

Market Lamb Terminology

Muscle

Desirable

- ❖ Was more proportionally muscled
- ❖ Shows more muscle in every dimension
- ❖ Bolder racked
- ❖ Handled more muscle over his rack
- ❖ More volume of muscle over his shoulder and rack
- ❖ More uniform in his width down his top
- ❖ Widest topped lamb with the most thickness over his loin edge
- ❖ Longer hindsaddled as he showed more length to both his loin and hip
- ❖ Wraps the fullest leg
- ❖ Longest loined
- ❖ Longest rumped
- ❖ Meat animal shape to rack
- ❖ Natural thickness thru the center portion of his leg
- ❖ More outside shape and dimension to his leg
- ❖ More dimension to both his inner and outer legs, with more bulge of stifle
- ❖ Plumper, fuller leg
- ❖ More 3-D leg
- ❖ Deeper and fuller in his twist
- ❖ Product driven/oriented
- ❖ Stouter featured
- ❖ Excel in potential carcass merit
- ❖ Stouter made wether that especially offers more depth and shape thru his twist and lower leg
- ❖ He offers significantly more dimension to his top and maintains this advantage out to his dock and down thru his lower leg

- ❖ Spreads more shape and dimension over his rack and loin
- ❖ Opens with more expression behind his shoulder, and proceeds with the same muscle advantage over his loin
- ❖ Sets a wider, deeper loin in front of the bigger hip
- ❖ Starts stronger out of a bolder rack
- ❖ Met my hand with more pop and flare to his loin/rack
- ❖ Measures the wider, deeper loin
- ❖ More depth and turn to his lower leg
- ❖ Come thicker and squarer to his dock
- ❖ Comes stouter out of his hip and stifle
- ❖ Comes fuller out of his dock
- ❖ Creases more shape over his top
- ❖ Handles with more tone and definition down a fresher, firmer top
- ❖ Handles squarer over his loin edge
- ❖ Spans more depth to his loin
- ❖ Unequaled in his muscle shape
- ❖ Has more shape and expression of muscle thru his outer leg and inner thigh
- ❖ Handles with more expression to his leg
- ❖ Turns more shape to his inner and outer leg
- ❖ Offers more shape to his leg from the side
- ❖ Comes wider out of his pins and accordingly stands wider at the ground
- ❖ More powerfully made wether that is particularly stouter hipped
- ❖ Handles with more width and dimension over his rack and across his loin
- ❖ Meets my hand with more tone and freshness to his top
- ❖ He handles fresher down his top
- ❖ To the touch, he certainly has an advantage in muscle tone and expression down his top
- ❖ He spans more width and dimension down his top
- ❖ Measures more length of hindsaddle

- ❖ Measures longer from his last rib back
- ❖ He is a trimmer handling lamb who meets my hand with more tone and expression over his rack and across his loin. Consequently, I would expect him to hang a shaplier carcass
- ❖ Most volume of leg
- ❖ Advantage in percent hindsaddle
- ❖ Fuller thru the inner and outer portions of his leg
- ❖ More dimensional loin from last rib back
- ❖ From the outside, he reads to be a stouter and powerfully made wether; as I step into handle him, he also meets my hand with more tone and freshness to his top
- ❖ Bolder and more expansive over his rack
- ❖ Handles with a fresher, more expressive shape to his rack
- ❖ Handles a squarer, fresher turn to his loin edge
- ❖ Measures with more length of loin
- ❖ Spans the wider loin
- ❖ Comes more powerful out of his dock
- ❖ Wraps with more volume and circumference to his leg.
- ❖ Handles with a fuller, plumper leg
- ❖ Handles with more tone and shape to his leg
- ❖ Met my hand with more flare and expression to the inner portion of his leg
- ❖ Measures longer from the last rib back
- ❖ He gets progressively wider from there back

Undesirable

- ❖ More modest in his muscle
- ❖ Beginning to fade over his loin edges
- ❖ Sharp over his rack
- ❖ Flat and shelly in the edge of his loin
- ❖ Too sharp and stale over his rack and loin edge
- ❖ Tapers out of his dock
- ❖ Flattens through the base of his leg

