

Suffolk Newsletter

The United Suffolk Sheep Association

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As you evaluate your lamb crop, gather your lambing records and begin to fill out lamb registration applications, here's a few friendly reminders:

- The USSA Office has a new mailing address and fax number



PO Box 872000
Canton, MI 48187
Office: 641.684.5291
Fax: 734.335.7646
info@u-s-s-a.org

- Give yourself plenty of turn around time. Once papers are received in the office there can be up to a two week processing time depending on workload. If papers are need by a certain date, please indicate date needed. If papers are needed in 14 days or less from postmark date, there will be a rush fee applied (\$5 per head). The office intends to process work in a quick, efficient matter but during the height of the registration time, a slower turnaround time should be expected.
- Double check your lamb's information – flock number (ear tag), sire & dam registration numbers and flock numbers, birth type and birth date.
- Print legibly – If you want to type your registration applications, there are Excel documents available on the website that you can type in the necessary information, save a copy for your records then email, fax or

mail it to the office.

- For percentage sheep, please use an application for percentage registrations or, if you do not have a percentage form, please indicate the animals that are percentage registrations.
- Please include a breeding certificate if needed.
- For transfers, be sure to include a date of sale.
- If you would like to have transfers sent to the new owner, please include that on the submitted documents.
- Please indicate if flock copies are needed (\$1/head).
- All work orders should include \$3 for postage, shipping and handling.
- Don't forget to include a daytime phone number or email that you can be contacted at if there are questions at the time of processing.
- If you have not paid your 2014 membership dues, you can submit that with the work you send in.
- Payment is required at the time of submission. Accepted forms of payment include check, credit card or PayPal (there's a direct link to PayPal on the USSA website homepage).
- If you plan to fax applications, please make sure they are legible.

If there's anything that I can do to help registering lambs be a smooth process, please feel free to call or email me!

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...new members, returning past members (whom have not been active in recent years)
and past UJSSA members who have joined the USSA during March.

Martha Gosney, Kentucky
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USSA Committee Notes

Futurity Committee, Submitted by Rex Quam, Committee Chair

The ewe lamb and yearling ewe futurity programs will be set-up the same as last year, however, the winner will be announced after the NAILE Open Suffolk Show rather than December 1st. All points, other than those earned at NAILE, will need to be submitted to the USSA Office by November 1st.

Hall of Fame Committee, Submitted by Paul Skartvedt, Committee Chair

Again, this year, the USSA will honor a select group of individuals who have contributed to the Suffolk Breed at the USSA Annual Meeting in November. If there is an individual you would like to suggest to the committee for consideration, contact the USSA Office by May 1st.

**NEWS
FLASH!**

The USSA Amnesty Program Returns!

The USSA Amnesty Program is back, but just for a short time! Did you miss out on the amnesty program last time? Are you a little behind on registrations? Now's your chance to play catch-up. Take advantage of this opportunity to register sheep over the age of one year old for just \$6 per head! No late registrations fees, hooray! This includes percentage registrations. Don't miss out on this limited time opportunity! Last time the amnesty program was in effect one member registered over 200 sheep, with records dating back to the early 1980s! WOW, now that's a project! Do you have a project of your own?

The USSA Amnesty Program ends on Tuesday, July 1, 2014!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Have a Suffolk related event you would like to add to the calendar of events? Email your event to: news@u-s-s-a.org. Event flyers, show rules and entry forms can be found on the USSA website event page. The newsletter may not contain all upcoming events. To find a full listing, please visit : www.u-s-s-a.org or www.ujssa.org.

April

- 19 MacCauley Suffolks Club Lamb Sale, 6 pm at Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville, PA
- 25-27 MacCauley Suffolks Online Production Sale wllivestock.com
- 26 Quam Suffolks On-Farm Sale—Open house April 19th www.quamsuffolksandhampshires.com/
- 28-29 Stars of the North Online Ewe & Stud Ram Sale wllivestock.com

May

- 3 Kimm Suffolks 26th Annual Production Sale, Cedar Rapids, Iowa www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm
- 8-10 **National Suffolk Sale**—in conjunction with the Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, Ohio
- 17 Heart of Iowa Suffolk Sale, Parkersburg, IA Info: Kenny Capron 319-231-4497 or Wayne Skartvedt 515-291-8551. web: www.SkartvedtSuffolks.com
- 24-25 Great Lakes Show & Sale, Wooster, Ohio
- 29-31 Nugget All-American Show & Sale, Nugget Casino, Sparks, Nevada www.nuggetallamerican.com
- 29-30 Reno Classic All-Breeds Sheep Show & Sale, Livestock Events Center, Reno, Nevada

