

# Suffolk Newsletter

## The United Suffolk Sheep Association

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Welcome Fall! I'm sure everyone is busy this time of year—juniors back in school, breeding season is under way, harvesting...I hope you are all doing well!

Director elections will be wrapping up soon—for members in districts 1 and 2, please send your ballots back by October 1st!

### **Here's an important update for District 4 election:**

**For the district 4 election there are 2 director positions to be filled; a three year term and a one year term. Both candidates will become board members. However, the initial ballot resulted in some confusion; with two candidates and a requirement for two votes – a tie vote was bound to be the outcome. To avoid all confusion and question, district 4 is receiving a new ballot, please re-vote using this ballot. Ballots from the first mailing will not be counted. Vote for one. The candidate receiving the most votes will fill the three year term. The other candidate will fill the one year vacancy.**

**We regret any confusion and want to give our members the opportunity to clearly express their wishes. Thank you for re-casting your ballot. Ballots must be postmarked October 10.**

For members planning to make the trip to Louisville, Kentucky next week, safe travels! If you're looking for a detailed schedule of Suffolk events it can be found further in the newsletter or there will be a printable schedule on the USSA [website](#) once all meeting times and locations are finalized. I hope that if you are planning to be at NAILE you can find a chance to attend some of our Suffolk Events. Whether it's saying hello to Suffolk friends at the Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame Recognition Dinner, attending the junior board meeting to see what they are planning for next July or looking to purchase a new addition for your flock at the Suffolk Sale, I hope to see you there! Also, I invite you to stop by the Suffolk Booth and say hello and check out the silent auction items—proceeds from the silent auction benefit UJSSA activities!

Just a quick reminder—If you've sold a ram or bred ewe this fall, don't forget to send registration certificate to be transferred! Also, if a bred ewe was sold, please remember to fill out the breeding certificate located on the back of the ewe's registration paper.

Before you know it, the holidays will be here! If you are looking for a unique gift for a Suffolk Enthusiast, take a look at the Limited Edition Suffolk Sculpture, Suffolk ! Please order by Dec. 10th to insure it's arrival in time for the holidays!

Lastly, just a reminder that the USSA Office has relocated to Iowa. Please note the new address above . Sorry for any inconvenience with this address change; any mail sent to Michigan will be forwarded on to Iowa.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you need anything!

*Amanda Everts*

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## USSA ELECTION BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

If you are a USSA member in District 1, 2 or 4, election ballots must be returned (postmarked) by **October 1, 2015**. There is no election in District 3 as only one individual submitted an intent to run in each district, therefore members in district 3 do not need to return a ballot. Candidates bios can be found in this news-letter issue. Also included with the election information for your district is an invite to the 2015 USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Recognition. If you plan to attend the dinner, please return your reservation form to the USSA Office by October 15th.

### **DISTRICT 1**

Ron Alves, Oakdale, CA ♦ Gayle Lucas, Phillipsburg, MT

### **DISTRICT 2**

Matt Beals, Alexandria, NE ♦ Tom Burke, Platte City, MO ♦ J. Thomas Greenlee, Rutledge, TN

### **DISTRICT 3**

Paul Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA

### **DISTRICT 4**

Joe Emenheiser, Saint Albans, VT ♦ Randy Hodges, North Branch, MI



## Transfer Price Increase—Effective January 1, 2015

All non-family transfers are now \$10 per head.  
There will no longer be a price difference based on sale date.

# A Message from your USSA President

Hello fellow Suffolk enthusiasts,

As my term on the USSA board and my year as President comes to a close, I'm reflecting on what I have experienced, perceived and learned about my time in these capacities.



There are some exciting things trending within the Suffolk breed. The re-emergence of production focused sheep seems to be very evident. Increased numbers of Suffolk breeders in the NSIP programs bring verifiable data to the superior carcass qualities that our breed has to offer. Whenever we can prove our worth to ourselves and to the commercial industry – that is a very good thing. My message to these breeders – keep up your commitment and enthusiasm for productive, functional sheep that bring added value to the industry!

Another very positive aspect for Suffolk breeders is the efficient and professional service that our secretary, Amanda, offers to each and every one of us. Even with a new baby and a move back to Iowa, the transition has been very smooth, and the work she does for us is second to none.

I must also recognize our junior program and the coordinators that lead them. This outstanding group of youth are learning valuable leadership skills, along with all the good things that come from caring for their Suffolk sheep. Our breed stands apart from the others in the way our juniors make decisions, plan, and execute their program. These young folks hold the future for us!

Are there challenges that concern me – yes! We must face and accept the fact that we are diverse, and there are many reasons that our membership raise and register these animals. And in this big and great country – what works for one region just might not work best for another. When one group says “do it my way or I’m leaving”, everyone in the breed suffers. I would love to see a more accepting and supportive attitude within the membership and a greater comradery among us as we move forward through the trends and needs of the sheep industry.

My thanks go out to all of you who raise and register Suffolk sheep. I commend the willingness of the board to serve us all. It is often a thankless job, and we most often hear only the complaints, but my fellow board members are capable, and willing to take on the challenges.

Have a great fall!

Diane Russell, President, USSA Board of Directors



## USSA Committee Updates

### Hall of Fame Committee

If there is someone you would like to consider for a future Hall of Fame inductee, please share that information with the USSA Office by May 1st.

### Futurity Committee

Please submit your futurity points to the USSA Office!

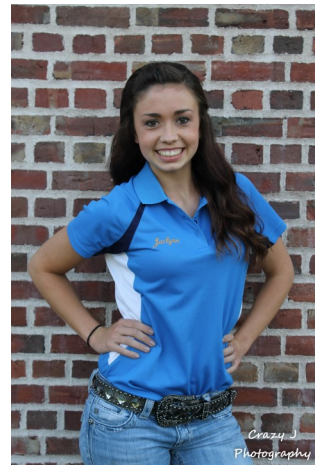
# A Message from your UJSSA President

Greetings! My name is Jaclynn Knutson and I am the recently elected United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association National President. I will be a senior at Viborg-Hurley High School, South Dakota this fall. I have raised registered Suffolks all of my life and began attending the National Junior Suffolk Show in 2007. My passion for our sheep industry is strong and I am very excited to be an advocate this next year.

For those of you that don't know, the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show was held in West Springfield, Massachusetts over Independence Day weekend. In conjunction with the All-American show, it was very successful in all aspects and fun was had by all juniors and parents that attended. Although showing is always the most fun, many of our juniors also participated in our leadership competitions such as quiz bowl, fitting contest, and public speaking.

Also at the show our 2015-2016 Board of Directors and officers were decided. This group of youth will work together to next year to fundraise, plan, and host our 2016 show. We expand our junior board annually as old junior members retire. Members of our board for the next year include: Vice President Andrew Slack, Wisconsin; Secretary Jackie Oelke, Minnesota; Treasurer Alison Knutson, South Dakota; Social Media Specialist Connor Vincent, Delaware; Lily Skartvedt, Iowa; Grant Friesen, Indiana; Paige Vincent, Delaware; Intern Riley Arthur, Minnesota; and Intern Alissa Voyles, Minnesota. Also, Tayler Wolff will be our Ambassador for this year.

As for our 2016 show, we will be in Spencer, Iowa. The entire National Junior Suffolk Board of Directors is excited and looking forward to having a fantastic show. I would like to thank all of our sponsors and advocates for your support for our 2015 show and would appreciate your continued support during 2016. If anyone has any questions, comments, or suggestions for our 2016 show, feel free to email me at JK3368@k12.sd.us.



## Junior Reminders

### October 1st

USSA Scholarship Applications Due\*  
Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship Application Due\*

### November 1st

Win A Suffolk Ewe Lamb Video Due \*

\*See [USSA](#) or [UJSSA](#) websites for more details!

## SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

1 page—\$200/issue

1/2 page—\$100/issue

1/4 page- \$50/issue

Ads should be emailed to: [news@u-s-s-a.org](mailto:news@u-s-s-a.org). Please include the ad size and which quarter the ad should be run. Ads must be "publish-ready".

# Notes from the UJSSA

**Scholarship Deadline Quickly Approaching!** UJSSA Members are encouraged to apply for the USSA and Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship. Application Deadline is October 1st. Applications can be found on the USSA and UJSSA website or contact the office for an application to be emailed to you. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

**Attention Suffolk Breeders!** Would you be willing to help the UJSSA plan and coordinate the 2016 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in Spencer, Iowa? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Jaclynn Knutson.

**2016 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship** Would you like to help sponsor the 2016 National Junior Suffolk Show? If you are interested in sponsoring a specific class or would like to just be a general sponsor please contact a UJSSA Director.

## 2015 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](http://www.ujssa.org):

Photos • Complete Results • 2015 UJSSA Directors

CHECK OUT THE  
DETAILS FOR THE  
2016 SHOW ON  
THE [UJSSA SITE](http://www.ujssa.org)!

## UJSSA Board of Directors



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The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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## \*\*\*UJSSA NAILE EVENTS\*\*\*

Pizza Party—Lunch—Friday, Nov. 13



Have a great 2015 /2016 SCHOOL YEAR!





## 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show Results

**Suffolk Market Lambs:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, Pierceton, IN, Slack 5403; 2) Riley Arthur, Ellendale, MN, Riverview Livestock 1504

### **Suffolk-Cross Market Lambs**

**Light Weight:** 1) John David Crowder, Sheridan, IN, MO6068-BP5030; 2) Maxwell Peterson, Kennedy, NY, I-86 1522; 3) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, So-N-So Acres NJ5192-0196; 4) Tristan Peterson, Kennedy, NY, 1503; 5) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, MacCauley 1462

**Heavy Weight:** 1) Garrett Friesen, Carthage, IN, FR 1508; 2) Lily Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Touchdown Acres 450; 3) John David Crowder, Sheridan, IN, OK0640-OKL52647; 4) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Slack 5286; 5) Ty Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Touchdown Acres 453

**Champion Suffolk Market Lamb:** Jordyn Leininger, Slack 5403    **Res. Suffolk Market Lamb:** Riley Arthur, Riverview 1504

**Champion Suffolk-Cross Market Lamb:** Garrett Friesen, FR1508    **Res. Suffolk-Cross Market Lamb:** Lily Skartvedt, TA 450

**Grand Champion Market Lamb:** Garrett Friesen, FR1508    **Res. Grand Market Lamb:** Lily Skartvedt, TA 450

**Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams:** 1) Garrett Friesen, Carthage, IN, Slack A4110; 2) Lauren Arthur, Ellendale, MN, Riverview Livestock 1413

**Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, Pierceton, IN, Slack 5109; 2) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, Riverview Livestock 1503; 3) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, Slack 5506; 4) Allee Hoover, Washington, PA, Russell Sheep Co 5033; 5) Brittany Woodard, Stockton, NY, Rocky Valley Suffolks 1507

**Champion Suffolk Wether Dam:** Jordyn Leininger, Slack 5109    **Reserve Suffolk Wether Dam:** Garrett Friesen, Slack A4110

**Suffolk-Cross Yearling Wether Dams -Class 1:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 1438; 2) Garrett Friesen, Carthage, IN, FR 1435; 3) Elizabeth Kron, Jefferson, IA, 14-167; 4) Jake Broehm, Brillion, WI, Slack 4384

**Suffolk-Cross Yearling Wether Dams -Class 2:** 1) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Broehms Enterprise 5-334; 2) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Broehms Enterprise 4-339; 3) Elizabeth Kron, Jefferson, IA, 14-198; 4) Kallan Latham, Thurmont, MD, Latham 0199

**Suffolk-Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dams:** 1) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Slack 5233; 2) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Broehms Enterprise 5-380

**Champ Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam:** Chris MacCauley, Mac 1438    **Res. Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam:** Jarrod Broehm, BE 5-334

**Grand Champion Wether Dam:** Jordyn Leininger, Slack 5109    **Res Grand Wether Dam:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 1438

**Suffolk-Cross Yearling Wether Sires:** 1) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Broehms Enterprise 4-325 "Peppers"

**Suffolk-Cross Ram Lamb Wether Sires:** 1) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Broehms Enterprise 5-398 "Fire Proof"; 2) Tristan Peterson, Kennedy, NY, "I-86" 1501; 3) Grant Friesen, Carthage, IN, Friesen 1528

**Champion Suffolk-Cross Wether Sire:** Jarrod Broehm, BE 4-325    **Res Suffolk-Cross Wether Sire:** Jarrod Broehm, BE 5-398

**Grand Champion Wether Sire:** Jarrod Broehm, BE 4-325    **Reserve Grand Wether Sire:** Jarrod Broehm, BE 5-398

**Sr. Showmanship:** 1) Riley Arthur, 2) Grand Friesen, 3) Elizabeth Kron, 4) Brittany Smith

**Intermediate Showmanship:** 1) Lauren Arthur, 2) Lily Skartvedt, 3) Jordyn Leininger, 4) Garrett Friesen

**Beginner Showmanship:** 1) Allee Hoover

**Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes- Class 1:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 2974 QR; 2) Allee Hoover, Washington, PA, MacCauley 3001; 3) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, JMG 1415 RR; 4) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, MacCauley 3067 RR; 5) Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 2956 RR

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# USSA Scholarship

## Due: October 1, 2015

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.

## 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show Results

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**Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes- Class 2:** 1) Rachel Flanders, Noblesville, IN, Flanders VIP 2312; 2) Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Skartvedt 4564; 3) Robert Casey, Hamilton, OH, CFS 1460; 4) Nathan Patti, Greene, RI, Lyn-Lee 14023; 5) Brietta Latham, Thurmont, MD, Latham 0195

**Production Yearling Ewes:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3183 RR; 2) Michael Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1440 RR

**Slick Shorn Senior Fall Ewe Lambs:** 1) Allee Hoover, Washington, PA, MacCauley 3192; 2) Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN, Kimm 09106-15209 QRNN; 3) Brittany Woodard, Stockton, NY, MacCauley 3203 RR; 4) Milly Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 14F6

**Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 2974 **Sr Res Slick Shorn Ewe:** Allee Hoover, MacCauley 3192

**Sr Champ Production Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3183 **Sr Res Champ Production Ewe:** Michael Geske, JMG1440

**Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lambs - Class 1:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3230 RR; 2) Aubrey Henderson, Atlanta, IN, Kimm BZ1121-15246 RRNN; 3) Alicia Rist, Centerville, SD, Rist Farms 5-05; 4) Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3234 QR; 5) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, MacCauley 3243 RR

**Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lambs- Class 2:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3306 RR; 2) Sidney Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY, Kimm BZ9025-15266 RRNN; 3) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, MacCauley 3342 RR; 4) Brietta Latham, Thurmont, MD, Latham 0234; 5) Aislinn Latham, Thurmont, MD, Latham 0227

**Production Junior Ewe Lambs:** 1) Alicia Rist, Centerville, SD, Rist Farms 5-06; 2) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3329 QR

**Jr Champ Slick Shorn Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3306 **Res Jr. Champ Slick Shorn Ewe:** Sidney Jacobs, Kimm15266  
**Junior Champion Production Ewe:** Alicia Rist, Rist 5-065 **Jr. Res. Champion:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3329 QR

**Grand Champ Slick Shorn Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, Mac 2974 **Res Grand Champ Slick Shorn Ewe:** Allee Hoover, Mac 3  
**Grand Champ Production Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, Mac3183 **Res Grand Champ Production Ewe:** Alicia Rist, Rist 5-06

