for Lamb Class 2
11. Carcass lambs MUST bear a CSIP traceability tag.
12. Carcass lambs MUST be weighed on-farm within the 24 hours prior to lamb delivery date (October 10).
 - a. On-farm lamb weight MUST fall within the live weight range of its respective weight category.
13. This is a terminal contest - no exceptions.
14. The carcass contest will be held at the Centre for Meat Innovations and Technology, University of Guelph.
15. Carcass Contest scoring shall be as follows: Carcass merit 100%
16. The lamb with the greatest number of points will be declared the Grand Champion per weight category.

RULES FOR CONDUCT OF CARCASS LAMB LIVE EVALUATION

1. All lambs must be delivered to the Centre for Meat Innovations and Technology, University of Guelph on **Tuesday October 10th, no later than 3 pm**. *Please contact OSF office if you need help with organizing lamb delivery.*
2. All lambs to be accompanied with a completed Lamb Carcass Competition form.



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3. Live evaluation will be conducted by up to 3 processor. based on their respective customer needs.
4. Lambs will be weighed immediately prior to slaughter.

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1. Judging of carcass will be based on a combination of processor customer needs and yield data.
2. Lambs will also be graded using the [Canadian Lamb Grading Standards](#).
3. The two highest scoring lambs will be declared champion and reserve champion for each weight category.
4. Prize Money per weight category:
 - a. Champion Carcass \$200, Reserve Champion Carcass \$100, 3rd place \$50.

COMPETITION ENTRANTS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING DATA ON THEIR LAMBS

1. Live weights: On-farm weight, pre-slaughter weight.
2. Carcass weights: warm carcass weight, cold carcass weight.
3. GR measurement.
4. Canadian Lamb Grade.
5. Saleable Meat Yield: estimate using the following formula¹ :
 - a. $78.92 - 0.51(\text{ruler GR, 12}^{\text{th}} \text{ rib}) + 1.25(\text{carcass conformation score})$. $R^2 = 0.61$ RSD 17.1¹

¹ Jones, S. D. M., Robertson, W. M., price, M. A. and Coupland, T. 1996. **The prediction of saleable meat yield in lamb carcasses**. Can. J. Anim. Sci. 76: 49-53.