June

- 1 **USSA Ambassador Applications due to the USSA Office**
- 14 Midwest Junior Preview Show, Sedalia, MO www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com
- 15 **National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Entries due to the USSA Office**
- 23-28 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, Missouri <http://midwestramsale.com/>

July

- 1 **USSA AMNESTY PROGRAM ENDS**
- 3-6 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, Kansas www.ujssa.org
- 13-16 Howard Wyman Leadership School, Dixon, California <http://nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html>
- 18-19 Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sale, Heber City, Utah
- 31 2014 Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fair, contact Sam & Pat Wiford; entries due July 6th

August

- 1 **Letter of Intent due to the USSA Office for USSA Board Elections**

October

- 1 **Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship and USSA Scholarship applications due to the USSA Office**



Have something to share?

We're looking for photos, news, show and sale information, classified ads, recipes, helpful hints & tips, educational opportunities and questions for the question and answer section to include in the Suffolk Newsletter! Or anything else that may be of interest to fellow Suffolk Breeders you would like to share! If you have any suggestions on other items that should be included in the Suffolk Newsletter, please send those ideas as well! Please submit information by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Information can be emailed to news@u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

Notes for UJSSA Members

Attention Suffolk Breeders! Would you be willing to help the UJSSA plan and coordinate the 2014 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in Hutchinson, Kansas? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Connor Vincent.

2014 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship Would you like to help sponsor the 2014 National Junior Suffolk Show? If you are interested in sponsoring a specific class or would like to just be a general sponsor please contact Connor Vincent, Amanda Dobson, Rebecca Krinsky or the USSA Office! The sponsor sheet is posted on the UJSSA Website.

UJSSA Fundraisers

The UJSSA is selling T-Shirts and Sweatshirts to raise funds for the upcoming 2014 National Junior Suffolk Show in Hutchinson, Kansas. Shirts can be ordered by contacting the USSA Office. **Prices include the cost of shipping.*

T-Shirts \$15*
Sweatshirts \$30*



Support the UJSSA - Fundraiser Lunch at the National Suffolk Sale, Eaton, Ohio

The UJSSA will be having a fundraiser lunch held on Friday from noon to 4pm in the chicken barn. Lunch includes pulled BBQ lamb with chips beans and a drink. All proceeds go to UJSSA activities!

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The UJSSA is on facebook!

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QUAM SUFFOLKS & HAMPSHIRE

9th Annual On Farm Sale April 26

Viewing From
10 AM - 1 PM

Come to our Barn Open House 1PM Saturday April 19th!
If you are unable to attend, we can have someone on the phone with you that day.

www.quamsuffolksandhampshires.com

Goat Sale 12:45 PM
Sheep Sale 1 PM
Delivery to Ohio Available.



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JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM, NAILE
Most of our Suffolks will
carry the same genetics!

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REX
AND
MALINDA'S
FARM

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Today Or Visit
Our Website for
More Information!



QUAM 11218 RRNN
Our popular February Ram
Lamb shown at Louisville!

Selling:

- 20 Suffolks
- 10 Hampshires
- 5-10 Boer Goats
- Few Southdowns

Videos,
pedigrees,
& base prices
will be on
our website
by April 15th



QUAM 11073
Mumm Hamps, IL
Won 1st at Indiana and at
Illinois and Kentucky



His Lambs
Sell!

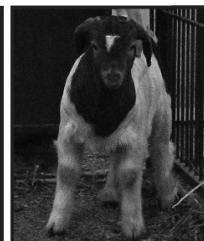
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to the
Cox stud!
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CHAMPION
RAM
2013
MINNESOTA
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CONGRATULATIONS
TO BROEHM ENTERPRISES!

Broehm
Enterprises
won several
state fairs with
a daughter of
QUAM 11015,
"COLLATERAL
DAMAGE"
our top-selling
ram last year to
Russ Knutzen!

We will offer
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OHIO SALE WEEKEND UJSSA FUNDRAISER

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SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

1 page—\$200/month
1/2 page—\$100/month
1/4 page—\$50/month

Ads should be emailed to:
news@u-s-s-a.org. Please
include the ad size and which
months the ad should be
run. Ads must be "publish-
ready". Submit ads by the
25th of the month to ensure
they will be included in the
next newsletter.




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Registered Suffolks & Polled Shorthorns

Our Suffolk genetics cannot be found anywhere else because of our use of classic Suffolk rams from the 70's and 80's through AI. They are outcross genetics that emphasize production.

We offer free delivery from our farm in Perrydale, Oregon to the Midwest. We currently have lambs going to 5 Midwestern states and one "lucky" ram lamb moving to Hawaii.