**Yearling Ewes Weaned a Lamb (Owned):** 1) Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Skartvedt 4536

**Yearling Ewes (Owned)- Class 1:** 1) Jarrod Broehm, Brillion, WI, Quam 11298; 2) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Lansing 4149; 3) Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN, Quam 04-17 RRNN; 4) Allen Hale, MO, MacCauley 2975 RR; 5) Alissa Voyles, Lewisville, MN, Zehnder 384

**Yearling Ewes (Owned) -Class 2:** 1) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, McClure 141; 2) Allen Hale, MO, Breezeview Farm 170 RR; 3) Rylee Mowrer, Rippey, IA, Hoskins 14-157; 4) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, JMG 1408 RR; 5) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Lansing 4152; 6) Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Skartvedt 4554

**Yearling Ewes (Bred & Owned):** 1) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, K. Slack 1216; 2) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, K. Slack 1154; 3) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Wolff's 19-14 L; 4) Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Touchdown Acres 1261; 5) Cody Matthews, Mt. Vernon, OH, J. Matthews 14F1; 6) Ryan Matthews, Mount Vernon, OH, J Matthews 14H9; 7) Rachel Matthews, Mount Vernon, OH, J Matthews 14F2

**Senior Fall Ewe Lambs (Owned):** 1) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, Kanable 2336; 2) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, McClure 14-90; 3) Alissa Voyles, Lewisville, MN, Zehnder 468; 4) Allen Hale, MO, Quam 04-123 RR/NN; , ) Rylee Mowrer, Rippey, IA, Hoskins199

**Senior Fall Ewe Lambs (Bred & Owned):** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3204 QR; 2) Skartvedt, Radcliffe, IA, Touchdown Acres 1414

**Owned: Senior Champion Ewe:** Andrew Slack, McClure 141 **Res Sr Champion Ewe:** Andrew Slack, Kanable 2336  
**Bred & Owned: Sr Champ Ewe:** Andrew Slack, K. Slack 1216 **Res Sr. Champ Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, Mac 3204

**Junior Ewe Lambs (Owned)- Class 1 January:** 1) Alissa Voyles, Lewisville, MN, Zehnder 508; 2) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, JMG 1501 RR; 3) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Kjeldgaard 582; 4) Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN, Quam 11441 RRNN; 5) Sidney

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Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY, D Henderson 15-4 RR; 6) Allen Hale, MO, Quam 0167; 7) Miriam Dugas, Enfield, CT, River Valley Fm 1501

**Junior Ewe Lambs (Owned) -Class 2 February:** 1) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Silver Dollar P.A. 5042; 2) Brittney Burke, South Windsor, CT, Annuschat 63865; 3) Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN, D Henderson 15-26 RR; 4) Olivia Mason, Worthington, MA, Splendorview 774; 5) Joey Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, Royer 367

**Junior Ewe Lambs (Owned) -Class 3 March:** 1) Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN, D Henderson 15-30 RR; 2) Brittney Burke, South Windsor, CT, Annuschat 63868; 3) Nora Mowrer, Rippey, IA, Hoskins 134; 4) Allen Hale, MO, Quam 5-221

**Junior Ewe Lambs (Bred & Owned) -Class 1:** 1) Tommy Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, K. Slack 1224; 2) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, K. Slack 1227; 3) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3235 RR; 4) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Wolff's 15-13 R; 5) Milly Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1504 RR; 6) Brittany Woodard, Stockton, NY, Rocky Valley Suffolks 1501

**Junior Ewe Lambs (Bred & Owned) - Class 2:** 1) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Wolff's 18-15 L; 2) Michael Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1525 RR

**Owned: Junior Champion Ewe:** Tayler Wolff, Silver Dollar P.A. 5042 **Res Jr. Champ Ewe:** Alissa Voyles, Zehnder 508

**Bred & Owned: Junior Champion Ewe:** Tommy Slack, K.Slack 1224 **Reserve Jr. Champion Ewe:** Tayler Wolff, Wolff's 18-15

**Owned: Grand Champion Ewe:** Andrew Slack, McClure 141 **Reserve Grand Champion Ewe:** Andrew Slack, Kanable 2336

**Bred & Owned: Grand Champ Ewe:** Andrew Slack, K.Slack 1216 **Res Grand Champ Ewe:** Chris MacCauley, Mac 3204

**Supreme Ewe:** Andrew Slack, K. Slack 1216

**Slick Shorn Yearling Rams:** 1) Kallan Latham, Thurmont, MD, Frey Sheep Farm 448; 2) Brittany Smith, Oxford, NJ, Windy Acres Suffolks 445-455

**Production Yearling Rams:** 1) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, Dittbrenner 14-OR13

**Slick Shorn Senior Fall Rams:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3206 RR

**Slick: Sr Champion Ram:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3206 **Res Sr. Champion Ram:** Kallan Latham, Frey Sheep Farm 448

**Senior Champion Production Ram:** Andrew Slack, Dittbrenner 14-OR13

**Slick Shorn Jr. Ram Lambs - Class 1:** 1) Joel Flanders, Noblesville, IN, Flanders VIP 5001; 2) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3261 RR; 3) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3222 RR; 4) Alicia Rist, Centerville, SD, Rist Farms 5-02

**Slick Shorn Jr. Ram Lambs -Class 2:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3356 RR; 2) Aislinn Latham, Thurmont, MD, Latham 0239

**Production Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Milly Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1506 RR; 2) Alicia Rist, Centerville, SD, Rist Farms 5-01

**Slick: Jr. Champion Ram:** Joel Flanders, Flanders VIP 5001 **Res Jr. Champ Shorn Ram:** Kyle MacCauley, MacCauley 3356

**Production: Jr. Champion Ram:** Milly Geske, JMG 1506 **Reserve Jr. Champion Ram:** Alicia Rist, Rist Farms 5-01

**Slick: Grand Champ Ram:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3206 **Res Grand Champion Ram:** Joel Flanders, Flanders VIP 5001

**Production: Grand Champion Ram:** Andrew Slack, Dittbrenner 14-OR13 **Res Grand Champion Ram:** Milly Geske, JMG 1506

**Yearling Rams (Owned):** 1) Rylee Mowrer, Rippey, IA, Hoskins 14-156; 2) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, Knutson 14-49; 3) Skartvedt, Radcliff, IA, Skartvedt 4556; 4) Ryan Matthews, Mount Vernon, OH, Bruce 3410

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**Yearling Rams (Bred & Owned):** 1)Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 2942 QR

**Senior Fall Rams (Owned):** 1) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, McClure 14-92; 2) Allen Hale, MO, Quam 4-130

**Owned: Senior Champion Ram:** Andrew Slack, McClure 14-92 **Reserve Senior Champ Ram:** Rylee Mowrer, Hoskins 14-156

**Senior Champion Ram (Bred & Owned):** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 2942

**Junior Ram Lambs (Owned)-Class 1:** 1) Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN, D Henderson 15-3 RR; 2) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, McClure 15-1; 3) Alissa Voyles, Lewisville, MN, Zehnder 503; 4) Allen Hale, MO, Quam 11-455

**Junior Ram Lambs (Owned) -Class 2:** 1) Joey Slack, Lake Geneva, WI, Royer 585; 2) Nora Mowrer, Rippey, IA, Hoskins 151; 3) Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN, D Henderson 15-29 RR; 4) Sidney Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY, D Henderson 15-18

**Junior Ram Lambs (Bred & Owned) – Class 1:** 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA, MacCauley 3247 RR; 2) Jackie Oelke, Barrett, MN, Riverview Livestock 1501; 3) Michael Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1508 RR; 4) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Wolff's 15-08 R

**Junior Ram Lambs (Bred & Owned) – Class 2:** 1) Milly Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1515 RR; 2) Taylor Wolff, Oakes, ND, Wolff's 1516 R; 3) Michael Geske, New Prague, MN, JMG 1541 RR

