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Livestock & Poultry Program

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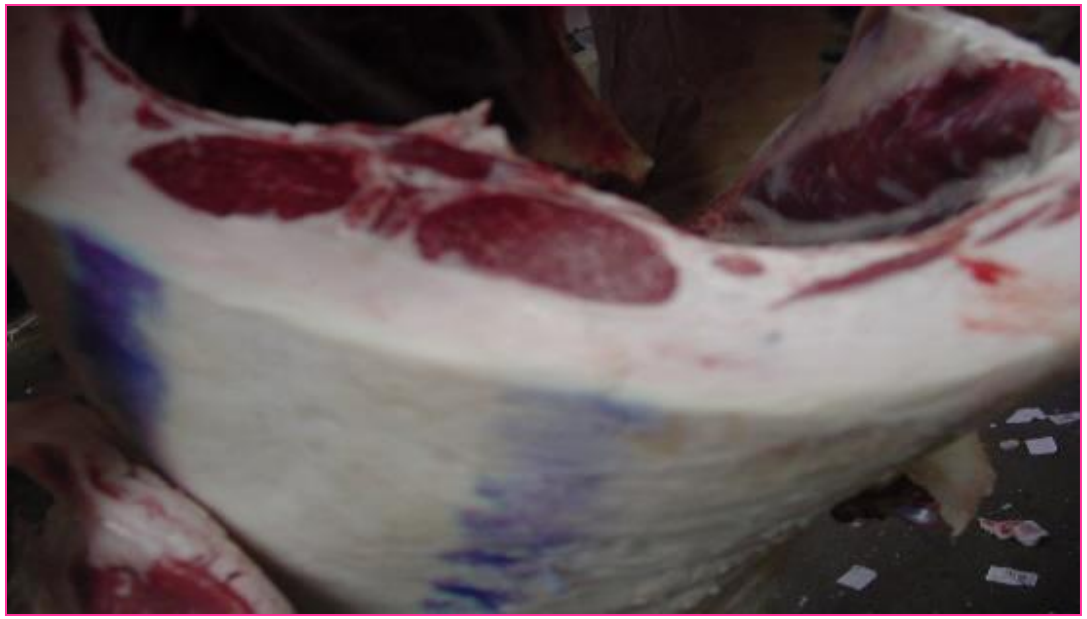
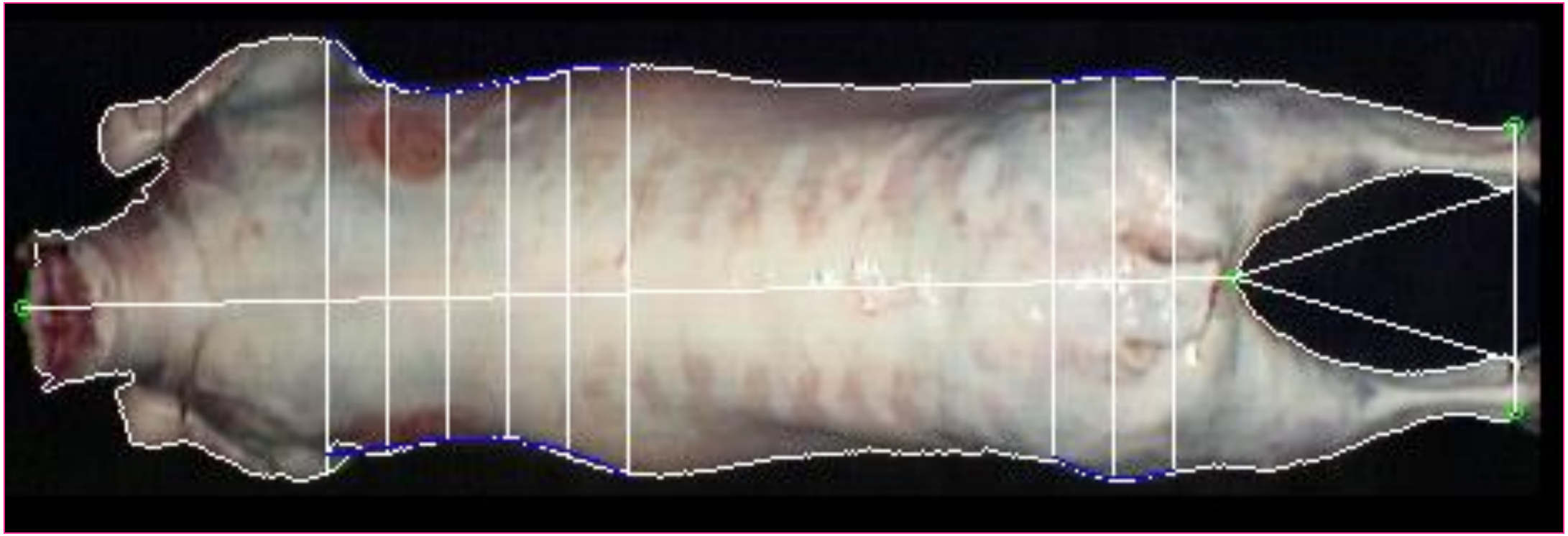
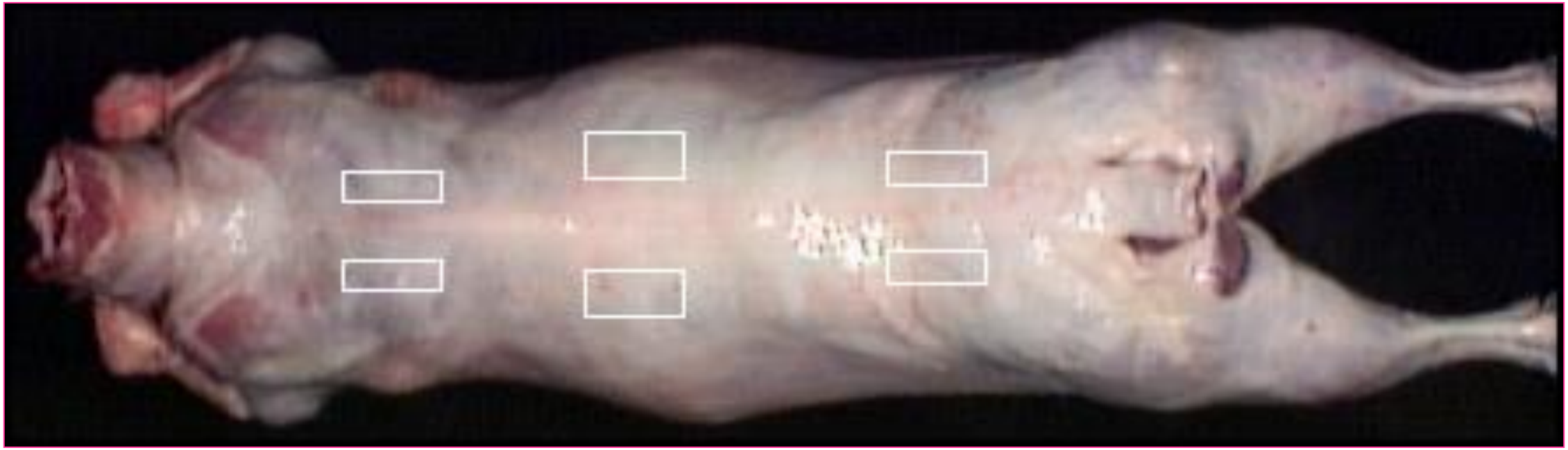