Whisper 1AA

Pictured 3/24/2014 in her working clothes at 7 1/2 years of age and weight of 314lbs. She currently is raising triplets for the 4th consecutive year that were born 2/7/2014. We have her great-great granddaughters in the flock. She truly represents what Suffolk ewes were known for 20-30 years ago. Fortunately our unique breeding program still produces ewes of this quality.

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Updates of Interest to Ewe

Sheep Center Nominations Open

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is seeking nominations for individuals to serve on the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center (NSIIC) board of directors. Nominations are due to the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) by May 1.

The board will have three vacancies. Members whose appointments will expire are Linda Campbell (Va.) and Rochelle Oxarango (Idaho), both representing producers, and Greg Ahart (Calif.), representing expertise in marketing. Neither Campbell nor Oxarango are eligible to be re-nominated because of term limits. Ahart is eligible to be re-nominated to his current position.

ASI is certified to nominate members to the NSIIC board. The ASI executive board will meet via a conference call in May to make nominations. Nomination forms and information can be found at www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/NSIIC.

The sheep center was established as part of the 2008 Farm Bill and its board administers a grant program designed to improve the competitiveness of the U.S. sheep and goat industries.

APPLY TO REPRESENT THE U.S. SHEEP INDUSTRY AT THE WORLD YOUNG SHEPHERD CHALLENGE IN FRANCE

For More Information Contact: Judy Malone, (303) 771-3500, ext. 35, or judym@sheepusa.org

Denver, Colo. -- The American Sheep Industry Association's (ASI) Young Entrepreneur Committee is spearheading the search for two candidates to represent the U.S. sheep industry at the 2nd World Ovinpiades competition in France on Sept. 28 - Oct. 4. Twenty countries have been invited to enter two participants in this two-day competition where contenders will challenge each other in multiple proficiency areas related to the sheep industry.

The World Challenge is open to college students between the ages of 19 and 23, inclusive. Some of the competencies that will be included in the challenge are:

- Sheep breed recognition
- Ewe sorting
- Foot trimming
- Body condition of ewes
- Body condition score of lambs
- Ewes manipulation
- Quad efficiencies
- Quad with a trailer competency
- Sheep shearing

In addition to the competition, participants will have the opportunity to meet with other young shepherds from around the world, participate in farm visits, sporting activities and explore the region.

There are two parts to the application process:

1. Upload a short video selling yourself as a competitor for the competition as well as demonstrate the skills necessary to compete in the categories listed above.
2. Complete the application found on the home page of www.sheepusa.org.

ASI must receive the video and application by May 1. Participants and alternates will be notified by June 1. Two all-expenses-paid trips to the event in France representing the United States will be awarded to the top two finalists; spending money will be the responsibility of the contestant.

Contest questions can be directed to Burdell Johnson at bjohnson@fafrn.com or by calling 701-320-5687. Send applications to Judy Malone at judym@sheepusa.org.

Sheep Heritage Foundation Memorial Scholarship

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

Through the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), a Sheep Heritage Foundation Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 is being made available for sheep-related graduate studies. The scholarship is for the advancement of the sheep, lamb and wool industry through financial support of a graduate-level (MS or Ph.D.) student attending a school in the United States.

Applicant requirements:

- be a graduate student involved in sheep and/or wool research in such areas as animal science, agriculture economics or veterinary medicine with proof of graduate school acceptance,
- complete an application, and
- present two letters of reference.

The application form can be downloaded from the home page of www.sheepusa.org or obtained by contacting ASI, Attn: Memorial Scholarship, 9785 Maroon Circle, Suite 360, Englewood, CO 80112, 303-771-3500 or email mary@sheepusa.org.

2014 National Junior Suffolk Show Entry Form

Hutchinson, Kansas

July 3-6, 2013

Entries must be postmarked by **June 1, 2013**, to avoid the double entry fee. Use a separate form for each exhibitor. All exhibitors must be a current member of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association: Annual dues are \$15.00.

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: Child S M, Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL

Address: _____ Daytime Telephone Number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email Address _____

Birthday: _____ Age on Day of the Show (7/6/2013) _____ Flock Name _____

Leadership Contests

Indicate age classification (age as of 7/6/2014) for the leadership contest(s) you plan to enter.

There are no additional entry fees for leadership contests.

Public Speaking

(option of PowerPoint)

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Suffolk Quiz Bowl

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

"Ewe" Lead with Wool

____ Youth (8 & under)

____ Junior (9-14)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Dress a Sheep Contest

____ Junior

____ Senior

Fitting Contest

Pre-entry for the fitting contest is required to guarantee a sheep for this contest.

