



## **Operational Guidance for the Timing of Boxed Lamb and Carcass Lamb Reporting**

**Issue:** Timing of Boxed and Carcass Lamb Reporting

**Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News (LPGMN) Position:** Packers will report lamb carcass and boxed lamb cut sales information at the time the invoice is prepared when the make-up of the load is known. Reporting at this time should provide more detailed and accurate information about the load.

Carcasses can continue to be reported as Yield Grade 1-4. However, since the makeup of the load is known any premium or discount associated with lambs on the load due to quality or yield must be reported. Loads that are predominately YG 4 or 5 or a combination of YG 4's and 5's will be reported as YG 4-5 even if there are some YG 1-3 on the load. Likewise a load of YG 1-3 lambs with a few YG 4's should be reported as YG 1-3 and not YG 1-4. Also, a load of lambs that have only a few YG 1-2 with the balance of the lambs being YG 3-4 should be reported as YG 3-4.

**LPGMN Guidance:** Packers should submit boxed lamb and carcass lamb data as described above.

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