

Suffolk Newsletter

The United Suffolk Sheep Association

Reminder: The USSA Office has a new mailing address and fax number.



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Inside this issue:

Although it's been a long winter, it's hard to believe May is here! As lambing wraps up, field work has begun, kids are finishing up the school year – then next thing you know it's time for sales, shows, registrations, transfers, entry deadlines, fall breeding decisions... Please contact the USSA Office if we can assist with any of your last minute to-do list items! The USSA office is here to serve you! Also, if you need to get in touch with fellow USSA members and did not receive your 2014 directory, please call the USSA office, we will gladly get one sent to you. Directories will also be available at many of the upcoming sales.

Upcoming Events...

- If you're headed to the Nugget All-American or the Midwest Stud Ram Sale there will be various Suffolk events—check for signs posted at each event.
- If you are planning to attend the **2014 National Junior Suffolk Show**, July 3 - 6 in Hutchinson, Kansas, I think you'll be in for a great time! The UJSSA board is working hard to prepare for your arrival! If you are in need of hotel rooms, visit the UJSSA website or contact the USSA Office. For fur-

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ther details about the 2014 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show, please check the UJSSA website – www.ujssa.org.

Other Reminders:

Don't miss out- The USSA Amnesty Program ends July 1st! The USSA Amnesty Program is back, but only for a short time! The program ends July 1st. If you're a member who is behind on registry work, now's the time to get caught up! ALL REGISTRATIONS are \$6, no matter the age of the sheep!

Sending in Registry Work Soon? Here's just a few friendly reminders:

Looking for registration applications forms, a fee sheet, a membership application or any other documents needed during for your registrations? If so, look on the USSA website! These items can be found under the "Registration" tab. Don't have internet access? No problem! Contact the USSA Office and these items can be mailed to you. Just a friendly reminder May through August brings the majority of the Suffolk registry work to the office—expect turnaround time to be slower. If you need work processed in less than two weeks, rush fees apply. Also, make a note on your registrations applications and/or transfers that you need them returned by a certain date. We'll be certain to get them processed and back to you in time!

As always, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact the USSA Office! We're here to assist you!



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

Josh & Heather Ackman, Nebraska

David Addison & Family, Indiana

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Notes from USSA Directors

As a Director of District 2 and I so proud of the three other NEBRASKA Suffolk Breeders who advertised in the 2014 Suffolk Directory— Matt & Amy Beals, Dry Sandy Sheep Co., Red & Cathi Braasch, Braasch Land & Live-stock and Russ & Sue Knutzen, Knutzen Suffolks. Thanks so much, Virginia Gergen

USSA Committee Updates

Hospitality Committee

The USSA would like to invite all Suffolk breeders to our Social event on June 27 at 12:30pm during the Midwest Stud Ram Sale! We will be serving a complimentary lunch and drinks near the USSA booth. Come socialize or just stop and grab a bite to eat! Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Amanda Dobson , Hospitality Com-



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.

May

- 17 Heart of Iowa Suffolk Sale, Parkersburg, IA Info: Kenny Capron 319-231-4497 or Wayne Skartvedt 515-291-8551. web: www.SkartvedtSuffolks.com
- 17 Suffolk Breeders Limited Online Sale [View Sale Page](#)
- 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
- 30-31 West Virginia Purebred Sheep Breeders Assn Show and Sale, Tri-County Fairgrounds, Petersburg, WV

June

- 1 **National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Entries due to the USSA Office**
- 1 **USSA Ambassador Applications due to the USSA Office**
- 13-15 MacCauley Suffolks Sharing the Genes Online Sale www.wlivestock.com
- 14 Midwest Junior Preview Show, Sedalia, MO www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com
- 14 Illinois Junior Preview Show, Woodford County Fairground, Eureka, IL—see details in “Notes for UJSSA”
- 15 Vermillion County Open Sheep Show, Vermillion County Fairgrounds, Cayuga, IN.
Contact Scott Royer info@royertrailers.com
- 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**
- 30 Virginia Tech Sheep Center Production Sale Info - [view sale info](#)

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.

Illinois Junior Preview Show— June 14, 2014—Woodford County Fairground,Eureka, IL

Juniors, start your 2014 show season by attending the **June 14, 2014** Junior Preview Show. The Illinois Suffolk Breeders' and the Club Lamb Associations have joined together for an exciting show day for juniors under 21 years old. This is a fun, family oriented, and educational show with low entry fees and great prizes and awards for all participants.