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Judging Contest

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Advertising Contest**

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Essay Contest**

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Scrapbook Contest **

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

____ Family

Photography Contest **

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

****Exhibitor Age – to be a UJSSA member the individual, shall not have reached 22 years prior to January 1st of the current year. With this rule, there will be individuals who have reached 22 years old by the day of the show whom are eligible to participate.***

*****UJSSA members do not have to be present at the Junior Show to enter these contests.***

Number of people planning to attend the banquet Saturday evening: _____

There is no charge for the banquet to UJSSA members and families. Only those who specify above how many individuals will be in attendance to the banquet will have guaranteed seating.

Mail your payment and entry form to:

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association

PO Box 872000

Canton, MI 48187

UJSSA annual membership dues (\$15/yr) _____

Total sheep entries: _____ x \$12.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Important Notes to Exhibitors for the 2014 NJSS:

- A hotel room block have been made. Please check the UJSSA website www.ujssa.org or contact the USSA Office at 641.684.5291 for details.
- RV parking with electric only close to barn is \$15/night. RV parking with full hookups \$20/night.

Division 1-6: Market Lambs & Wether Dams

* For Suffolk Wether Dams, please include USSA Registration Number. Appendix registered wether dams show as Suffolk-Cross dams.

** For Suffolk and Suffolk-Cross Wether Dams, please include birth date and sire and dam information.

Division 1- Suffolk Market Lambs

Division 3- Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams

Division 5- Suffolk-Cross Yearling Wether Dams

Division 2- Suffolk-Cross Market Lambs

Division 4- Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams

Division 6- Suffolk-Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dams

Division	Private Flock Name & Number	USSA Reg. Number*	Birth date**	Sire Flock Name & Number**	Dam Flock Name & Number**

Divisions 7 through 31: Breeding Sheep

Maximum – 2 entries per division per exhibitor. Only one entry per sheep. Entry fee is \$12 per head.

Division 7- Yearling Rams

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 8-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ram

Division 9- Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)

Division 10- Jr. Ram Lambs

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 11-Jr Champ Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)

Division 12-Grand Champion Slick Shorn Ram

Division 13- Yearling Rams

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 14-Senior (Fall) Rams

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 15-Sr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 16- Junior Ram Lambs

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 17- Jr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 18-Gr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 19- Yearling Ewes

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 20-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ewes

Division 21-Sr Champ Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

Division 22- Jr. Ewe Lambs

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 23-Jr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

Division 24-Gr Champ Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

Division 25-Yrlg Ewes/Weaned a Lamb

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 26- Yearling Ewes

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 27- Senior (Fall) Ewes

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 28-Sr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 29-Junior Ewe Lambs

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 30-Jr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 31- Gr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division	Private Flock Name & Number	USSA Reg. Number	Birth date	Sire Flock Name & Number	Dam Flock Name & Number

OFFICIAL CONSENT FORM

As an exhibitor of the National Junior Suffolk Show, I **fully understand** and **agree to comply** with all the rules listed on the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Assn website. Failure to do so will disqualify me and forfeit my premiums.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian must also sign if exhibitor is under 18 years of age. This statement must be signed, by the exhibitor listed on the application of this form, in order to participate in the show.

2014 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 3– 6, 2014

Kansas State Fairgrounds • Expo Center • Hutchinson, Kansas

Thursday – July 3th

8 am	Entries may begin to arrive on fairgrounds
7 pm	Judging Contest
8-11 pm	Market Lamb and Production Weigh-in
10 pm	DEADLINE for Sheep Arrival

Friday – July 4th

A complimentary lunch will be available from 11:30 – 1:00.

A complimentary snack will be available from 2:30 – 3:00.

8:00 am	Breakfast Social – Meet your UJSSA Directors!
9 am	Market Lamb Show Followed by Market Lamb Showmanship
10 am	DEADLINE for BREEDING SHEEP CHECK-IN
11:30am	Slick Shearing Demonstration hosted by Weaver Leather (with All-American)
12 pm	Public Speaking Contest
12:30 pm	DEADLINE for LEADERSHIP CONTESTS MATERIAL & UJSSA Director Applications
1:00 pm	Ice Cream Social sponsored by Kansas Dairy Commission (with All-American)
1 pm	Quiz Bowl
3 pm	Fitting Contest
5 pm	UJSSA Director Interviews
6:00 pm	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament & Blome Pizza Party (sign-up required, with All-American)

Saturday – July 5th

A complimentary lunch will be available from 11:30 – 1:00.

A complimentary snack will be available from 2:30 – 3:00.

