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September/October 2022

The President's Message:



As the season changes, it is that time of year when many of us begin to shift gears. Some are headed into the busiest time of year and for others, it is a bit of a downshift. We are familiar with these cycles in our work and I hope most of us are able to find it welcoming. At Convention this year, it was nice to see many familiar faces and exciting to see some new ones. The participation in our Targeted Grazing workshop and formation of the permanent Targeted Grazing Committee was refreshing.

I appreciate the active participation and debate around many challenging issues currently facing our Industry. It will take our broad base and breadth of perspectives to buoy our industry in the near future. Although I haven't had decades of experience directly involved in this Industry, I do know that we've faced tough times in the past and we have persevered. I expect nothing less now. My perspective is that we must keep our minds open to doing things differently. I know that we cannot always depend only on lamb prices, wool prices, drought, rain, or the Farm Bill to get us through; but key combinations of these elements just may. For many in our Industry, labor will consume greater resources than ever before. Perhaps accurate assessment, planning, interventions, and evaluation of that impact will be helpful as we make this adjustment. As I begin my two-year term as President of our association, I look forward to your participation in Board meetings, committees, and our annual convention. If you have questions or concerns, please call or email our Office Manager, Susan Taylor, who can get you in touch with me. Enjoy this change of season!

Andrée Soares

Labor Issue Update

The CWGA Board of Directors has taken action to withdraw our efforts in the 5th District Court of Appeals. A bill, AB156, recently signed into law by the Governor has created two important outcomes for our sheep and goat industry. It determined that for wage purposes, goat herders may be paid the same as sheep herders until January 2024, at which time that will need to be addressed again. Secondly, it directed the DIR to address specific areas of the Labor Code. According to our legal firm as well as an attorney retained for a second opinion, because of this, our case is no longer meritorious. We have been advised to abandon litigation and to comply with AB 1066 with regard to overtime as of January 1, 2022.

We will continue to look for different avenues to remedy this issue.

Ryan Indart and Andrée Soares

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2023 California Ram Sale



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Convention Awards



2022 Master Shepherd Award

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2022 Golden Fleece Award

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2022 CWGA Convention

2022 Photo Contest Winners

(People's Choice)

1st Place – OLD FRIENDS
Christina Elgorriaga Etchamendy



2nd Place – WATERING HOLE
Christina Elgorriaga
Etchamendy



3rd Place – VACATIONING OR GUARDING
Lucia Indart

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News & Current Events

FMCSA Fails to Extend Emergency Hours of Service Exemptions for Livestock Haulers

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued an Expanded Emergency Declaration exempting livestock haulers from compliance with the federal Hours of Service rules that limit drive time.

The Emergency Declaration was extended ten times, most recently through this past Saturday.

As of October 17th, however, the FMCSA has failed to extend the Emergency Declaration, meaning that haulers of livestock and livestock feed must now comply with the drive time requirements under the Hours of Service regulations.

Additionally, now that FMCSA's Emergency Declaration has expired, Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order which exempted haulers engaged in intrastate or interstate transportation from *California's* Hours of Service regulations has also expired (Newsom's EO was only intended to be "in effect for the duration of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Emergency Declaration").

As a reminder, livestock haulers remain exempt from electronic logging device requirements through December 15 (which is likely to be further extended through September 30, 2023).

Credit: CCA Legislative Bulletin

USDA Provides Payments of nearly \$800 Million in Assistance to Help Keep Farmers Farming

WASHINGTON, October 18, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans have already received nearly \$800 million in assistance, as part of the \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

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Congress: Midterm election impacts on 2023 Farm Bill; Lawmakers highlighting importance of Title 12 in next farm bill.

Midterm elections could impact federal farm and food policy, *RFD-TV* - With the midterm elections less than one month away, analysts say there are many different scenarios that could impact federal farm and food policy. One agriculture and food services expert notes, for many in Congress, this will be their first Farm Bill. "Just extending a Farm Bill is not easy in this environment. So, they're going to be working very hard to get this job done. But if you look at the makeup of the House Ag Committee since the 2018 Farm Bill, and not including this election on that committee, there are 27 new members of the House Ag Committee that have never done a Farm Bill, and the Senate gets 7 new Senators, and those numbers are going to be higher. So, the question is, we have all these new faces, we have a short period of time to tell our story," said Michael Torrey. The upcoming midterms will determine the makeup of both Ag Committees, which means agendas could be shifted less than a year before Farm Bill 2023.