Lamb Vision System

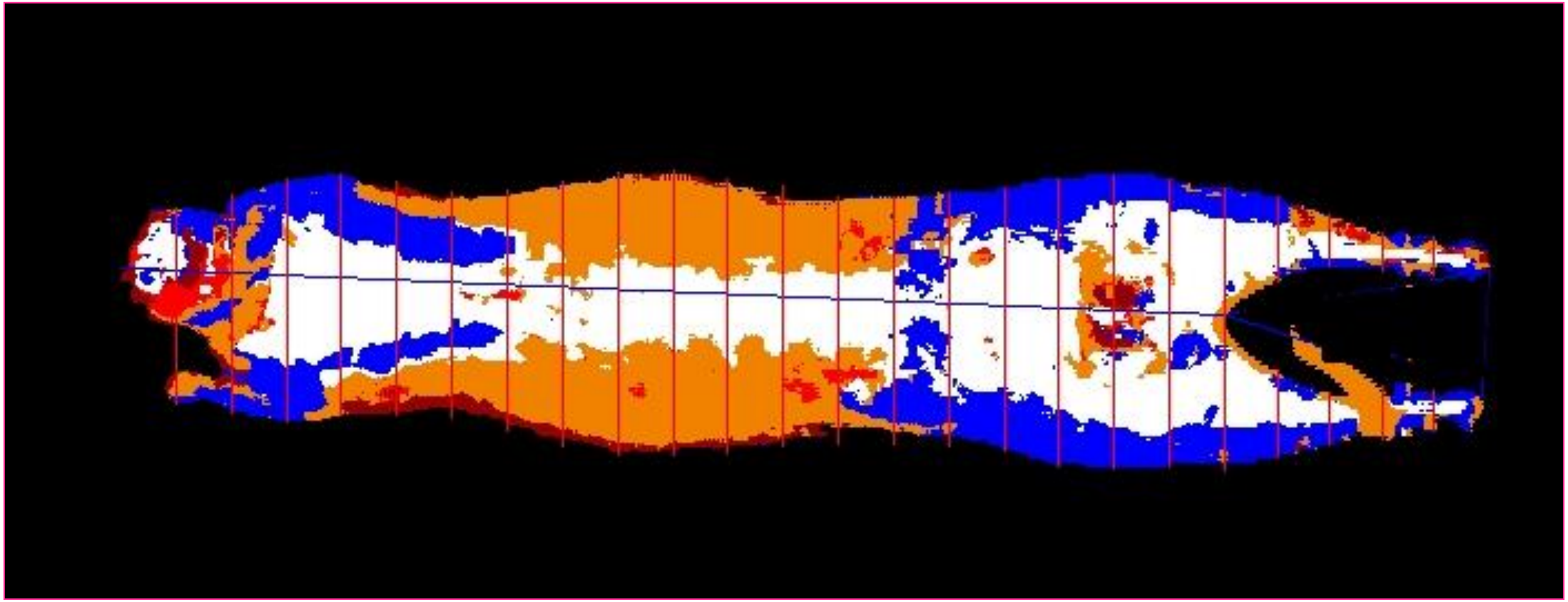
Lamb Carcass Outline, Anatomical Points and Basic Dimensional Measurements