7:00 am	Exhibitor & Family Breakfast sponsored by Kaufman Seeds & Tom Clayman Family
8 am	Breeding Sheep (EWES) Show including Production Classes
	Selection of Champion Ewe
3 pm	Breeding Sheep Showmanship (or immediately following ewe show)
3:30 pm	"Ewe" Lead with Wool Contest
Evening -TBA	Banquet

Sunday – July 6th

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Dress-A-Sheep Contest
8:30 am	Breeding Sheep (RAMS) Show including Production Classes
	Selection of Champion Ram
	Following the Ram Show
	State Flock
	Team Showmanship Contest
	Adult Showmanship
	Good Shepherd Award Presentation
Release	
12:00 am (midnight)	All Sheep Off Fairgrounds

-All Weekend: Discounted Local Activities -

Strataca/Kansas Underground Salt Museum: free dark ride tram tour with purchase of ticket

Salt City Splash Aquatic Center: 20% discount on admission

Cosmosphere: \$2.00 discount on tickets Friday

Webinar Series: National Sheep Improvement Program

The National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) is a quantitative genetic selection tool designed to help sheep and goat producers make good breeding decisions.



Date	Topic	Speaker
May 1	How the sheep industry can benefit from NSIP	Dr. Robert Banks
May 8	How the goat industry can benefit from NSIP	Dr. Ken Andries
May 15	How, when, and what data to collect	Cody Hiemke
May 22	Challenges of moving to a performance- based flock	Bill Shultz
May 29	How to enter and submit data	Dr. Chris Schauer
June 5	How to use the data	Producer Panel

All webinars will begin at 8 p.m. EST and last for approximately 1 hour.

To pre-register for one or more webinars, send an e-mail to pthomas@umd.edu. Log-in information will be sent via e-mail.

University of Maryland Extension programs are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, marital or parental status, or national origin.



NSIP (National Sheep Improvement Program) UPDATE

By: Alan Culham, NSIP Terminal Sire Representative

Exciting things are going on in the sheep industry that will provide great opportunities for Suffolk breeders if we can position ourselves to take advantage of them.

The National Lamb Board which is funded by your check-off dollars from the sale of your lambs at market commissioned a study "The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project" otherwise known as the "Hale Report". This study was designed to address changes needed in the sheep industry to best position us for growth, if not survival into the future.

Targeted areas included increased efficiency of production, improved carcass cutability and consistency of the product, as well as increased use of quantitative genetic selection for seedstock with those traits important to commercial sheep production.

This coupled with the recent publication of research done at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho that identified Suffolks as the breed most suited as the terminal sire breed contributing the most to the profitability and efficiency of western range flocks. Within the group of Suffolk rams used for the study, offspring of rams from flocks enrolled in NSIP (National Sheep Improvement Program) clearly outperformed Suffolk rams from those flocks that were not. This research identifies suffolks and the use of genetic evaluations as meeting the goals spelled out in the "Hale Report".

NSIP in an attempt to serve the sheep industry by providing those rams needed to accomplish the goals of the Hale Report has offered the following incentives to encourage enrollment and use of NSIP.

Any new flock or inactive flock (previously enrolled did not submit data last year) would have their annual flock fees waived for one year.

Members under 22 years of age get their flock fees waived for 3 years.

In addition new flocks will be assigned a mentor to answer questions and assist the training of producers in how to submit data and interpret the results of their genetic evaluations.

Suffolks are unique in being one of the few sheep breeds that can actually contribute to the viability of the commercial sheep industry on a large scale. Let's not let this opportunity slip through our grasp. Enroll your Suffolk flock in NSIP!

If you would like more information on NSIP feel free to contact Bill Shultz at BUNKERHILLFARM@GMAIL.COM or Alan Culham at CULHAMA@MSU.EDU. You can also visit the NSIP website at NSIP.org which lists current active breeders, enrollment forms and a wealth of information about increasing performance through genetics.

You can find more information about NSIP on their website—www.nsip.org.

The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project



[Click Here](#) to access the American Lamb Board's Final Lamb Industry Roadmap Report!

Educational Opportunities

Webinar: Managing Your Pastures Better

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

The first Grow Our Flock webinar for 2014 has been scheduled. Managing Your Pastures Better: Management Intensive Grazing (MIG) 101 will be offered on April 22 at 5 p.m. MDT. Register now by going to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5755892051703340802>. After registering, a confirmation email about joining the webinar will be sent.

Sheep are magnificent animals that evolved to eat grass. A sheep's rumen allows it to thrive on high-fiber forage and effectively convert sunlight and atmospheric nitrogen into valuable human products like meat, wool and milk. But how can shepherds use sheep to harvest this forage in a profitable and sustainable way?