It is conveniently located in **Eureka, Illinois** at the Woodford County Fairgrounds just 10 miles north of the I-74 Goodfield exit or west of I-39 at the El Paso exit. Sheep arrive Saturday morning and are released Saturday following the show. Suffolk check-in is at 8:00 am with show time at 9:30 am. Club lambs check-in at 10:00 am with show time at 1:00 pm.

Questions? Bill Royer email: royerfarm@aol.com or Cheryl Roelfsema email: croelf@mtco.com(815-795-5030)



UJSSA Fundraisers

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

Sweatshirts \$30*



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The UJSSA is on facebook!

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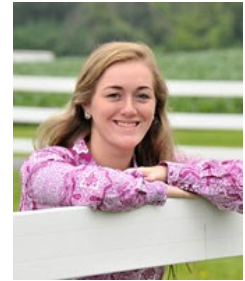
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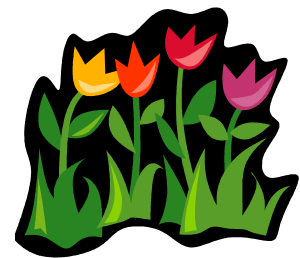
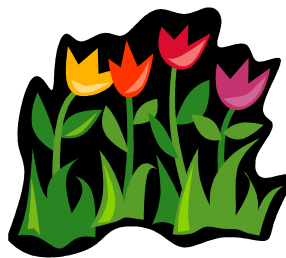
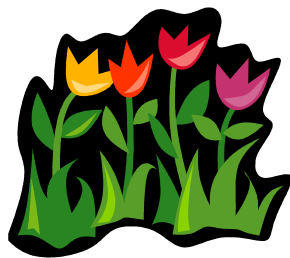
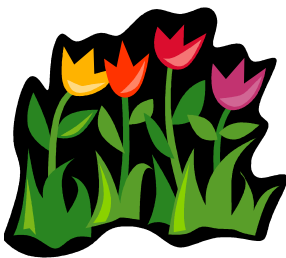
A Message From the UJSSA President...

A warm Hello, from Delaware! Finally we have weather forecasts without that four letter "S" word, that is no longer permissible for use in our house. Aside from the many things going on, from proms, spring flings, college applications, and college finals just to name a few, the UJSSA board of directors have been working very hard to make this year's National Junior Suffolk Show AWESOME!! We have a very energetic group of directors, with lots of new and exciting ideas to make your trip "down the yellow brick road" at this year's show in Hutchinson, Kansas, one of the most fun shows ever. There will be many fun-filled events to participate in. Our goal is not only for you to spend time with friends and people you already know but interact and meet new friends, we are a family, not just individuals who compete in the show ring. In addition our show is in conjunction with the All -American Show. Though our shows are separate, we will be interacting and participating in fun events together with participants from the All-American. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends across the nation with one common bond: sheep.



If you've never been to a National Junior Show, what are you waiting on? It is not just another sheep show. I attended my first National Junior Show in 2009 in Laramie, WY. I went there with only my lead line outfit, borrowing a sheep for that event, and I only knew a handful of people. Once I got there, I was encouraged to go outside my box. I competed in the fitting contest (total newbie), the speaking contest(won my division), skill-a-thon (my team was 2nd), livestock judging, three leg race, and some crazy find your shoe game. I left with lots of memories, many new friends and couldn't wait until the next year's Junior Show to come. Now as we approach the 2014 show I feel as though through I have a whole other family that I acquired starting with that first show. It's not all about the competition in the show ring; it's what goes on outside the show ring. It's when you realize that your most dreaded competitor can be your best friend and you have many things in common. How many youth can say that they interact with friends all over the nation that share a common interest? So whether you own 1 Suffolk or 100 Suffolks bring your sheep and come join the fun! If you have any questions or want to know more feel free to email me connor.vincent31@gmail.com or give me a call 302-858-2841. I hope to see you in Kansas as Suffolks go to the land of OZ!

Sincerely,
Connor Vincent
UJSSA President



UJSSA Member News

Congratulations!

Rachel Schambow, University of Wyoming student, got accepted to the summer research program in Scotland. She is the daughter of Dr. Richard and Judy Schambow of Wisconsin.

