

**USDA SPECIFICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF LAMB CARCASS
QUALITY AND YIELD CHARACTERISTICS OF OFFICIALLY GRADED LAMB**

SCOPE

This specification is for certification of products marketed by the Marcho Farms Process Verified Program, which is a USDA Process Verified Program (PVP).

This specification is for certification by an Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) agent of lamb carcasses which meet the following set of requirements:

1. Classified as lamb;
2. Graded U.S. Choice or higher;
3. A yield grade of 3.9 or numerically lower; and
4. Dressed carcass weight of 60 to 80 lbs.

Items 1, 2, and 3 shall be determined in accordance with the "Official United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Lamb."

Item 4 shall be determined by a third-party certified scale.

CERTIFICATION

In order to certify lamb products with this specification, Marcho Farms must have an approved USDA PVP; having successfully passed a document review and onsite audit conducted by the Audit Review and Compliance (ARC) Branch and has been found in conformance with all ARC Procedures (<http://processverified.usda.gov/>).

Carcasses to be examined for compliance with the requirements of this specification shall be clearly identified when presented to the AMS agent for certification. Procedures for identification, certification, the removal of preliminary identification marks (or other methods of control) from non-qualifying carcasses, and control of certified carcasses shall be in accordance with established Meat Grading and Certification (MGC) Branch procedures. The AMS agent shall certify acceptable carcasses and complete the Live Animal/Carcass Certification Worksheet (Form LS-5-6).

The costs of all grading and certification services performed by the AMS agent involving examinations, supervision, official documentation, and related services shall be borne by the person, group, or plant requesting the service. Marcho Farms representatives must have any program changes approved by AMS prior to implementation.

LABELING

Labeling of Marcho Farms Process Verified Program products shall be in compliance with Food Safety and Inspection Service regulations and policy guidelines, MGC Branch instructions and Livestock and Seed Program Policy Standardization Procedure 2 (LS Policy SP2; issued July 25, 2002). This product will be labeled as Sysco Brand Butcher's Block Reserve Lamb.