By grazing, shepherds can use sheep to harvest this forage in a profitable and sustainable way. Good grazing requires knowledge and good technique. This webinar will discuss how forages grow, how to use sheep to manage forage in a sustainable and efficient way and the principles of MIG. By properly managing forages, feeding costs can be reduced, pastures improved, weeds reduced, break-even price reduced and profits increased.

Host Jay Parsons, Ph.D., Colorado State University and Optimal Ag Consulting, and presenter, Woody Lane, Ph.D., Lane Livestock Services, a livestock nutritionist and forage specialist, will offer this valuable information.

California Wool Schools Scheduled

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

A wool classing school will be held at the Hopland Research and Extension Center, Hopland, Calif., on April 27-29.

The focus of the school is to provide the U.S. sheep industry with trained wool classers who can assist in improving the quality of the domestic wool clip, which is imperative to American wool becoming more competitive and available in the international as well as domestic markets.

Some of the topics to be covered include wool fiber growth, objective measurement of wool, genetic selection programs, wool contamination, handling practices and packaging, labeling and marking. To fine tune the skill of wool classing, students will work with a very experienced wool classer who works in most of the western states during shearing season and handles a wide variety of wool.

The cost of the classing school is \$185 per student and includes all educational materials, a wool resource notebook, wool samples and a wool handling and shearing DVD and covers the cost of the facility.

Ron Cole, wool education coordinator for the American Sheep Industry Association, will be leading the course. For more information or to register for the course, go to <http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/?calitem=233179&g=5114>.

A shearing school is also being offered in California. This year's class is full, however, to be added to the list of interested participants for future classes, go to http://cemendocino.ucanr.edu/Sheep_Shearing_School/.

May 8—10

NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE

Held in conjunction with the Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, Ohio

2014 HOWARD WYMAN SHEEP INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: February 19, 2014 Contact: National Lamb Feeders Association, 503-364-5462

2014 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School now open for registration. Participants 20 years of age or older who are interested in all aspects of sheep production, may now register for the July 13 – 16, 2014 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School to be held in Dixon, California. In addition to increasing participants' knowledge and understanding of today's changing livestock and meat producing industry, this year's school, will focus on the less common by-products that come from lambs.

The program includes an extensive tour of the Superior Farms Dixon processing facility, and discussion on offal production, pelts, and ovine blood collected for research purposes. Dr. Melissa VanLaningham, Director of Food Science at Superior Farms, will serve as School Coordinator.

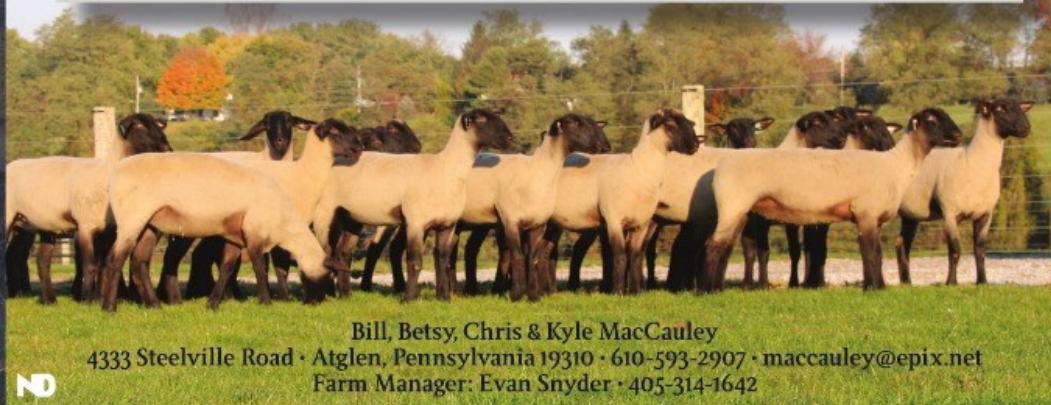
Limited to 25 students, school participants will tour a nearby rendering facility, a retail grocery market and a pet food packaging facility.

There is no fee to apply; though if accepted, each attendee must submit a registration fee of \$200 for meals, lodging and tour-related expenses. Participants are responsible for their own travel. For school agenda and electronic registration form, visit <http://www.nlfa-sheep.org/leadership.html>.

Major sponsors of the program include the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, American Lamb Board and contributors to NLFA's Legacy Fund. For more information, call the NLFA office at 503.364.5462 or email info@nlfa-sheep.org.