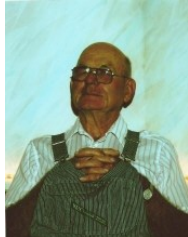
USSA Member News

Happy Birthday!

Katherine Bender, daughter of **Toby and Brenda Bender** of Iowa celebrated her first birthday on May 8th. Pictured here with her Granpa Bill. Happy First Birthday Katherine!



Our condolences to the following families...



James "Jim" Junior Walter, son of James Alfred and Agnes Lucille (Findley) Walter was born on a farm near Prescott, Iowa May 2, 1926. He entered into rest on Friday, April 18, 2014 at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center In Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 87 year 11 months and 16 days.

Jim attended grade school at Prescott Community School, three years at Corning High School and graduated from Nodaway High School in 1943. He enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and served his country during WWII in the Phillipines and Japan on board an L.S.T in the South Pacific. He

received his honorable discharge May 12, 1946.

On September 12, 1948 Jim was united in marriage to Dorothy Marie Harvey at the Mt Zion Church south of Brooks. They began their married life farming with Dorothy's parents. In 1969 they purchased their home in Corning where he resided until moving to the Good Samaritan Home in Villisca, IA. Jim was a member of the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Assoc.

Left to cherish Jim's memory are his children: Doug (Janice) Walter of Altoona, IA; David L. (Kim) Walter of Corning, IA; Randy Walter and Risa Sederburg of Villisca, IA, eight grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, brother, Max (Mae) Walter of Omaha, NE, sister-in-law, Ruby Walter of Corning, IA, several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; wife Dorothy in 2010; brothers Robert, Franklin "Red" and Clair Walter.



Donald E. "Don" Cain, 75, of Delmar, Iowa, died on Thursday evening, May 8, 2014, from injuries received in a farm tractor accident.

A celebration of Don's life will be held at 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, May 14, 2014, from the First Lutheran Church in Maquoketa. Visitation will be held from 2 to 7 P.M. on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from the Carson Celebration of Life Center in Maquoketa. Burial will be at the Pine Hill Cemetery, rural Grand Mound, Iowa.

Donald Eugene Cain was born on May 7, 1939 in Maquoketa, Iowa, to Roy Eugene and Ruth Dorothy Marie (Geronzin) Cain. He grew up on the family farm in rural Delmar and graduated from

Elwood High School in 1957. He then began farming and served in the U.S. Army Reserves for six

years. He met Carol Jane Petersen in 1962 and they were married on February 23, 1963 in Clinton, Iowa.

Don was a lifelong farmer and farmed the family farm with his wife Carol for over 50 years. Don was devoted to many projects and organizations and was generous with his time, talent and resources. He was a 33 year board member on the Clinton County Fair Board and had received the Clinton County Hall of Fame Award in 2013. He had been an 11 year director of the AIF Southeast District and had received the Iowa Fair "Man of the Year" Award in Des Moines. Additionally, he had served as board member for the Clinton County Pork Producers for six years and as a board member of the First Trust and Savings Bank in Wheatland. He was first a member of the Lost Nation Masonic Lodge and later the Zealous Masonic Lodge #435 of Oxford Junction.

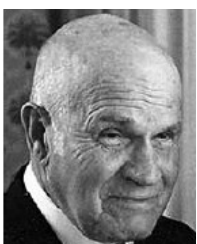
Don loved his family and farming and had a longtime interest with his family in showing sheep. He also loved his church, St. John's Lutheran Church at Bliedorn, where he was an active member. Through the years he en-

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joyed playing slow pitch baseball and was an avid bowler.

Those left to honor Don's memory include his wife Carol J. Cain of Delmar, IA; children, Douglas Cain of Delmar, IA, Cawyn Cain of DeWitt, IA, and Daryn Cain of Maquoketa, IA; 1 grandchild, Regina (Raymond) Dascher; 2 great-grandchildren, Skylee and Samuel; a sister, Linda (Dick) Block of Delmar, IA; a brother, Darrell (Lola) Cain of Elwood, IA; 19 nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Robby.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to the Iowa Blue Ribbon Foundation or Camp Courageous of Iowa.



George V. Hunter, age 96, of Stoneboro, Pennsylvania passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in Orchard Manor Nursing Home, Grove City, PA where he had resided since having a stroke in 2008. He leaves behind a loving family and a legacy that extends to the countless lives that he touched through his active involvement in the livestock industry.