Lawmakers are agreeing on one thing on the 2023 Farm Bill: Importance of Title 12, *RFD-TV* - The Farm Bill's last title is one of the least discussed, but crafters of the bill say it remains key for the future of U.S. agriculture. Title 12, the USDA's Operations and Outreach title, is usually overshadowed by debate on the safety net, conservation, nutrition, and other titles. House Ag Subcommittee Chair Jahana Hayes recently pointed out how important the Farm Bill's last title really is. "As of 2017, more than 1/3 of America's farmers were over the age of 65 or older. The average age of producers in the U.S. is about 58, up from previous years in the agricultural census, a counting trend we have been seeing for some time." Hayes stresses the importance of outreach through USDA programs, especially for new, beginning, and socially disadvantaged producers. "Supporting our new and beginning farmers, who are in the first 10 years of operation, is key to cultivating the future of American agriculture." Hayes says encouraging more people of color, women, and veterans to go into farming will make a strong ag system for years to come. Ranking Member of the House Ag Committee, Glenn GT Thompson agrees. "As we prepare for the next Farm Bill, it is important to ensure young, beginning, socially disadvantaged and veteran farmers know about and have access to USDA's programs and the benefits they provide."

MPR Lamb Data: This week: 2,200 Last Week: 2,400 Last Year: 3,200 Woolled and shorn lambs 118-155 lbs. \$90.00-148.00, **wt. avg \$ 123.88, up \$ 5.81.**

Direct Slaughter Lambs – Trading slow. Demand light, best demand for lambs under 165 lbs. **Woolled & Shorn: Midwestern states** – 4,200 head on formula basis. Last week part load 140 lbs \$ 128.00, load 145 lbs 148.00 fob. **Mountain States**: 7,600 head on formula basis. **West Coast** – 4,500 head formula basis. **Feeding and slaughter ewes** – **CO & WY** – 900 thin to medium fleshed, 145-185 lbs \$ 54.00-57.00 fob with shrink.

Equity CO-OP Auction- **WY** – Powell Lamb Pool, 350 head new crop wool lambs, avg 140 lbs \$ 114.25, fob, 4% shrink. +/- \$ 1.00 per lb from 145 lbs.

Auction Trading Slaughter Lambs: Choice & Prime 1-3: PA – 2,765 head: Ewes and lambs sold weak. **Wool lambs**: 13 – 46# - 240.70; 13 – 57# - 200.00; 47 – 60# - 256.73; 81 – 76# - 179.53; 247 – 81# - 178.42; 71 – 96# - 186.65; 550 118# - 153.34; 25 0 184# - 150.46. **Hair lambs**: 7 – 58# - 61 – 63# - 242.49; 40 – 74# - 198.37; 102 – 84# - 156.31; 80 – 91# - 148.38; 22 – 116# - 142.23. **TX** – 1,875 head. Ewes \$ 10.00-20.00 lower, Lambs steady. **Hair Lambs**: 13-47# - 283.33; 65 – 56# - 271.16; 57 – 65# - 252.88; 53 – 72# - 246.26; 24 – 86# - 151.31. **SD Sioux Falls Regional**: 2,010 head. Ewes steady to \$ 5.00 higher, lambs steady to \$ 1.00 lower. **Wool lambs**: 8 – 89# - 185.00; 96 – 94# - 123.99; 1231 – 130 - \$118.23; 61 – 158# - 106.98, lot fancy 150 lbs \$ 170.00. 16 YG 4-5 – 160# - 100.95. **Hair Lambs**: 55 – 79# - 178.15; 27 – 82# - 151.90; 5 – 90# - 102.50. **CO: 711** head. Ewes \$ 6.00 higher. Lambs steady to sharply lower. **Wool & Shorn lambs**: 5 – 67# - 167.50; 9 – 79# - 127.50; 83 – 87# - 113.2; 38 – 97# - 115.54; 113 – 107# - 108.03; 74 – 130# - 146.07; 7 – 144# - 110.00. **Hair lambs**: 39 – 40# - 220.00; 94 – 53# - 216.52; 44 – 75# - 164.08; 15 – 84# - 165.32; 9 – 93# - 140.000. **IA** - 1,092 head. Ewes \$ 4.00-10.00 lower. Lambs \$ 10.00-20.00 higher with hair lambs firm. **Wool lambs**: 35 – 53# - 248.62; 64 – 64# - 166.83; 62 – 74# - 170.55; 19 – 82# - 131.05; 51 – 94# - 116.87; 58 – 115# - 118.33; 67 – 131# - 121.00; 9 – 155# - 130.11. **Hair lambs**: 24 – 43# - 219.08; 72 – 57# - 269.37; 26 – 77# - 172.50; 4 – 88# - 145.00; 3 – 98# - 110.00 – 9 - 109# - 120.00.