Trimness/Correctness of Finish

Desirable

- ❖ Best combines muscle and trimness in a balanced package
- ❖ More optimum in his finish
- ❖ Trimmer profiling lamb with the tighter top and longer, cleaner front end
- ❖ Trimmer patterned
- ❖ Trimmer/firmer handling
- ❖ Leaner
- ❖ Leaner profiling
- ❖ Firmer to the touch
- ❖ Harder handling
- ❖ Cleaner patterned
- ❖ More consistent in his cover/finish
- ❖ Handles firmer over his rack and ribs
- ❖ Fresher handling
- ❖ Fresher appearing
- ❖ Cleaner breasted
- ❖ More appropriate in terms of freshness
- ❖ Cleaner patterned lamb that is trimmer thru his chest and middle
- ❖ Wider chested lamb who's bolder in his rib while still coming clean thru his chest
- ❖ Firmer and fresher to the touch
- ❖ Trimmer or neater middled
- ❖ Barer along ribcage
- ❖ Trimmer over forerib
- ❖ Handles more impressive down his top and is firmer and fresher upon handle
- ❖ When viewed from above, he studies with more indentation of leanness thru his forerib
- ❖ Harder handling wether who is expectedly trimmer over his ribs
- ❖ Handles to have an advantage in cutability

- ❖ He is a cleaner patterned wether that handles trimmer down his top and over his ribs, thus should hold a yield grade advantage on the rail
- ❖ He's longer and thinner about his neck, flatter in his shoulder, and he's certainly tucked up neater in the floor of his chest. From there back...
- ❖ Firmer and fresher to the touch
- ❖ Met my hand with more bloom and freshness to his top
- ❖ I like the handling quality of 2 over 3
- ❖ Cleaner through his breast and middle
- ❖ Handles leaner over his forerib

Undesirable

- ❖ An unevenly covered lamb that carries too much condition
- ❖ A thin, underfinished lamb
- ❖ Waistier designed
- ❖ Handles with the most cover over his 12th and 13th
- ❖ Heaviest conditioned lamb that needs to be delayed in his fat deposition
- ❖ Heavier middle
- ❖ Just too stale to the touch
- ❖ Terribly disappointing as I stop to handle
- ❖ Just too soft to the touch
- ❖ Too deep through his breast and middle
- ❖ Handles too soft over his forerib

Growth/Weight

Desirable

- ❖ More upstanding
- ❖ Larger framed
- ❖ Larger outlined

- ❖ Taller fronted
- ❖ More elevated thru his chest floor
- ❖ Later maturing
- ❖ More extended in his skeletal maturity
- ❖ Heavier weight
- ❖ Pounds heavier
- ❖ More productive appearing
- ❖ An extremely long patterned lamb
- ❖ Larger constructed
- ❖ More extended in growth curve
- ❖ Pounds heavier, yield more profit to packer and producer
- ❖ More performance oriented
- ❖ Apparent muscle and extension advantage
- ❖ Faster growing, more performance oriented
- ❖ More advanced in growth curve
- ❖ A pair of product-oriented/driven wethers who....

Undesirable

- ❖ Potentially pounds lightest
- ❖ Potentially lowest performing
- ❖ Short in body cavity

Balance/Eye Appeal

Desirable

- ❖ More neatly laid in about his shoulder
- ❖ Holds himself more together more correctly in the rack
- ❖ Nicer profiling
- ❖ Shallower breasted
- ❖ Hollow chested