George was born in Grove City, PA on June 6, 1917 to the late Samuel Robb and Mary Denniston Hunter. He married Evelyn McMichael on June 12, 1943. They celebrated their 70th Anniversary in 2013.

During his life, George was a selfemployed farmer and a metalsmith at the Arthur Armour Forge in Grove City. He served his country during World War II as a U.S. Army Medic. He was a member of Tower Presbyterian Church in Grove City and in recent years had been affiliated with the Irwin Presbyterian Church. He taught Sunday school class for decades. He often was the chosen "preacher," sharing the Good Word at many livestock shows for informal Sunday services.

Active in agriculture throughout his life, George attended Penn State University. He was an active member of numerous sheep and wool organizations. He was the secretary for over four decades for the PA Suffolk Sheep Association. His unique Suffolk newsletters were popular, not just in Pennsylvania, but across the entire nation. George was well-known for his signature style of artfully blending current livestock news with a history lesson and a little dose of humor. He also served as secretary for the PA Shorthorn Cattle Association for many years. George was a past president of the Mercer County Board of Extension. He was enthusiastic and passionate in his endeavors to promote the livestock industry. George was well known in Pennsylvania and nationally for exhibiting prize winning sheep and cattle at many county fairs, Keystone Livestock Exposition, PA Farm Show and the Chicago International Livestock Exposition for more than 50 years. He was a frequent judge of sheep and cattle in the Eastern United States. He also managed sheep sales in Pennsylvania. He received numerous awards for his outstanding contributions to the livestock industry.

The George Hunter Family was honored as the 1983 Pennsylvania Farm Family of the Year. In 1994, Hunter was inducted into the Pennsylvania Livestock Hall of Fame at the Keystone Livestock Exposition. Also in 1994, the Keystone Sheep Sale was dedicated to him in honor of his many years of contributions to the sheep industry. Nationally, George was recognized in 1997 at Louisville with the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Suffolk Sheep Association. His service to the Suffolk industry began in 1939 with the purchase of his first Suffolk. Decades later, he was still promoting Suffolks. His outstanding loyalty, motivation and dedication as a Suffolk breeder continued into the 2000s.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, at home, nine children, Samuel and his wife Linda, Hagerstown, MD; Mary Musser and husband Donald, New Middletown, OH; Audrey Wheeler and husband Dennis, Mercer; Donald, Grove City; W. Glenn and wife Linda, Grove City; Liz Kingsley and husband Greg, Volant; Robert and wife Polly, Pickerington, OH; Hazel, Stoneboro; and Frank Hunter, Jamestown, NY; 15 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Memorials in George's memory may be made to: Leslie Firth Scholarship Fund, Mercer County Extension, P.O. Box 530, Mercer, PA 16137.

2014 National Junior Suffolk Show Entry Form

Hutchinson, Kansas

July 3-6, 2014

Entries must be postmarked by **June 1, 2014**, 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 (7/6/2014) _____ 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	Dam

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.



Annual NSIP Sheep Sale Scheduled for July

PRESS RELEASE • May 15, 2014 • National Sheep Improvement Program

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The Annual Center of the Nation Sale, featuring National Sheep Improvement Program sheep, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa. The two-day event will include educational seminars and one of the Midwest's largest gatherings of sheep producers along with the sale, conducted by Conover Auction Service at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"We're looking to have a good sale this year," says sale organizer Larry Bremer. "Feed prices are down and lamb prices are up. And, as always, we have a great line-up of NSIP sheep going on the block."

Hailed as the best place for commercial one-stop shopping, the Center of the Nation Sale, now in its tenth year, features sheep of any breed in the NSIP program. "Offerings range from elite rams to above-average maternal and terminal sires and ewes," says Bremer. "There is no show, only the sale, and sheep are presented by their NSIP performance data."

Bill and Susan Shultz of Bunker Hill Farm, DeGraff, Ohio, are yearly participants: "There is a need to merchandise seedstock in a non-traditional venue. Midwest producers created this sale as a marketplace for sheep with Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), and the total sheep industry has benefitted."

NSIP calculates Estimated Breeding Values on a variety of traits based on generations of performance data. Using breeding indexes for flock improvement is the subject of an educational session scheduled for Friday afternoon. More sessions are booked for Saturday morning starting at 10 a.m. Dr. Leo Timms, Iowa State University professor of animal science, will address minimizing the impact of mastitis; and Dr. Reid Redden, North Dakota State University sheep specialist and NSIP Chairman, will report on the American Lamb Industry Roadmap Production Committee.