Auction Trading Feeder lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: **SD – Newell** 3,305 head. Feeder lambs very mixed: 60# down \$ 10.00-15.00 lower, 60-70# steady to \$ 2.00 lower, 70-90# steady to \$ 5.00 higher, over 90# steady. **Wool lambs** – 38 – 44# - 150.00; 230 – 53# - 164.31; 76 – 63# - 150.89; 1548 – 74# - 147.26; 602 – 85# - 129.07; 396 – 93# - 115.26; 136 – 103# - 112.66; 19 – 116# - 97.00. **CO** – 117 head. Feeders firm in light test. **Wool lambs**: 28 – 53# - 179.64; 87 – 66# - 155.50.

Direct Trading Feeder Lambs: Trading slow as the majority of the early lambs have been sold and shipped. However, some growers finding additional alternate feed sources in grazing out the lighter end of the lambs for later marketing in the hope of higher prices when supplies normally decline. Movement of lambs into the Imperial Valley slower than normal given higher feed and trucking costs. With that said, available alfalfa fields are harder to come by as prices of hay remains high resulting in higher grazing costs. Lower elevation feed sources need rain to provide fall and winter feed in most western states as many in drought conditions. Undertone steady, some sellers asking higher prices, buyers not willing to follow those offerings so far.

Market Report

Replacement Sheep – UT – 500 head 100-105 lb white face ewe lambs \$175.00, 450 head yearlings 105-110 lbs \$ 175.00. NV – 360 head fine wool yearlings 140 lbs - \$255.00 per head. 300 head first year outs, good bags, 165-170 lbs \$ 104.00. SD – 285 head fine wool first year outs 175-180 lbs \$ 192.50. All per head prices.

National Ram Sale – Heber, UT Oct 8 Total of 362 rams and 198 head replacement ewes sold at this sale. Trading moderate to active, demand moderate to good. Quality of rams and ewes very attractive. Increased amount of rams sold with data, both whiteface and black face lots this year. Data lots appeared to have broader demand and higher prices in general. **Targhees** – 17 Head Yrl Rams range \$ 600.00-1,500, **avg \$ 800.00**; 1 ram lamb \$ 1,200. **Targhee X SAMMS** – 4 yearling rams at \$ 1,250.00. **Columbia Yrls** – 5 Head \$ 350-800, **avg \$ 540.00**; 10 lambs \$ 200-900 **avg \$ 420.00**. **Columbia X Rambouillet Lambs** - 4 head **\$420.00**. - **Rambouillet Yrls** - 94 head \$ 500 -3,001, **avg \$953.73**; 11 ram lambs \$ 500 -1,600 **avg \$750.00**. **Suffolk Yrls** – 58 head from \$ 400-1,700, **avg \$676.72**; 91 lambs \$350 -2,000, **avg \$ 515.38**. **Hamp Yrls** – 10 head \$ \$650 -1,450, **avg \$ 750.00**. **Hamp X Suffolk Yrls** – 17 head \$ 550 -850, **avg \$705.88**; 17 lambs \$ 500 -800, **avg \$ 655.88**. **Polypay** ram lambs – 9 head \$ 300 - 600, **avg \$ 433.33**. **Columbia X Merino Yrls** – 4 head **avg \$ 1,350**.

