Certified Freedom Run Farm Lamb Program L-4 Specification

1 **REQUIREMENTS**

Lamb carcasses certified under this specification shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Classed as lamb carcasses only¹;
- b. U.S. Choice or higher¹;
- c. A yield grade of 3.9 or numerically lower¹;
- d. Hot Carcass Weight (HCW) of 85-96.9 lbs

2 <u>CERTIFICATION</u>

Carcasses to be examined for compliance with this specification will be clearly identified and presented to an AMS grader for certification. Certification procedures for identification, 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 Quality Assessment Division (QAD) procedures.

3 <u>LABELING</u>

Labeling of products derived from certified carcasses must follow Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations 9 CFR part 317.2, 9 CFR part 412.1, policy guidelines found at FSIS: Labeling and Label Approval website and FSIS: Claims Guidance website and QAD procedures including QAD 107: Requirements for Grading Terms on Meat Product Labeling.

4 <u>FEES</u>

The costs of all grading and certification services performed by an AMS grader involving examinations, supervision, official documentation, and related services shall be borne by the person, group, or plant requesting the service.

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¹ Determined in accordance with the "Official United States Standards for Grades of Carcass lamb."