For producers like the Shultz's, the educational component is an important part of the event: "We began making the yearly trip to Spencer with the purpose of selling our genetics to progressive lamb producers and exchanging our genetics with fellow seedstock providers. But we soon realized it was the opportunity to exchange ideas among these sheep producers that has added real value for us."

Bremer says the sale will have "something for everyone who is looking for quality breeding stock, the opportunity to learn more about the NSIP and the sheep industry, and a chance to interact with producers from all over the country."

Sale catalogues will be available at www.conoverauction.com

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT USSA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS!

There will be a director opening in all four USSA districts. If you or a USSA member you know would like to be a candidate for the upcoming USSA Directors elections, here's a brief overview of your next steps:



1. Submit a letter of intent declaring that you are willing to be a candidate for the 2015 USSA Board of Directors Election. Letters of intent are due in the USSA Office by **August 1, 2014**. The letter must be faxed, emailed or mailed to the USSA Office, PO Box 872000, Canton, MI 48187. Letters of intent submitted through mail must be postmarked by the deadline date. **Phone calls are not acceptable.**

2. Within one week of the deadline, candidates must submit a brief personal bio as well as a photo to the USSA Office. The personal bio should be approximately one-half of an 8 ½ x 11 page. The content of candidate bios should discuss the candidate's qualifications, reasons they feel they are a good director candidate and any thoughts/ideas they may have on improving the association and Suffolk breed. *Candidates who do not submit a personal bio and photo will only have their name listed on the election ballot.*

2014 National Suffolk Show & Sale

Big Ohio Sale Weekend • May 8-10 • Eaton, Ohio

WETHER SIRES & DAMS



Champion Suffolk Wether Dam
Pam & Darrell Howard, Muhall, OK



Champion Suffolk Wether Sire
Friesen Show Lambs, Carthage, IN

Res. Champion Wether Dam— Daniels Club Lambs, Portland, IN
Res. Champion Wether Sire—Whampler Suffolks, Farmersville, OH

BREEDING SHEEP



Champion Suffolk Ewe
E.B. Suffolks, Powell, OH



Champion Suffolk Ram
LynLee Farms, State College, PA

Res. Champion Ewe— MacCauley Suffolks, Atglen, PA
Res. Champion Ram—MacCauley Suffolks, Atglen, PA

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 & Wether Dam 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: Bill Shultz

I thought it might be interesting to many of you to know the type and extent of data which is processed through NSIP. Most breeders categorize Suffolk's as terminal sires and as such the traits dealing with growth and carcass quality appear to have the most economic importance to commercial producers.

The growth traits that NSIP reports are "WWT" weaning weight taken on lambs around 60 days of age and "PWWT" post weaning weight taken when lambs are about 120 days of age. The carcass trait reports are "EMD" eye muscle depth and fat which are both obtained through on farm ultrasounds at the same time that the 120 day weights are recorded. EMD is the measurement used by most of the major sheep producing countries of the world instead of loin eye area which has been the traditional standard in the US. The two measurements are highly correlated and both are an excellent predictor of overall muscling in a lamb. Currently over half of NSIP Suffolk participants record carcass data but it is not required to be enrolled.

NSIP has developed a formula which includes all of the carcass and growth traits blended into an economically balanced index called **CARCASS PLUS**. Improvement in this index is the challenge of most NSIP Suffolk breeders.

NSIP also measures and provides EBV's (estimated breeding values) on other economically important traits such as birth weights, milk production, number of lambs born, and number of lambs weaned. The emphasis placed on selecting for these traits vary between producers and their overall flock improvement goals.

If you would like to know more about NSIP, I would encourage you to go to their website at www.NSIP.org, contact Alan Culham at culhama@msu.edu, myself at bunkerhillfarm@gmail.com or any of the other Suffolk breeders currently enrolled in NSIP.

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!

UPDATE: Nearly three months have passed since the roll out of the Lamb Industry Roadmap. According to the American Lamb Board, people in the industry have started to ask, "Is there anything happening with the Roadmap?" The answer is, "Absolutely yes."

Five Roadmap committees have been appointed and are hard at work discussing and addressing the Roadmap initiatives related to improving the quality and consistency of American lamb, building demand, improving producer productivity and communicating and collaborating across industry sectors and industry organizations.