Replacement yearling ewes and ewe lambs: 198 head total. **Targhee Reg Yrls ewes**– 4 head \$ 600-1800, **avg 1087.50**; **Targhee/SAMMS** 12 hd lot yrls ewes \$ 350; **Rambouillet ewes:** 4 Reg yrls \$ 550-600, **Avg 587.50**, 22 Reg Ewe Lambs \$ 500 - 550.00, **avg \$ 525.00**. **Suffolk** – 3 Reg. yrls \$ 300-600, **Avg 400.00**; 14 Reg Ewe lambs \$ 100-900, **Avg \$485.72**; **Hampshire** – 1 Reg yrl ewe \$ 550.. **Columbia Ewe Lambs**, 9 head lot \$ 250. **Rambouillet Yrls** – 29 head in 3 lots \$ 200 - 400, **avg \$ 313.70**, 4 25 head lots \$ 180 - 290, **avg \$227.50**.

Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, Oct 13 470 Head of rams offered. Trading and demand moderate. **Hamp Yrl Rams** – 2 Registered Rams \$750.00-850.00, **Avg \$ 800**. 1 Registered Ram Lamb \$2,000 **Suffolk X Hamp Yrls** – 76 head ranged from \$200.00-1,050, **Avg \$749.34**. 77 Lambs \$350-1,200, **Avg \$ 588.96**. **Suffolk Yrls** – 101 head ranged \$400-1,050, **Avg \$702.48**. 4 Reg Yrls \$800-2,000, **Avg \$1,238**. 84 Lambs \$400-850, **Avg \$523.21**. **Targhee Yrls** – 11 Head \$850 -1,200, **Avg \$1,068.18**. **Merino Yrls** – 5 head \$800-1,300, **Avg 1100**. **Rambouillet Yrls** – 1 Reg Yrl \$6,200. 76 Head \$200-1550, **Avg \$796.38**. **Rambouillet X Columbia Yrls** – 14 head \$650-725, **Avg \$673.21**. **Columbia Yrls** – 1 Reg Yrl \$600; 3 yrls \$600.

Weekly Retail Lamb Report – Lamb Cuts were 56.63% higher and Veal Cuts were 8.22% lower for the week. For the week Roast ads were sharply higher and Chops ad space was 24.47% higher. This week Lamb features offered more ad space for Shoulder Blade Chops, Shoulder Round Bone Chops, Breast, Rack, Boneless Leg, Leg Steaks, and Stew Meat-Mutton.

Weekly Lamb Carcass Cut Out Value (Friday) \$ 493.36, down \$ 0.50.

Weekly Summary of MPR Lamb Carcasses: 10/14/2022

HOT WEIGHT	# HEAD	% TOTAL	2,201 TOTAL HEAD
45# & Dwn	106	4.8	Wkly Weighted Avg \$ 371.98, down \$ 5.81
45-55 #	123	5.6	
55-65 #	188	8.5	
65-75 #	839	38.1	
75-85 #	533	24.2	
85 # and up	412	18.7	

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JBS S.A. has pulled the plug on its plant-based venture, Planterra Foods, closing its manufacturing facility in Colorado and laying off the entire staff.

Planterra Foods' products were sold at retail under the OZO brand and were introduced in March 2020 with the introduction of burger patties, grounds and meatballs.

JBS told Foodmarket, "We continue to believe in the potential of plant-based options for consumers and remain committed to the alternative protein market. JBS will focus its efforts on its plant-based operations in Brazil and Europe, which continue to gain market share and expand their respective customer base."

Sales of plant-based products have declined, with supermarkets experiencing double-digit declines in dollars and volumes in the refrigerated segment, where the OZO brand made its debut, according to Foodmarket.

Credit: Western Livestock Journal

Bluetongue warning for sheep producers

https://www.capjournal.com/news/agriculture/bluetongue-warning-for-sheep-producers/article_65d5bc6a-48ac-11ed-9da8-5f69c16866bd.html

In mid-September, Custer County, Montana had a positive case of bluetongue in a sheep flock. Given their proximity and historically reported cases in west river deer populations, this virus is something to keep an eye out for. Bluetongue is spread through biting midges, and the cooler weather in the fall makes prime conditions for these insects to be active, primarily around water sources. The bluetongue virus causes damage to capillaries which leads to swelling, hemorrhaging, and inflammation. Clinical signs include lethargy, nose and mouth ulcers, face swelling, a swollen and blue-colored tongue, lameness, and inflamed and discolored coronet band above the hoof.