- ❖ Ties in the highest into the top of his shoulder
- ❖ More upstanding
- ❖ More impressive profiling
- ❖ More presence from the side
- ❖ More striking from the profile
- ❖ Attaches a longer neck higher into a flatter shoulder and smoother shoulder
- ❖ His neck projects higher out of the top of his shoulder
- ❖ More attractive in in his rib cage/design
- ❖ Wedges tighter at the top of his shoulder
- ❖ Flatter and smoother at the top of his shoulder
- ❖ Constructed leveler out of his hip
- ❖ Stronger behind the backside of his shoulder
- ❖ Longer from his last rib back
- ❖ Stretches longer
- ❖ Ties stronger in his hip-loin juncture
- ❖ Sharper thru his front end and more correct in his lines from shoulder back
- ❖ More youthful thru his chest floor and rib
- ❖ More elevated in his chest floor and blends smoother at the point of his shoulder
- ❖ Profiles with more length and extension and expectedly measures a longer loin and hip
- ❖ More correctly patterned
- ❖ Shoulder blade lays down smoother on ribcage
- ❖ Correct in his lines
- ❖ Most upfronted
- ❖ Pulls neck back into shoulder
- ❖ Balances up nicely from the sideview standpoint
- ❖ Most extended shoulder forward
- ❖ Flatter shouldered
- ❖ Neater fronted

Undesirable

- ❖ Ties his neck lower into the coarser, more open shoulder
- ❖ Coarse fronted
- ❖ He's just wedged the wrong way from the side. He's too deep in his chest and bold in his lower shoulder and from there back he....

Rib Shape

Desirable

- ❖ More productive in his rib design
- ❖ Offers more freshness thru his rear rib and flank
- ❖ Possesses more width thru his chest floor
- ❖ Wider chested lamb who carries more shape to his ribcage
- ❖ Production focused lamb that is bolder in his rib design
- ❖ More curvature out of center body
- ❖ Widest and stoutest from ground up
- ❖ Wider gauged

Structural Correctness

Desirable

- ❖ More structurally correct
- ❖ More skeletally correct
- ❖ Squarest off both ends
- ❖ Squarest built
- ❖ Comes the squarest to his corners
- ❖ More correct in his front foot placement
- ❖ Stood squarer and more correct on feet and legs
- ❖ Heavier structured
- ❖ Bigger footed, heavier boned
- ❖ Heavier structured lamb that is more powerful in his bonework

- ❖ Toes ahead more correctly off his front skeleton
- ❖ Squarer at dock
- ❖ Comes leveler and fuller to his dock
- ❖ Square racked
- ❖ More correct slope to pasterns
- ❖ More ideal in knee set

Undesirable

- ❖ Steep docked
- ❖ More open at top of shoulder
- ❖ Off in dock

Carcass Projections

Desirable

- ❖ Greater packer appeal
- ❖ He had a longer loin and rump, and thus would likely have a higher % hindsaddle
- ❖ Hang a carcass with more product from the last rib back
- ❖ Higher % trimmed most valuable primal
- ❖ Yield carcass with less trimmable waste
- ❖ Larger, more consumer acceptable ribeye
- ❖ Rail the higher cutability carcass
- ❖ Rail a carcass receiving a lower numerical yield grade
- ❖ More shapely carcass
- ❖ Rail a carcass with a larger eye, if ribbed
- ❖ More total pounds of product
- ❖ He is the biggest outlined and cleanest patterned lamb; and with his kind, comes a cutability advantage
- ❖ He is longer hindsaddled wether that handles an advantage in product from his last rib back. As a result, I would expect him to go to the rail with a higher proportion of leg and loin

- ❖ He is a more product driven lamb who spans more muscle tone down his top while maintaining this advantage out of his dock and through the lower portion of his leg
- ❖ The bottom line – he'll simply rail with more pounds from the last rib back and have the higher dollar value
- ❖ Go to the cooler with the more shapely carcass that receives the higher confirmation score
- ❖ I'd expect him to rail with a cutability advantage
- ❖ In the end he should receive a more desirable yield grade

Undesirable

- ❖ Having least to offer market chain
- ❖ Fat, light muscled carcass with a high numerical yield grade

Hide

Desirable

- ❖ Thinnest, tightest hide

Undesirable

- ❖ Pelty
- ❖ Thicker, looser hide
- ❖ Wrinkles around the neck