[Click here](#) to review the first Progress Report on the Lamb Industry Roadmap. For general questions and comments, contact Bob Ludwig, The Hale Group, at rludwig@halegroup.com.

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Educational Opportunities

Pipestone Lamb and Wool Management: Sheep Facility Tours—June 9, 2014

The Pipestone Sheep Facility Tour provides producers an opportunity to see various types of sheep facilities, including the latest innovations in sheep buildings, state of the art lambing barns, handling systems, feeding systems and facility layout. The tour will be a full day tour, visiting four lamb and wool producers with new and remodeled facilities. All of these operations have devised their buildings and feeding systems to reduce labor and enable them to run larger numbers of ewes with the same labor.

In addition, this tour will also be an opportunity to hear the management philosophy of these four successful sheep operations. For more details visit: <http://www.mnwest.edu/index.php/management/lamb-and-wool/sheep-facility-tours>

Grazing Webinar

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

Managing Your Pastures Better: Management Intensive Grazing 101 was presented by host Jay Parsons, Ph.D., of Colorado State University and Optimal Ag Consulting, and Woody Lane, Ph.D., of Lane Livestock Services, on April 22 in cooperation with the American Sheep Industry Association and the Rebuild the Sheep Inventory Committee. The event was attended by 135 people representing 34 states and one Canadian province.

Comments like "This was a great topic for everyone who raises animals. I learned several things from Dr. Lane that I can put into practice immediately to improve my sheep grazing. Thank you." were received.

If you missed the webinar, the recording is available at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2014-04-22_MIG101.wmv and a copy of the presentation slides can be accessed at www.optimalag.com/webinars/2014-04-22_MIG101.pdf.

Mark your calendar for the following future webinars - Aug. 26, Dan Morrical, Ph.D., Iowa State University, Nutrition and Sept. 23, Richard Ehrhardt, Ph.D., Michigan State University, Accelerated Lambing.

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](tel:303-771-3500) or email mary@sheepusa.org.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 1. Final selections will be made in July.

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 sharing the genes online sale

Friday, June 13 - Sunday, June 15
at wlivestock.com



Bill, Betsy, Chris & Kyle MacCauley
4333 Steelville Road Atglen, Pennsylvania 19310 • 610-593-2907 • maccauley@epix.net
Farm Manager: Evan Snyder • 405-314-1642

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

Ram Lambs For Sale

We have a nice selection of ram lambs for sale. All of our sheep come from Alan Batt in Rigby Idaho. Their breeding is made up of old BYU lines which is now known as URF as well as Andrus.

Our sheep also have some British influence from Stockton Supersire '95. Warren Kuhl and Alan Batt Al'd a select group of their ewes a few years back to this ram.

See classified listing on USSA website for photos and/or visit our Facebook page [Facebook.com/bigskysuffolks](https://www.facebook.com/bigskysuffolks)

More Information: 406-694-9508, bigskysuffolks@gmail.com

Lambs, Yearlings, & Starter Flocks For Sale

Whether you are looking to fill out your show string or searching for high quality production animals, we've got you covered! For pictures and pedigree information, please visit www.martenssuffolks.webs.com

More Information: Carl Martens—507-380-1828 martenssuffolks@comcast.net.

Lambs for Sale

Lambs for sale out of MacCauley 2556 or MacCauley 2724. 2724 is the only ram lamb out of Bills 5*J ram that was held in the keeper pen then sold. All lambs are nice looking lambs and I have a couple Jan. lambs and the majority are February and March lambs. All lambs show a lot of bone style and are very correct. I have some to fit the bill for show and for commercial breeding.

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

Ram Lambs for Sale

Sired by Tom Slack ram. Heavy muscled, heavy boned and good conformation. All are RR/NN.

More Information: Wiford Suffolks, Sam and Pat Wiford, sampat@watchtv.net, Home: 937-596-5229

Cell: 419-773-0048

Ram For Sale

Paasch Ram 12-715 "Boom Massachusetts" From the Donner Trail Ranch in California. DOB 2/19/12

Pedigree includes Caterpillar, Bobs Big Boy, Golden Boy, Silver Streek, Krugerand, Buchanans Gold Rush, and El Dorado for top of the line stud sires in the pedigree. Some of the top name dams included in the pedigree are Brooke, & Tenya. Packed with a lot of high dollar and very highly sought after stock. This ram was used last year and is being collected so I am willing to let him go down the road. Large frame, Lots of bone, Huge names within the pedigree, Lots of National Champion Bloodlines, great lambs, great sire Lots more to say about the ram with limited space. Get him now he will not last long, not many DTR Sheep in the east or Midwest so here is your chance to own one. You will be tired after trying to find a sire to compete with what this bad boy adds to his lambs. 100% or 50% Ownership available on this stud

More Information: Mark Weisberg, Weisberg Suffolks, mark@weisbergimp.com, 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.