Lamb Carcass Showing Fat Color and Thickness Analysis



Color Map and Profile of Lamb Carcass



2022 Lamb Grading summary

Lamb

Head Count Graded: 752.12K

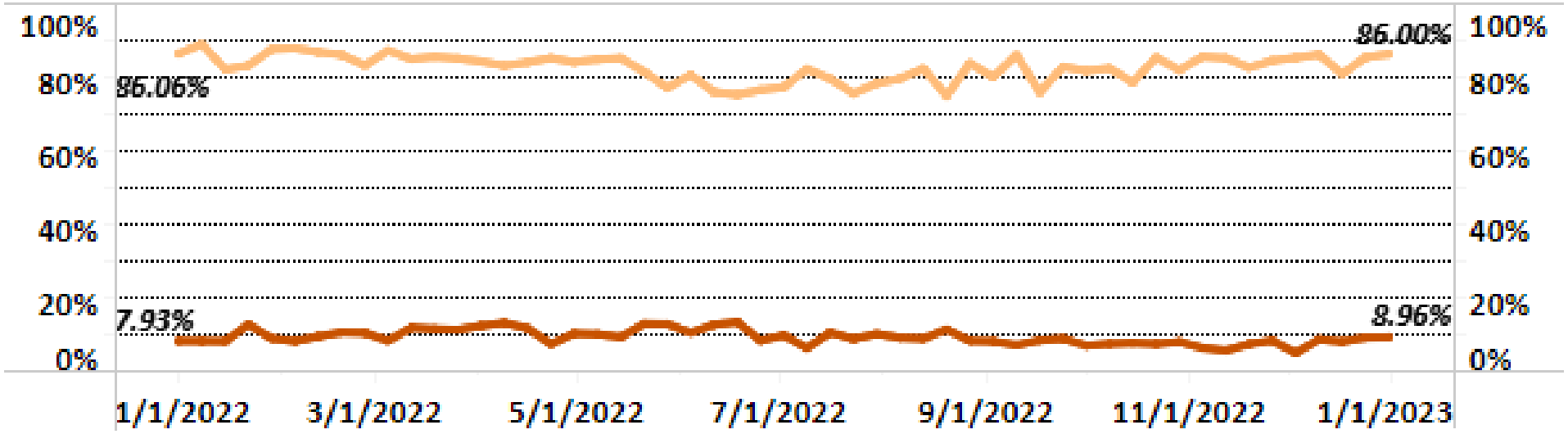
Head Count Offered: 822.45K

Prime Volume: 74.54K

Choice** Volume: 677.58K

Prime Pct: 9.06%

Choice** Pct: 82.39%



Quality Grade:

Prime Choice Select

*Other grade information refers to any head offer

**Choice metrics for Lamb grading *include* 'Choice

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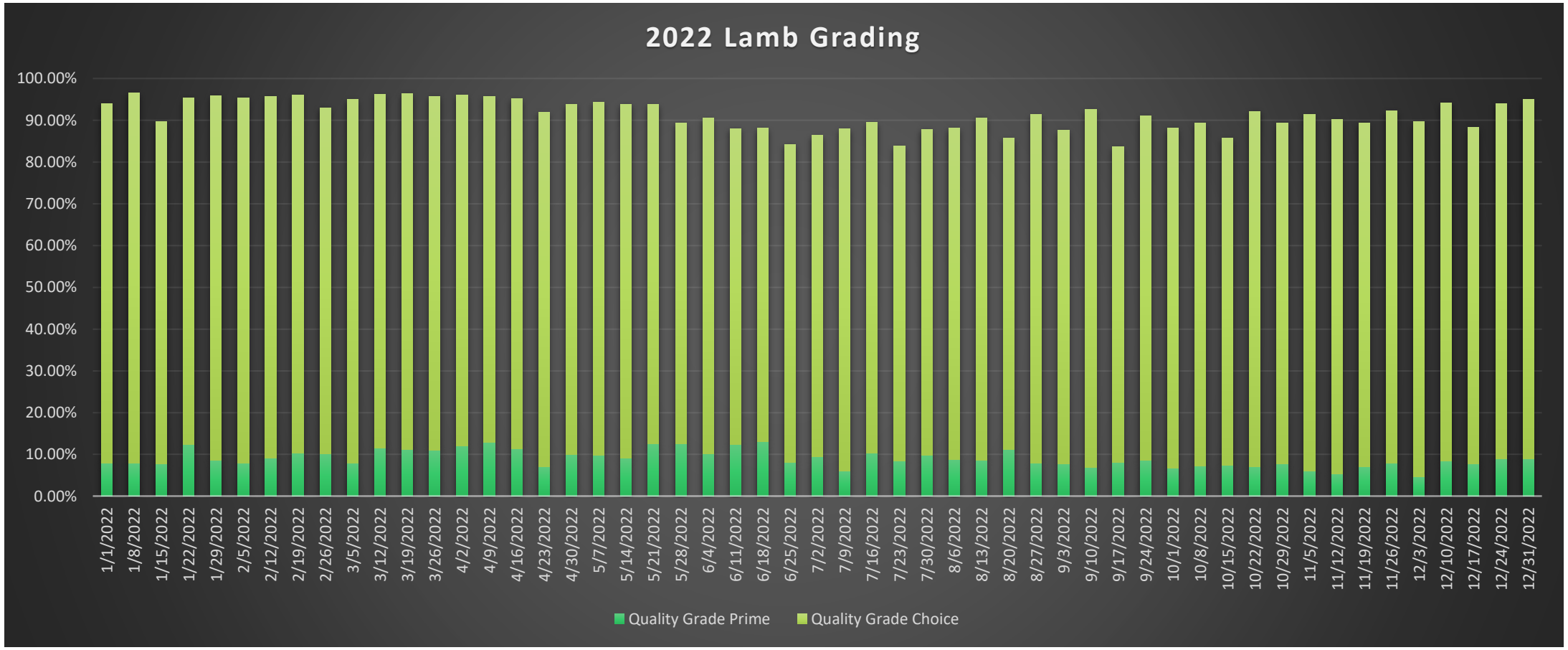

