

WHEN IS A Lamb Chop MORE THAN A Lamb Chop

Retail Value of a Market Animal



Let's Examine a 140 Pound Lamb

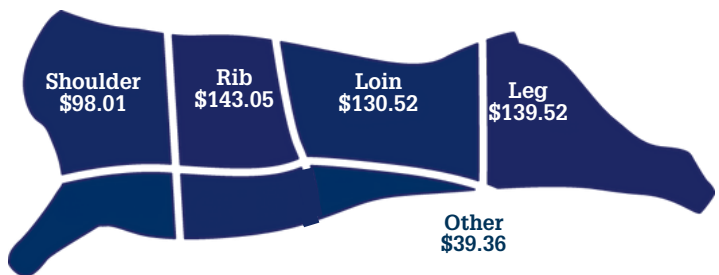
Average dressing percentage for lamb = 55%
 (carcass weight/live weight) X 100 = dressing percentage

140 lbs X 55% = 77 lbs
 Loss from cutting and trimming ~ 25%
 77 lbs X 75% = 57.75 lbs of meat

Let's Break That Down into Primal Cuts

	% Cut Out Weight	Lbs. from Primal Cuts	Average \$/lbs.
Rib	15%	8.66 lbs.	\$16.52
Loin	21%	12.13 lbs.	\$10.76
Leg	33%	19.06 lbs.	\$7.32
Shoulder	23%	13.28 lbs.	\$7.38
Other	8%	4.62 lbs.	\$8.52

Retail Value



Total = \$601.95

Market Value



Buying a 140 lb lamb
 140 lbs x \$1.30 = \$182



Slaughter fee = 187.50
Total = 369.50



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*Average \$ per pound from U.S. quarterly lamb report - [USDA](#).
 *To find lbs. from primal cuts, % cut out weight is multiplied by 57.75 lbs.
 *To find \$ per primal cut average, \$/lbs. is multiplied by lbs. from primal cuts.