State & Regional Suffolk Association Updates

California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association

Things are shaping up real well for the Nugget All American sheep show and sale in Reno . Our entries are strong but could be better for the frame sheep. It's hard for me to understand why Suffolk and Hampshire breeders all over our nation would not want to support the premier sale in the western USA. With strong ram sales out west and the renewed interest by juniors, why would a breeder of these kinds of sheep bypass an opportunity to get their flock represented. I'm noticing more and more very successful on line frame sheep sales this year. Live shows and auctions give the public a chance to see your sheep close up. That's a valuable asset next time when you want to sell your sheep on line or sight unseen via phone. Dan Willoughby tells me he will still accept entries. Get on board. Support your breed. Don't blame someone else when shows and sales get cancelled. Hope to see you in Reno may 29,30,31. Happy trails, Alan Cover, President, CSHSBA

Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association

The Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association now has a Facebook page—it can be found by searching “ Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association” on Facebook or following this [link](#). The Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association’s Facebook page will feature the latest updates and information! DeeDee Knapke, President



Do you know a junior that would like to win a Suffolk Ewe lamb?

How to enter: Submit a video, two minutes or less telling who you are, why you want a Suffolk Ewe Lamb and how it will impact your life.

Deadline: Email the Video along with your name, birth date & contact information to info@u-s-s-a.org by November 1, 2014. The winner will be announced during the Suffolk Open Show at NAILE.

Open to juniors age 18 or younger as of January 1, 2014 who do not currently own registered Suffolks.

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.

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 recipes to news@u-s-s-a.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Grilled Lamb Fajitas

Prep time: 20 min. Cook time: 12 - 15 min.

Ingredients:

2 - 5oz American Lamb leg steaks
2 green onions
1 fresh poblano or ancho chilies (optional)
1/3 red bell pepper, halved
1/3 green bell pepper, halved
1/3 yellow bell pepper, halved
4 medium flour tortillas, warmed
Fresh Salsa

Fajita Marinade:

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
3 tablespoons orange juice
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes, crushed

Directions

In a small bowl, prepare fajita marinade: combine all ingredients. Place lamb in glass dish. Pour marinade over lamb, cover and refrigerate 4 to 6 hours.

Grill over medium-hot coals. Cook lamb, onions, chilies, and bell peppers 4 inches from coals. Cook steaks 5 - 6 minutes per side or to desired degree of doneness: 145°F for medium-rare, 160°F for medium or 170°F for well. Turn vegetables frequently until cooked.

Slice lamb steaks and vegetables into 1/4-inch thick slices. Serve on tortillas, top with salsa and roll up.

Special thanks to the American Lamb Board. For more recipes from the American Lamb Board, visit:

<http://www.americanlamb.com/recipe-search> or "Like" their Facebook page!



SUFFOLK EVENTS

While attending these upcoming events
look for signs posted for information
about Suffolk socials or meetings!

*Nugget All-American
Midwest Stud Ram Sale*

SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER

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.



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!**

CALIFORNIA SUFFOLK AND HAMPSHIRE SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION **Website**

ILLINOIS SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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MISSOURI SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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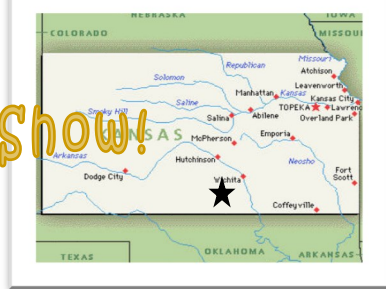
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Mark your calendars for....

2014 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show!

July 3—6 • Kansas State Fairgrounds • Hutchinson, Kansas





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www.ujssa.org

Suffolk Scenes



A reminder of summer beauty!

Thanks, Lisa Webster of North Star Sheep Farm, for sharing this beautiful image!

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.

A Guide to All Things Sheep©

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