MacCauley Suffolks *online production sale*

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ONLINE SALE HELD AT WLIVESTOCK.COM



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USSA Members only. Ads are free. Must be sheep related: animals, vehicles, trailers, equipment, transportation, working dogs, etc. Include your contact information. Email you ad to: news@u-s-s-a.org. The newsletter may not contain all of the classified ads or include photos that are posted with the classified ad. To find a full listing, please visit our website: www.u-s-s-a.org.

2 Yearling Proven Stud Rams For Sale

MacCauley 2715 is a product of NAILE Reserve Champion 2479 and MacCauley 2504. Bloodlines include on the sires side MacCauley 2130 (Grand Sire) Reserve Champion Naile, MacCauley 1955 (Great Grand Sire) Grand Champion Naile and Donner Trail Ranch "Goldstreak" Highest selling ram of that year sold at the Nugget. The dam's side has Lost River's Indian Outlaw. This super correct very muscular, filled out slick or fitted ram is a great addition to any flock.

Skartvedt 4509 is a product of KJ Lansing 2873 "Clifford" and Skartvedt 4367. Bloodlines include Quam 867 "Northern Connection" and Heggemeier 01-55 "Perfect Gem". This ram is a great ram with some great genetics and will produce great lambs. He may not have as many big names in him as others but he will make up for that with his lambs.

Don't miss your opportunity to have one or both of these great rams in your flock. Delivery available to Sedalia and other major shows depending on availability of room. Call or email for prices. See web classified ad for photos.

More Information: Mark Weisberg, Weisberg Suffolks, mark@weisbergimp.com, 515-835-9230

Wanted

Looking to purchase a used hydraulic or winch sheep trimming stand.

More Information: Jim Kanable, Illinois phone: 815-307-6380 email: jkanable50@yahoo.com

Flock Liquidation—For Sale Private Treaty - Starting May 1, 2014

With mixed feelings I am liquidating my Suffolk flock due to retirement & disability after 52 continuous years of raising registered, quality Suffolks. Wether type & Breeding type sheep of all ages available. Visit the USSA website to view flyer.

More Information: Hugh Lesnet, Lesnet Suffolks Phone: 419-485-0435

Registered Suffolk Flock For Sale

Ewes: 15 brood ewes from 3-6 years old, 6 yearling ewes; 5 sired by Dreher 1-1539, 3 fall ewe lambs sired by Dreher 1-1539.

Rams: Dreher 3-1892 - a big yearling ram we bought to breed to 1539's daughters. Used by Oak Hill Farm (Nebraska) for 2014 lambs. Big, tall, correct buck. Dreher 1-1539 - one of Dreher's lead rams in 2012 that we purchased privately off the ranch. A heavy-boned, big body, rugged ram whose lambs are vigorous and fast-growing. One of his daughters was class-winning ewe lamb at the 2013 Ohio Suffolk Sale.

2014 lamb crop: Sired by Dreher 1-1539 and MSU 3117.

All sheep are RRNN. Sheep priced to sell. Pictures available upon request. Can arrange delivery to Ohio Suffolk Sale and Sedalia.

More Information: R&R Suffolks, Randy and Ruth Hodges, North Branch, MI; hodgesrk@yahoo.com, 810.441.6218

Fitter-Looking for a fitter to fit some sheep

Looking for a reputable Fitter to fit sheep for Sedalia, (Ohio?) and possibly a couple other sales and shows. Located in central Iowa so they must be willing to travel or etc. Looking now so I have someone lined up come show time. I would like some References and reference pix.

More Information: Mark, Weisberg Suffolks 515-835-9230

USSA Ambassador Applications

Due: June 1, 2014

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view the USSA Ambassador guidelines and application. The USSA Ambassador rules and application can also be requested from the USSA Office.

2014 NUGGET ALL-AMERICAN INVITATIONAL SHOW AND SALE

Submitted by Willoughby Sales

As we round the homestretch heading into our first year as the management for the Nugget All American Show and Sale we hope you are aware of the excitement and buzz taking place about the offering we will have in 2014! With this in mind we wanted to advise you that the online catalogue will go live on May 1, 2014. This is the buyer's first stop as they begin placing their wish lists into their virtual shopping cart. Your pictures and written descriptions are what will drive these buyers to inquire and learn more about your flocks. So please take the time to prepare for and submit the information to the Willoughby Sales offices on or before April 23rd, 2014.

A few keys to success:

- Professional, quality photographs
- Accurate, detailed descriptions
- Sell what you say you are going to sell! Not before, limit change outs!
- Valid contact information- return the calls or emails
- Meet the submission deadline
- Market the sale on your own website! Keep the information up to date! For further assistance with website needs contact Steva Robinson at The Novel Designs.

Finally, as we prepare for the sale I wanted to introduce our team who are there to serve you day in and out as well as assist you onsite during the Nugget Sale.