Credit: ASI News Weekly, Kyle Partain

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SWRCB Updates Curtailments on Multiple Watersheds

As of October 12, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has imposed a watershed-wide curtailment of all water rights on the Sacramento River watershed with a priority date of 1960 or later. In addition to this watershed-wide update, curtailments remain on the Cache Creek subwatershed for appropriative water rights with a priority date of 1859 or later and on the Putah Creek subwatershed for appropriative water rights with a priority date of 1948 or later.

As noted in previous updates, appropriative water rights have been curtailed within the San Joaquin River watershed with a priority date of 1919 or later and within the Legal Delta with a priority date of 1960 or later. Water right curtailments have been imposed on the Stanislaus River with a priority date of 1897 or later along with the Fresno River subwatershed with a priority date of 1855 or later. Curtailments remain on the Tuolumne River with a priority date of 1914 or later, on the Merced River subwatershed with a priority date of 1859 or later and on the Mokelumne River subwatershed with a priority date of 1890 or later. Additionally, all appropriative and riparian water right have been curtailed in both the Calaveras River and the Chowchilla River subwatersheds.

Mill Creek and Deer Creek watershed diverters were required to cease or reduce diversions for each water right or claim, to maintain the drought minimum flow of 50 cubic feet per second and to submit an online Compliance Certification Form by October 15. If you have not yet submitted the Compliance Certification forms, use the login credentials provided on the curtailment order you received in the mail and submit that information through the [Water Rights Form and Survey Submittal Portal](#).

Failure to submit a Compliance Certification Form may lead to enforcement action, including an Administrative Civil Liability Complaint that has potential fines of up to \$500 per day per water right for each day of non-compliance. Tutorials for completing the Compliance Certification Form and Monthly Enhanced Reporting Forms are available on the [Mill Creek and Deer Creek Drought response webpage](#) under the "Curtailment Orders, Lists, and Reporting Portal" tab.

For questions about curtailment and suspension notices or assistance completing the Compliance Certification forms, please contact the Rancher Technical Assistance Program at (916) 409-6902 or rtap@wrstrat.com.

Credit: CCA Legislative Bulletin



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California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) has partnered with CDFA to administer \$1 Million in Drought Relief Grants to small producers. Reimbursement grant amounts can range from \$1,000 to \$20,000. The first cycle of this grant will offer \$250k in direct producer funds and will last from Saturday, Oct 15, 2022, through January 15, 2023.

Producer Eligibility:

- Family farmers who are actively working the land, derive a portion of their income from their own farm business and are involved in day-to-day operations on the farm.
- Farmers whose operations make a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$400,000 in gross sales annually (If you are a new farmer, or have another limitation, and cannot claim at least \$10K in farm-based income, please include in your application a rationale for consideration.)
- Because of systems of historic oppression, the most vulnerable populations will bear the brunt of the impact of this crisis. For this reason, at least 50% of all grant funds will be awarded to farmers of color, immigrant farmers, and undocumented farmers.

Expenses can include but are not limited to:

- Increased electric utility bills of 50% or more due to increased electricity rates
- Surface water costs if increase from the year prior
- Cost of hauling water for livestock
- Lowering ag well pumps if a primary source of water is lost
- Emergency upgrades to irrigation system (paired with conservation) if not covered through CDFA OEFI -programs or USDA programs and for other emergency scenarios.

Not Covered:

- Drilling new well
- Upgrading pump to a larger size which would draw more water
- Contact your local Resource Conservation District to apply.

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Sheep and Shepherds the Focus of 2023 Society for Range Management Symposium

Rangeland sheep production has long been a part of Western North American landscapes, as well as pastoral systems throughout the world. While large-scale, open range sheep operations continue to be a key component of the sheep industry in the Western United States (producing protein and fiber products), sheep production systems are evolving to address emerging markets for products and services. Grazing behavior/preferences, breed diversity, vulnerability to predators, infrastructure needs, and animal husbandry requirements make sheep production substantially different from cattle production. This session at the 2023 Society for Range Management annual meeting in Boise, Idaho, will explore these differences by examining the relationships between sheep, people, and landscapes.