**Owned: Junior Champion Ram:** Joey Slack, Royer 585 **Reserve Jr. Champion Ram:** Nora Mowrer, Hoskins 151

**Bred & Owned: Junior Champion Ram:** Milly Geske, JMG1515 **Res Jr. Champion Ram:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 3247

**Owned: Grand Champion Ram:** Andrew Slack, McClure 14-92 **Res Grand Champion Ram:** Rylee Mowrer, Hoskins 14-156

**Bred & Owned: Grand Champion Ram:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 2942 **Res Grand Champ Ram:** Milly Geske, JMG1515

**Supreme Ram:** Chris MacCauley, MacCauley 2942 (Bred & Owned)

**State Flock-** Pennsylvania

**Good Shepherd-** Slack Family

**Tad & Amanda Thompson Stewardship-** Brittany Smith

**Showmanship: Senior:** Jaclynn Knutson **Intermediate:** Miriam Dugas **Beginner:** Olivia Mason

**Team Showmanship: Senior:** Jaclynn Knutson & Alison Knutson **Junior:** Joey Slack & Ty Skartvedt

#### **Judging**

**Junior:** 1)Tommy Slack; 2) Karianna Strichouser; 3) Kallan Latham; 4) Lily Skartvedt; 5) Taylor

**Senior:** 1) Brietta Latham; 2) Aislinn Latham; 3) Jaclynn Knutson; 4) Riley Arthur; 5) Alison Knutson

#### **Photography**

**Proud to be a Suffolk:** 1) Tayler Wolff; 2) Kyle MacCauley, 3) Tayler Wolff; 4) Kyle MacCauley; 5) Chris MacCauley

**Suffolks in the Showing:** 1)Chris MacCauley

**Suffolk Connection:** 1)Tayler Wolff

**Scrapbook:** 1)MacCauley Family

**Essay:** 1)Elizabeth Niedziela

#### **Public Speaking**

**Impromptu:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson

**Why the Suffolk?:** 1) Brittany Smith

#### **Lead Line**

**Senior:** 1) Paige Vincent; 2) Connor Vincent; 3) Jackie Oelke

**Junior:** 1) Lauren Arthur; 2) Carianna Strickhouser; 3) Brietta Latham; 4) Kallan Latham

**Beginner:** 1)Tessa Skartvedt; 2) Olivia Mason; 3) Millie Geske

## Let's Grow Suffolks & USSA Scholarship Applications

Due: October 1, 2015

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view scholarship applications or contact the USSA Office.

## 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show—Market Lamb & Ewes



**Champion Market Lamb**  
Suffolk Cross Class –FR 1508  
Garrett Friesen, IN



**Champion Wether Dam**  
Suffolk Class –Slack 5104  
Jordyn Leininger, IN



**Champion Production Ewe**  
MacCauley 3183  
Christopher MacCauley, PA



**Champion Slick Shorn Ewe**  
MacCauley 2974  
Christopher MacCauley, PA



**Champion Owned Ewe**  
McClure 141  
Andrew Slack, WI



**Supreme Ewe**  
**Champion Bred & Owned Ewe**  
K. Slack 1216  
Andrew Slack, WI



## 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show—Rams



**Champion Wether Sire**  
Suffolk Cross Class -BE4-325  
Jarrod Broehm, WI



**Champion Slick Shorn Ram**  
MacCauley 3206  
Christopher MacCauley, PA



**Champion Production Ram**  
Dittbrenner 14-OR13  
Andrew Slack, WI



**Champion Owned Ram**  
McClure 14-92  
Andrew Slack, WI



**Supreme Ram**  
**Champion Bred & Owned Ram**  
MacCauley 2942  
Christopher MacCauley, PA

### **Ewe Lambs Futurity Standings**

#### **DISTRICT 1**

At this time no points have been submitted to the USSA Office

#### **DISTRICT 2**

57pts – Tayler Wolff (ND), Silver Dollar 5042  
54pts – Tayler Wolff (ND), Kjeldgaard 582

#### **DISTRICT 3**

40pts – Victoria Arnevik (WI), MacCauley 3236  
11pts – Victoria Arnevik (WI), Double L 14316

#### **DISTRICT 4**

40pts – Clayton Henderson (IN), Quam 11441  
30pts – Madelynn Pimm (NY), MacCauley 3223  
27pts – Madelynn Pimm (NY), Russell Sheep Co. 5058

### **Yearling Ewe Futurity Standings**

23pts – Clayton Henderson (IN), Quam 4-17



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

Edwards Suffolks, MI  
Kevin & Jackie Geisel, KY  
Robert Dukes, MO  
Lee Boden, NE  
Nicholas Babcock, MI  
Strup Farms, OH  
Ziebarth Farms, MO  
Blake Herman, PA  
Scott James, OK  
W.H. Sheep Co., ID  
Corey Withers, UT

Dr. Harmon & Jeanie Smith, AR  
Jeffery Davis, MO  
Sarah Wiebe, CA  
Jason Harold, WA  
Jacob Wolff, NE  
Hector Avellaneda, VA  
Roger & Sheila French, MN  
Wayne Ubben, IA  
Bruce & Roxanne Francis, IL  
Shotwell Family, PA

## **ATTENTION DISTRICT 4 MEMBERS**

For the district 4 election there are 2 director positions to be filled; a three year term and a one year term. Both candidates will become board members. However, the initial ballot resulted in some confusion; with two candidates and a requirement for two votes – a tie vote was bound to be the outcome. To avoid all confusion and question, district 4 is receiving a new ballot, please re-vote using this ballot. Ballots from the first mailing will not be counted. Vote for one. The candidate receiving the most votes will fill the three year term. The other candidate will fill the one year vacancy.

We regret any confusion and want to give our members the opportunity to clearly express their wishes. Thank you for re-casting your ballot. Ballots must be postmarked October 10.

# ***2015 Midwest Regional Junior Show Results***

## ***Ohio State Fair***

To learn more about the Midwest Regional Junior show contact the Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association.

**Fall Ram Lamb**—1) MacCauley 3193, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 2) 1492, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI; 3) MacCauley 3206, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA

**Jr. Ram Lamb**—1) 172, Allie Begg, Findlay, OH; 2) 15-18, Sidney Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY; 3) 1529, Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 4) 1535, Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 5) 15-1, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI

**Slick Ram Lamb**—1) Wiford 537, Kerrin Fair, Millersburg, OH; 2) MacCauley 3356, Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA

**Grand Champion Ram** – 172, Allie Begg

**Reserve Champion Ram** - MacCauley 3193, Chris MacCauley

**Fitted Yr. Ewe**—1) 14-1, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI; 2) 14-F-1, Ryan Matthews, Mt Vernon, OH; 3) 14-1, Morgan Eilers, Weyauwega, WI; 4) 14-17, Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 5) 508, Kasse Getter, Johnstown, OH

**Fitted Yr. Ewe**—1) 1154, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI; 2) 1168, Taylor Eilers, Weyauwega, WI; 3) 1203, Taylor Eilers, Weyauwega, WI; 4) 14-H-9, Rachel Matthews, Mt Vernon, OH; 5) 14-8, Kelcie Hopper, Zanesville, OH

**Slick Yr. Ewe**—1) MacCauley 2974, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 2) Wiford 486, Will Wiford, Powell, OH; 3) MacCauley 3057, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 4) 202, Allie Begg, Findlay, OH; 5) 3001, Allie Hoover, Washington, PA; 6) 220, Allie Begg, Findlay, OH

**Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb**—1) 14-90, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI

**Slick Fall Ewe Lamb**—1) MacCauley 3202, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 2) 3192, Allie Hoover, Washington, PA; 3) MacCauley 3208, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 4) 3190, Kerrin Fair, Millersburg, OH; 5) 09106-15209, Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN

**Senior Champion** - MacCauley 2974, Chris MacCauley

**Spring Ewe Lamb (Jan)** - 1) 11441, Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 2) 163, Allie Begg, Findlay, OH; 3) 15-4, Sidney Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY; 4) 1224, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI

**Spring Ewe Lamb (Feb)** - 1) 52, Morgan Eilers, Weyauwega, WI; 2) 0367, Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI; 3) 15-M-9, Rachel Matthews, Mt Vernon, OH; 4) 15-26, Brady Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 5) 15-30, Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 6) 15-M-987, Ryan Matthews, Mt Vernon, OH

**Slick Ewe Lambs**—1) MacCauley 3230, Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 2) Wiford 510, Will Wiford, Powell, OH; 3) 15246, Aubrey Henderson, Atlanta, IN; 4) 3229, Kerrin Fair, Millersburg, OH; 5) 15266, Sidney Jacobs, Gansevoort, NY; 6) MacCauley 3234, Kyle MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 7) 11776, Kelcie Hopper, Zanesville, OH; 8) Wiford 522, Will Wiford, Powell, OH

**Jr. Champion** - MacCauley 3230, Chris MacCauley

**Grand Champion Ewe** - MacCauley 2974, Chris MacCauley

**Reserve Champion Ewe**- 14-1, Andrew Slack

**Young Flock**— 1) Chris MacCauley, Atglen, PA; 2) Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, WI; 3) Clayton Henderson, Atlanta, IN



## **The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project**

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



# USSA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The 2015 Director Election ballots have been mailed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2015 in the provided envelope to avoid disqualification. The following candidates are running for election in their respective districts. For district 3, Paul Skartvedt will automatically fill the director position as no other candidate has submitted an intent to run.

## DISTRICT 1

There are two candidates to fill one director position in district 1.



**RON ALVES, OAKDALE, CA**

My name is Ron Alves. My wife and I live on a small farm in Oakdale, a community in the northern San Joaquin Valley of California. Our sheep adventure started in 1974 and currently we own about 125 black face ewes, of which about 100 are Registered Suffolks. We show very little and most of our animals are sold as project lambs, some seed stock, range rams, and terminal lambs for consumption.

The cliché “If it ain’t broke don’t fix it” **does not** apply to the Suffolk breed, in my opinion. The dramatic decline in Suffolk registrations and Association membership during the past decades is evidence enough that Suffolk breeders need to address why and how to reverse these trends. I would welcome the opportunity to become part of the leadership of a group that revitalizes interest in the Suffolk breed.

Pathways that I would like to explore and perhaps implement include:

- 1) Emphasis on slick shearing at shows.
- 2) Redefining breed standards and perhaps defining types within the breed.
- 3) Development of user-friendly production criteria that may parallel other species models.
- 4) Continuing to invigorate the motivation for youth to select Suffolks as their sheep breed of choice.
- 5) Incentivize sheep producers to register Suffolks and join the Suffolk Association.
- 6) Investigate the possibility of turning the membership directory into annual yearbook similar to what the Suffolk Sheep Society (British Isles) publishes yearly.

There are other issues that also need to be addressed, but the above gives the reader an indication of what I am about. I do not advocate change for changes sake. Nor am I a proponent of a board operating in a vacuum. Development of a plan to renew interest in the Suffolk breed must be a joint venture by the membership at large directing action by the elected Suffolk Board. I would take great pleasure in being a part of a revised blueprint for Registered Suffolk Sheep!



**GAYLE LUCAS, PHILLIPSBURG, MT**

Hello! My name is Gayle Lucas. I am a Suffolk breeder in Montana and I own and operate the Prairie Rose Suffolk flock. I raise stud bucks, ram sires, terminal sires, direct marketing sires, seed stock and some show animals as part of my living.

My experiences with sheep began over 34 years ago as a range conservationist for the U.S. Forest Service in Idaho and Eastern Oregon where I administered several thousand acres of grazing allotments on public land and worked directly with sheep ranchers and herders. I also spent a tour of duty at the ARS/ U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, in Dubois, Idaho, where I was directly involved in research and production aspects of the station, which at that time had between 10,000-12,000 head of sheep on hand. From there, I began building a flock of cross-bred, commercially oriented production ewes where we used Suffolk rams as terminal sires. The lambs from this operation went into a direct ‘farm to table’ gourmet meat enterprise. I began incorporating purebred Suffolk ewes into the operation and soon replaced the cross-bred flock with the superior Suffolk ewes. The Prairie Rose flock evolved from those original, papered Suffolk sheep into what it is currently today.

I’ve had the pleasure of being a youth sheep leader & county coordinator in Montana 4-H for 20+ years. Additionally, I’ve served as a director and/or officer on one of the state sheep associations in Montana for 19 years

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and am currently involved with others in developing a new all breeds sale in Montana. These experiences have enabled me to deal with, and understand many facets of the industry and I believe it gives me a solid foundation to serve as a director for the U.S.S.A. board.

As an association, we need to engage youth **and** their parents into raising Suffolk sheep through involvement with youth agricultural programs such as 4-H & FFA. And then, encouraging them to stay the course through mentoring programs and other youth activities.

We also need to encourage new adult breeders and producers and provide ample opportunity for them to raise the type of Suffolk they desire. Just as importantly, as an association we need to listen to **all** existing members and producers and their ideas, encourage them to grow their program, rather than alienate them because they breed a certain 'type' of Suffolk. Current members are just as important to our association as the prospect of new members.

The Suffolk breed is an amazing, diverse, versatile, economically important breed & is embraced by both pure-bred breeders, show breeders, niche breeders and commercial sheep producers alike. Not many breeds can boast that they can hang a premium carcass, work as a superior terminal sire, produce fast growing lambs with vitality, and yes, even reign in the show ring whether slicked or fitted. The **strength** of the breed is born of this diversity & versatility. We need to embrace this diversity and versatility that is within the Suffolk breed rather than tear it down at every opportunity. What works for one operation, won't necessarily work for another operation. There is no singular 'magic bullet' nor is there any one "type" of Suffolk that will work across the board. We can build the Suffolk breed stronger by accessing & building upon the variety of Suffolk genetics available to shape the future.

I will work earnestly and openly for the membership and in the promotion of the Suffolk breed. I would be honored to serve as your District 1 director. I ask that you would consider me when you cast your vote. Thank you!

## DISTRICT 2

There are three candidates running to fill one director position in district 2.



### MATT BEALS, ALEXANDRIA, NE

To the dedicated Suffolk breeders of District 2; please let me introduce myself. My wife Amy and I operate Dry Sandy Sheep Company and currently we are running 90 Suffolk ewes. We entered the Suffolk business in the spring 2012, after dispersing our herd of Red Angus cows the previous fall. Let me lay out my qualifications to serve District 2 and the entire Suffolk breed.

My folks tell me that my first word was "cow". So from that point, until I dispersed the Red Angus in 2012, I spent 39 years in the cattle business. I have experience in the commercial cow-calf sector; I have seen the feedlot industry first-hand. We had a club calf sale for 15 years while growing up. I have been involved with two breeds at the national level. I have shown at Denver, Louisville, Kansas City, and Billings, countless state fairs and winter beef expos. I was part of two National Champions, and sold a good deal of semen on four different bulls. On the service side of things; I am a past board member of two different state breed associations (president of one). I am a former board member of a State Cattleman's Association and have served on the boards of two county affiliates.

Since becoming a Suffolk breeder, I have been a committee member of the USSA performance committee as well as the Suffolk breed coordinator for the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). This summer I consigned for the first time to the Center of the Nation Sale, and am taking a couple of pens of rams to a sale in the west this fall.