The Willoughby Sales Team:

Dan Willoughby- President and Owner, Willoughby Sales

Carol Willoughby- Public Relations, Human Relations and Marketing

Justin Willoughby- Sale Closing Manager and Web-Cast Engineer

Gail Slaton- Office Manager, Accounts Receivable

Mike Crowder- Sale Site Developer and Manager

Patti Douglass- Customer Service, Online Payment Specialist

Beth Whisman- Customer Service

Feel free to contact us at anytime and please do take the time to introduce yourself while enjoying the Reno All American Sale this May! It's always nice to put a face with the name.

Dan

*** Locate check-in and penning information at www.Nuggetallamerican.com or Stay up to the minute by logging onto www.championdrive.com.

ADVERTISE YOUR FLOCK AT THE 2014 NATIONAL JR. SUFFOLK SHOW!



In need of a banner to promote your flock? The UJSSA is selling banners again this year. The banners are 2 x4 and will be sold for \$50. This banners will be displayed at the Jr Show in July at Hutchinson, KS. Already have one? We can still display it at the show for \$25. If you are interested please contact Amanda Dobson adobson.rvt@gmail.com

Flock banners are hung near the National Jr. Suffolk Show show ring. See photo above for examples of flock banners hung in past junior shows.

The USSA Online Breeders Directory has been updated!

If you see an error or are not listed, but would like to be, contact the USSA Office!

www.u-s-s-a.org

Looking for a new lamb recipe to try?

Do you have a lamb recipe that is absolutely delicious you want to share? Do you have a child or junior that loves to cook? We'll feature their recipes, too! Please email it to news@u-s-s-a.org and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter!



Rosemary Braised Lamb Shanks

Prep Time: 30 minutes

Cook Time: 2 Hours

Ingredients:

2 Lamb Shanks

Salt & Pepper to taste

2 teaspoon of Olive Oil

1 medium onion, chopped

1 large carrot, cut in to 1/4 inch rounds

1 can (28 ounces) whole peeled tomatoes with juice

4 cloves garlic, minced

1 cup (750 milliliter) red wine

4 (10.5 ounce) can beef broth

2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

Directions:

Sprinkle shanks with salt and pepper. Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Working in batches, cook shanks until brown on all sides, about 8 minutes. Transfer shanks to plate.

Add onions, carrots and garlic to pot and saute until golden brown, about 10 minutes. Stir in wine, tomatoes and beef broth. Season with rosemary. Return shanks to pot, pressing down to submerge. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to medium-low. Cover, and simmer until meat is tender, about two hours.

Remove cover from pot. Simmer about 20 minutes longer. Transfer shanks to platter, place in a warm oven. Boil juices in pot until thickened, about 15 minutes. Spoon over shanks!

Special thanks to Lisa Webster, North Star Sheep Farm, for sharing this recipe!

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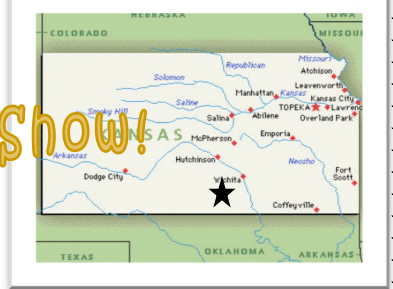
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Suffolk Scenes



"Sweetheart" had a surprise one morning for Larry and Linda Pauly - 5 ewe lambs!

Sheep Resources

The USSA Office often gets phone calls asking for resources producers can go to for sheep-related questions. The following are resources the office is aware of for producers to use. Since this may not be a complete list, if there are additional resources that you use and would like to share please email those to news@u-s-s-a.org.

New Sheep Producer Resource Website

Sheep Community of Practice is a new web-based tool available to sheep producers through the eXtension Foundation, a non-profit entity. This website offers a Ask the Expert Tool that will connect you with experts and allow you to ask questions. Through the Ask the Expert Tool, the producer can even attach images. The website also offers information about sheep feeding and nutrition, reproduction and breeding, management practices, genetic selection, health and veterinary care, grazing and pasture, and wool. To visit the Sheep Community of Practice website go to: <http://www.extension.org/sheep>

Ask a Sheep Vet

This website is a blog written by sheep veterinarian Dr. Kennedy of Pipestone Veterinary Clinic, Pipestone, MN. The blog contains answers to various sheep related questions, with new information added often. To visit Dr. Kennedy's blog please go to: <http://askavetsheep.wordpress.com/> Also, if you "LIKE" [Pipestone Vet Sheep-Goats](#) on Facebook, are several question and answers posted daily.

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