IMPS Updates

- Voluntary, consensus specifications
  - 100 Series – Fresh Beef
  - 200 Series – Fresh Lamb and Mutton
  - 300 Series – Fresh Veal and Calf
  - 400 Series – Fresh Pork
  - 500 Series – Cured, Cured and Smoked, Cooked Pork Products
  - 600 Series – Cured, Dried and Cooked Beef Products
  - 700 Series – Variety Meats and Edible By-Products
  - 800 Series – Sausage Products
  - 11 Series – Fresh Goat

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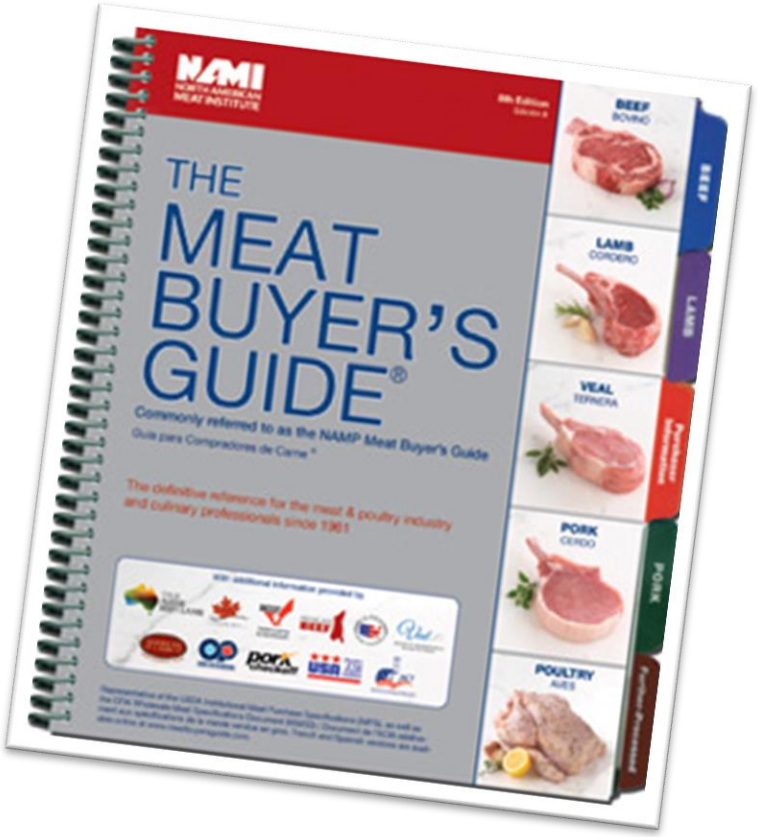
Meat Buyers Guide



Resources

- https://www.ams.usda.gov/grades-standards/lamb-grades-and-standards
- https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/agricultural.marketing.service.livestock.and.poultry.program/viz/LPPublicGradingDashboard/AMSLPLandingPage

Questions?