I have never been as excited about anything in the livestock business, as I am right now about the Suffolk breed. The entire sheep industry is changing for the better. The "Roadmap" was developed to identify major challenges facing the American lamb industry and there is an important role for Suffolks in assisting the industry in over-

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coming these challenges. The “Lets Grow” program is focusing on improving production and the Suffolk breed can also contribute to this effort. Dollars are pouring into research projects and infrastructure to assist the industry. Packing plants are building new facilities and adding instrument grading lines. As the sheep industry modernizes; the Suffolk breed is perfectly positioned to grab an ever bigger piece of a growing pie.

The primary role of a breed association is to create the programs that allow individual breeders to achieve increased market-share for the breed. As your director I will advocate for those programs. I humbly ask for your vote.

Matt Beals



### **TOM BURKE, PLATTE CITY, MO**

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Tom Burke; as a Candidate for the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Residing on a farm near Platte City, Missouri it has been my privilege and pleasure to have been a Suffolk breeder for the past 35 years.

One of the highlights of my life was being inducted into the United Suffolk Sheep Association “Hall of Fame” at the 2014, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual North American International Livestock Show on November 17, 2014.

In 1988 I was elected to the National Board of the National Suffolk Association and reelected in 1990 and 1993. I had the privilege and pleasure of serving as President of the National Suffolk Association from 1994 through 1996. From 1994 through 1996 I served as Vice President of the Missouri Suffolk Breeder’s Association and from 2003 to 2007 served as the Secretary/Treasurer.

In 2002 I was selected to judge the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual North American International Suffolk Show in Louisville, Kentucky. In 2005 I was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association and served as President of the United Suffolk Sheep Association in 2009. For the past 25 years I have served as an announcer for the National Junior Suffolk Show. For the past 30 years I have exhibited Suffolk’s at many shows.

I have exhibited numerous Louisville champions and first prize winners and have been the premiere exhibitor at the North American International Livestock Show in Louisville at the National Suffolk Show for 4 consecutive years. Due to changes in our operation we sold our Suffolk flock in the spring of 2015, however the good news is once again we are rebuilding a registered Suffolk flock.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association I will work for all members to continue building a fair and strong organization. I will aggressively be untiring in my devotion to keeping the Suffolk registry pure from the invasion of outside forces, and sincerely ASK for your vote and support in my candidacy as a Director for the United Suffolk Sheep Association. As a Director of the United Sheep Suffolk Association, if you are in need of help or have a problem, you won’t have to find me, I will find you.—THANKS!



### **J. THOMAS GREENLEE, RUTLEDGE, TN**

My name is Thomas Greenlee, and I am running for the position of Regional Director in District 2 of the United Suffolk Sheep Association.

As a breeder, I have been raising registered Suffolk sheep for 13 years. The start of my flock is best described as an out of control 4-H project that has grown into a passion for our beloved breed. Personally, I have experience in both agricultural sales and with the Cooperative Extension program in the state of Tennessee. My current position, as the Adult Agriculture/ 4-H Youth Development agent in Rhea County, Tennessee has given me a great deal of experience that I feel would directly benefit The United Suffolk Sheep Association.

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When I came to Rhea County, I was charged with rebuilding the youth livestock program back to its former glory. This face-to-face interaction time with junior exhibitors and parents alike along with the educational programs I lead will benefit me in being a point of contact for the Association.

I feel it is a director's job to both promote and unify the organization they are charged with serving. I also feel it is a director's job to disseminate information to members of the organization. If elected, I plan to provide as much transparency between the board and the membership as possible always making the thoughts and concerns of the members I represent a priority.

The number of youth exhibiting registered Suffolk sheep is severely dwindling nationwide. Each year, we lose more and more exhibitors and potential future breeders to other programs or other breeds. After conversations with other breeders from across the country, we all feel that, as an organization, we could do a better job of supporting and developing our junior exhibitors. Other breed associations are promoting themselves through starter flock programs for junior exhibitors. I feel this would be an excellent way to promote the development of our breed to new and upcoming exhibitors.

Our breed of sheep is unique. We are very diverse in who can benefit from the use of Suffolk's in their flock. If you look for NSIP data, we have it. Range rams, we have them. Club lamb sires, frame sheep or "tweeners" we have them all right here. Be proud of that fact and support the breed that can help any facet of the American Sheep Industry. From farm flock to the range to the show ring, we all love the same breed and recognize their benefit.

As with any election certain candidates have an "agenda" they are trying to push. Starting my transparency now, I would like to tell you mine. We once used the slogan "The breed in the lead" as our largest promotion. Through further development of both our adult and junior associations, my main goal is to help propel this organization and breed back to that status. Yes, I may not be the most experienced, have the biggest name or the biggest flock however, I will bring a new outlook to the board from a recent junior's perspective. At only 25, I may be one of the youngest to run however if elected my drive and work ethic will outweigh my age.

If you would like to discuss my qualifications further, please do not hesitate to call me on my cell phone at (865) 566-7502 or at the office at (423) 775-7807. I can also be reached by email at [jgreen14@utk.edu](mailto:jgreen14@utk.edu).

## DISTRICT 3

For district 3, Paul Skartvedt will automatically fill the director position as no other candidate has submitted an intent to run.



**PAUL SKARTVEDT, RADCLIFFE, IA**

Hello Suffolk Breeders, I am excited to run again for candidate for the United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors. I have been raising Registered Suffolk Sheep since 1982. I live in central Iowa with my wife Shannon and our 4 children, Lily 15, Ty 13, Landen 10 and Tessa 6. We run 30 Registered Suffolk ewes and 15 Wether type ewes on our farm.

I come from a family where my dad has been raising Suffolk sheep since he was in high school and has recently finished his 48<sup>th</sup> year of showing at the Iowa State Fair. My mom has a similar background in that she also grew up raising and showing sheep in rural Iowa.

As a board member for the USSA we have worked to find new ways to promote our breed. I have been chairman of the junior market show at the NAILE and on the committee for the Suffolk Hall Of Fame. With 4 kids that participate in the UJSSA and Lily being on the junior board, I would like to see the organization continue to grow and foster leadership skills in the youth of our association.

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### DISTRICT 4

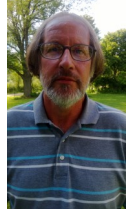
There are two candidates running to fill two director positions in district 4.



#### **JOE EMENHEISER, SAINT ALBANS, VT**

I started my current Suffolk flock in 2002. Since then, I managed two sheep operations in New York (250 and 2,200 ewes), where I developed my Suffolks as commercial sires. Additionally, I competed on successful livestock and meats judging teams at Oklahoma State and worked as a butcher in Pennsylvania. All of these experiences ingrained in me the importance of commercially-relevant purebred livestock. As a graduate student at Virginia Tech, I developed the first ultrasound carcass EPDs for NSIP. After a beef project for my PhD, I joined the University of Vermont faculty in 2014 as the state Extension Livestock Specialist. I am in the process of purchasing a farm and expanding my flock of 25 ewes to keep pace with my terminal sire markets. Most of my rams are sold to commercial producers who have no need for registration papers. My intent as a Director is to help create a breed association that offers something of real value to these commercial customers. This means a USSA that 1) values meat production above all else, 2) focuses on promoting the Suffolk's superiority as a meat breed, and 3) embraces objective evaluation methods that ensure that Suffolks actually stand up to the claims. Trends in Katahdin registrations reveal the importance of being in tune with commercial industry needs and using 21<sup>st</sup> century tools. Juniors are no doubt the future, but let's not focus so exclusively on young Suffolk showmen that we continue to overlook the surge of new commercial sheep producers, particularly here in District 4. In my day job, I receive many calls from new farmers who are selling Icelandic lamb at farmers' markets, and who have no idea that Suffolks are capable of being more than show sheep. This is a reflection of the image that USSA projects, and it hasn't done well for registrations. Let's play the game that Suffolks can win: lean growth and feed efficiency. Politics does not rank high among my interests, but I am happy to offer leadership and expertise as a Director, if the membership agrees with my view that it is time to renew focus on once again becoming the premier terminal sire breed in the world.