Hosted by Dan Macon (UCCE/CWGA) and Dr. Hailey Wilmer (U.S. Sheep Experiment Station) the session includes a combined symposium and workshop. The morning symposium will bring out a diversity of topics related to sheep production, and highlight key producer/steward perspectives, giving the range audience a glimpse at the current issues at play in sheep production today. The workshop will build on this energy, and provide any and all participants at the Annual Meeting the opportunity to network and brainstorm about future collaborations and ongoing research efforts. Range sheep production is incredibly creative, diverse, and adaptive. “We hope to bring this lens to the range science and management context of SRM, and to provide meaningful, practice-oriented information that can help enhance management of rangelands and production,” says Wilmer.

For more information on the meeting, go to <https://rangelands.org/>



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UC Cooperative Extension Workshop

Field Necropsy for Ranchers

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 - 9am - 12pm

Dixon, CA

Presented by

*Dr. Rosie Busch, Sheep and Goat Extension Veterinarian
UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
and*

*Dan Macon, Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor
UC Cooperative Extension - Placer/Nevada/Sutter/Yuba*

Join Dr. Busch and Dan Macon for a hands-on field day on conducting a basic gross necropsy on ewes and lambs. We discuss general anatomy and work through a checklist of necropsy procedures. We'll also discuss sample collection and costs associated with more detailed laboratory analyses.

Cost: \$50 per person (includes PPE supplies and hands-on activities).

Register at

<https://surveys.ucanr.edu/survey.cfm?surveynumber=39276>

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INGREDIENTS

For the Acorn Squash

- 4 large acorn squash
- 1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil
- salt + pepper

For the Filling

- 1 cup wild rice (measured while uncooked)
- 1 pound ground lamb
- salt + pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or butter
- 1/2 large yellow onion, diced
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 2 teaspoons dried sage
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme
- 2 medium honeycrisp apples, diced I don't bother peeling them
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries I used sweetened ones
- 1 cup Parmesan, for topping
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DIRECTIONS

Prep: Cook rice according to package directions. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Roast Acorn Squash: Slice the squash in half. Scoop out the seeds, leaving a hollow cavity in the middle of each half. Rub with olive oil, salt, and pepper. Place cut side down on a baking sheet and roast 30 minutes.

Make the Filling: Cook ground lamb, with a dash of salt and pepper, in a nonstick skillet or dutch oven over medium heat until done and browned through. Set aside. Wipe out the dutch oven, if using. Add 2 TBSP olive oil or butter, and add the diced onion and sautee over medium heat until it begins to soften. Add the garlic and celery with a pinch of salt and pepper, and the sage and thyme. Cook, stirring, until the celery is crisp tender. Add the apples, cranberries, and cooked rice and stir to combine. Add the meat last. Taste, and add more seasoning as desired.

Assemble + Finish Baking: Spoon the mixture into the hollowed out space in each of the squash halves, filling all the way full. Place the squash back on the baking sheet (right side up), sprinkle with parmesan (if using) and bake for 5-7 more minutes, until the cheese is melted.

Serve + Store: Enjoy immediately! Serve as a main dish as is, or slice each in half to be used as a side.

Make Ahead Tips: Store leftovers, tightly covered, in the fridge for up to 5 days.



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Upcoming Events

California Sheep Commission Board Meeting

December 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Location TBA

CWGA Board of Directors Meeting

December 8, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Wool Growers Restaurant, Los Banos

ASI Convention

January 18 – 21, 2023

Fort Worth, Texas



103rd Annual California Ram Sale

April 15, 2023

International Agri-Center, Tulare, CA

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FOR SALE

MERINO EWES

Fourteen Merino ewes for sale. Four 3-4 year old ewes and 10 yearling ewes. Color genetics includes mostly black dominant but there are black recessives and also white. Rafter 7 genetics. Flock is located near Winters, CA.

For more information, please contact Vicki Klaassen at vaklaassen@grazingdrylicreek.com or call 530-320-9830.

TARGETED GRAZING GOAT HERD

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