Joe Emenheiser, District 4 Director Candidate ,August 2015



#### **RANDY HODGES, NORTH BRANCH, MI**

I have raised Suffolk sheep for over 50 years, starting with a 4-H project in southeastern Nebraska. I am currently president of the Michigan Suffolk Breeders Association, and past-director and vice-president of the USSA board. I have served as sheep superintendent at our county fair and have judged open and junior classes at several county fairs. My wife and I have owned our farm in North Branch, Michigan for nearly 30 years.

The USSA is a great resource for Suffolk breeders. I do think that we need to work harder at promoting Suffolks as sires of fast growing market lambs with a lean and desirable carcass. No other breed can beat a Suffolk ewe in lamb production a fact that sometimes gets lost when attention is given only to show ring results. I believe that as a board we need to promote more aggressively the production type sheep that sell in the NSIP sale. Production data combined with the beautiful breed characteristics of the Suffolk will go a long way in convincing commercial breeders of the economic value of the breed.

I also think that support of junior breeders is vital to the future of the industry. We can do this by continuing to support the ewe lambs futurity and the USSA junior shows at the both the regional and national levels. I am looking forward to the day when my 2 grandsons will be old enough to be a part of the USSA.

As a director, I will push for the board to be open and transparent as it promotes the beauty and productivity of the breed. I don't believe we should let the show ring dictate what we are doing as a breed and instead get back to endorsing the 3-dimensional sheep that the commercial industry demands. We don't need different breed standards for different types of sheep; instead we need to make sure judges of Suffolks are versed in our current breed standards.

I believe that I have a range of experiences with the Suffolk breed in both the commercial and purebred settings that qualify me to represent the variety of Suffolk breeders within the district. As a representative of region 4, I will make every effort to convey the ideas and concerns of the breeders within the region to the board. When I

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was a director previously I took my responsibilities seriously. I never missed a conference call or face-to-face board meeting in the three years I was on the board. I encourage you to contact me if you have any concerns you would like to discuss before you cast your ballot.

Randy Hodges, 810-441-6218, [hodgesrk@yahoo.com](mailto:hodgesrk@yahoo.com)



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**North American International Livestock Exposition Sheep Show Schedule Expanded to Nov. 12-20; New Junior Supreme Champion Ram Class Added.**

July 7, 2015 .... Louisville, KY. North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) officials have announced that the Sheep Division shows and sales schedule is expanded by one day to better accommodate the show's huge junior events. There were more than 1,600 junior wethers and more than 1,700 junior breeding sheep entered in 2014. Both numbers represent new show records.

This year, the Junior Wether Lamb Show, sponsored by **Farm Credit Mid-America**, starts at 8 am on Friday, Nov. 13 and resumes at 8 am on Saturday, Nov. 14. The Junior Breeding Sheep Show begins on Saturday, Nov. 14 in the afternoon and continues on Sunday. These earlier start dates mean that all sheep arrival will begin at 8 am on Wednesday, Nov. 11 instead of noon as in prior years. The new arrival deadline for Junior Wether Lambs is Noon on Thursday, Nov. 12. The arrival deadline for Junior Breeding Show sheep remains at noon on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Junior Show Showmanship contests move to Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5 pm.

The popular Lead Line classes start at 4 pm on Friday, Nov. 13. This show also offers special classes for young people. The Photography competition is expanded to two divisions- Black & White and Color. The Fine Arts class will return, however the Knitting contest is discontinued.

Another major addition to the junior contests is the premier of a **Junior Supreme Champion Ram** award. The Robert Hall Junior Supreme Champion Ewe class continues, and a \$1,000 premium is offered for each class and they are part of the Junior Breeding Sheep Show.

## **Open Shows**

In 2015 there are 21 breeds offering open shows. Thirteen of those are National Shows. The show ends on Friday, Nov. 20 with the naming of the Open Supreme Champion. Shows will again be video streamed live on the NAILE website. Video archives of the 2014 are still available on the NAILE's You Tube channel.

## **Wool Show**

The NAILE Wool Show returns with \$2,500 in premiums. Some classes have been revised. Entries must arrive by Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:00 pm. Fleeces are displayed throughout the show week in the South Wing Lobby.

## **Entry Information**

Catalogs containing show information and rules are available for download on the NAILE website at [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org). Printed catalogs and entry forms are automatically mailed to those who have participated in the NAILE the past two years. Catalogs are free, and anyone wishing to receive one should contact the NAILE offices at P.O. Box 36367, Louisville, KY 40233-6367, by fax at 502-367-5299, or by e-mail at [KFEC-NAILE@ksfb.ky.gov](mailto:KFEC-NAILE@ksfb.ky.gov).

Entry deadline for Sheep Division shows is October 1. Exhibitors may submit entries by mail at any time and on the website beginning September 1.

The 42nd Annual NAILE is produced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky under the direction of the Kentucky State Fair Board. During the Expo's run November 3 through 20, the facility's entire 1,200,000 square feet of climate-controlled exhibit space is used. More than 220,000 visitors and exhibitors attend the event annually.



# United Suffolk Sheep Association

## ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

**Sunday, November 15, 2015**

**Social Hour 5:30 pm ♦ Dinner 6:30 pm**

**North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky**

(Please stop by the USSA booth for room details)

*You're invited to join fellow United Suffolk Sheep Association Members for an event filled evening of dining and reminiscing as the association recognizes the 2015 inductees to the United Suffolk Sheep Association Hall of Fame. An annual business meeting will follow.*

**Please join us in celebrating the 2015 USSA Hall of Fame Inductees:**

B.B. Burroughs

Bob & Mark Chapman

John Eagle

Dr. Ben Huff

George Hunter

Sherwood Jackson

Donna Mays

Pierce McKinney



## Reservation Form

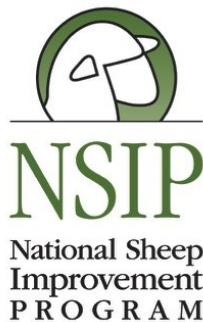
The United Suffolk Sheep Association requests members submit a reservation for this event. Please complete the reservation form below and return by **October 31, 2015**. Reservations and payment can be mailed to: USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642. If you do not plan to attend, a reservation form does not need to be returned.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ plan to attend the 2015 USSA Annual Meeting & Dinner on  
Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. There will be a total of \_\_\_\_\_ guests with my party and I  
have enclosed a payment of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per attendee).



# NSIP UPDATE

Submitted By Matt Beals



**Our Mission:** To provide predictable, economically important genetic evaluation information to the American sheep industry by converting performance records into relevant decision-making tools.



## NATIONAL SHEEP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

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## ABOUT US

The National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) is committed to helping American sheep producers improve profitability through the use of genetic information. NSIP and its membership recognize the importance of combining genetic evaluations derived from performance records with visual assessments when selecting breeding stock for purebred and commercial flocks. Founded in 1986, this non-profit organization is administered by a volunteer board of directors. All breeds are represented. ■

## WHAT WE DO

NSIP is the only American organization to offer U.S. sheep producers a proven genetic selection system by which to improve flock productivity and quality. Using a process similar to that used by nearly all other livestock species to aid in genetic selection, NSIP develops Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) which sheep producers can use to select animals for important traits, including productivity, quality and flock health.

In alignment with the U.S. Sheep Industry Roadmap, NSIP is dedicated to helping sheep producers improve traits that result in animals with desirable, profitable characteristics. Ultimately, we offer an excellent tool and method to move the industry toward its goal of value-based carcass pricing, using genetic selection criteria for carcass quality. ■

## ESTIMATED BREEDING VALUES LEAD THE WAY TO GENETIC IMPROVEMENT

By using breeding stock with genetic predictability, all types of flocks have a foundation of genetic information upon which to build a superior and more consistent product for their customers, whether this be a feeder, packer or consumer. This genetic predictability is achievable through NSIP's Estimated Breeding Values.

EBVs are science-based, industry-tested measurements of heritable traits that can be tracked and measured. For those familiar with Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) used in cattle, EBVs are very similar. EPDs denote the breeding value of an individual animal's progeny whereas EBVs denote the value of the individual animal. More simply, EBVs equal EPDs times two. ■

## BECOMING A MEMBER

**To obtain EBVs on your sheep, join NSIP today!** With EBVs, purebred and seedstock producers can identify genetics that excel in their flocks and greatly accelerates genetic progress within a breed. A flock with any breed type or multiple breed types can submit data for evaluation through NSIP. The data is calculated on the performance of individual animals, related animals in the same flock and related animals in other flocks when possible.

### Your NSIP membership includes:

- Free software for flock data management and submission.
- Free training and mentoring support from a like-minded sheep breeder.
- Advanced genetic evaluation calculations using proven technology.
- Comprehensive reports on both individual animals and breeds.
- Listing on NSIP website.
- News and updates via email.

**Associate memberships** are available for supporters of NSIP that do not submit data (i.e., breed associations, meat companies, industry affiliates, individuals and flocks generating EBVs and EPDs via other programs). Associate members do not have voting privileges, but will be listed on the NSIP website and receive correspondence sent to all NSIP members. ■

### FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER

If you are a new member, or have not been a member for three years, your first year's Flock Enrollment Fee will be waived. Database Fees still apply.

Also, NSIP will waive the annual Flock Enrollment Fee for up to three years for those who are less than 22 years of age as of Jan. 2015. Should that individual not submit data during those three years, they will owe 50% of the enrollment fees.



# 2015 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

## USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

### **Thursday, November 12th**

Market Lamb & Junior Breeding Showmanship – 5pm

### **Friday, November 13th**

Market Lamb Show – 8am (purebreds show)

UJSSA Pizza Party—Lunch

Lead Line – 4pm

Market Lamb Momma Sale 7pm– East Hall

USSA Board Meeting – TBA

### **Saturday, November 14th**

Junior Breeding Show – 3pm (Suffolks)

North American International Suffolk Sale – 3:30pm

### **Sunday, November 15th**

UJSSA Board Meeting - 10am (time TBA)

USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet – 6:30pm (social hour 5:30pm)

### **Monday, November 16th**

Open Suffolk Show – 8am

### **Friday, November 20-**

Supreme Champion 11am

## Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show – Mike Harbour, Gatesville, TX

Junior Breeding Show– TBA

Open Show– Slick: Jeff Neal, Tiffin, Ohio

Fitted: Skip Anderson, Fargo, ND

## **NAILE Open Show Participants -**

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to NAILE, for those who do not pay, will be prohibited from participating. If the entry fee is collected at NAILE, the entry fee will increase to \$10 per head.

**Stop by USSA/UJSSA Booth  
for further details on board  
meeting dates and locations!**

## NAILE Market Lamb Show – Suffolk Division

Again this year, but a little revised, the USSA will be providing special monies to UJSSA members showing Suffolk market lambs at the 2015 NAILE Market Lamb Show.

The USSA will award \$1000 to the Champion Suffolk Market Lamb, \$500 to the Reserve Champion Market Lamb, and within each Suffolk Market Lamb Class, \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup> place and

\$25 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. To be eligible for this prize money, each Suffolk market lamb, at the time of weigh-in and classification, will be required to have a Suffolk Market Lamb Certificate. Certificates may be obtained from the USSA office (P.O. Box 121, Holland, IA 50642) or at the time of classification.

This award money will only be available to individuals whom:

(1) Pay for a United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA) Membership at the rate of \$15 or are a current UJSSA member

### **AND**

(2) Purchase a wether certificate from the USSA at the rate of \$10 per lamb.





## 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](mailto:news@u-s-s-a.org). The newsletter may not contain all upcoming events. To find a full listing, please visit : [www.u-s-s-a.org](http://www.u-s-s-a.org).

### October

- 1 USSA and Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship Applications due to USSA Office
- 8 Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, UT [website](#)
- 31 Annual Meeting Dinner Reservation deadline—contact USSA Office.
- 31 North Star Sale- 7pm, Pipestone Co. Fairgrounds, Pipestone, MN [website](#)

### November

- 1 Win a Suffolk Ewe Lamb Videos due to USSA Office
- 12 NAILE Market Lamb & Junior Breeding Showmanship – 5pm
- 13 NAILE Market Lamb Show – 8am (purebreds show)  
Lead Line – 4pm  
USSA Board Meeting – TBA
- 14 NAILE Junior Breeding Show – 3pm (Suffolks)  
North American International Suffolk Sale – 3:30pm
- 15 USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet – 6:30pm (social hour 5:30pm) NAILE, Louisville, KY
- 16 NAILE Open Suffolk Show – 8am

\*All NAILE Shows and event information can be found by visiting: [www.livestockexpo.org](http://www.livestockexpo.org).

**\*\*\*SEE PAGE 22 OF THE NEWSLETTER TO FIND A MORE DETAILED LISTING OF NAILE EVENTS \*\*\***

- 28 Illini Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale, Bloomington, IL

### January

- 27– 30 ASI Convention, Scottsdale, AZ

**DON'T FORGET TO MAIL THE OFFICE YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE FOR THE NAILE OPEN SHOW.**

### 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](mailto:info@u-s-s-a.org) by November 1, 2015. The winner will be announced during the Suffolk Open Show at NAILE.

Open to juniors age 18 or younger as of January 1, 2015 who do not currently own registered Suffolks.





## Stage is Set to Improve U.S. Sheep Genetics

The Lamb Industry Roadmap has strongly supported the improvement of sheep genetics from the start, and it is extremely pleased by many positive developments on this front.

This spring has been a busy time for the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). NSIP has more flocks enrolled and more sheep with EBVs than ever before – thanks to support from the American Lamb Board and the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center,. The support from the industry has made this expansion possible, and the returns will be seen industry wide with the increased use of quantitative genetic selection – thereby improving the productivity and profitability of American sheep producers.

To better serve the current NSIP members and the entire U.S. sheep industry, NSIP has hired a part-time program director, Rusty Burgett. Rusty has experience in the commercial and purebred sectors of the industry and is dedicated to improving the nation's sheep flock. The board also welcomes Tom Boyer as vice chairman and Walt Williams as treasurer as well as several new breed representatives. The advancement of NSIP is a result of the hard work of this volunteer board.

Continuing this momentum, NSIP was awarded funding from the ASI Let's Grow committee for the American Sheep Industry Genetic Improvement Initiative. NSIP's educational effort encompasses all aspects of the sheep industry across the country and focuses on productivity improvement. The project includes:

### Educational materials

- Ram Buyers Guide to Productivity Improvement - educates commercial producers about selecting rams based on estimated breeding values to increase productivity
- Productivity Improvement Case Study Videos-- Commercial and seedstock producers that have embraced the technology of EBVs will be highlighted as examples for the entire industry

### Workshops and Field Days

- Hands-on productivity improvement workshops will be held across the U.S. to demonstrate the benefits of EBVs.
- Breeders Regional Forums-Workshops designed to train breeders on how to use NSIP to make genetic improvement and how to market genetics into the commercial sector
- Development of Seedstock Consortia- Facilitating working groups of like minded breeders to expedite genetic improvement focusing on range and fine wool producers.

This project is extensive in size and scope and is focused on educating the industry of the benefits that can be reaped when quantitative genetic selection is implemented. To date, NSIP is featured in workshops at 9 different sheep festivals and sales across the U.S.

If you have an event this year and you would like NSIP featured, please contact Rusty Burgett at [info@nsip.org](mailto:info@nsip.org) or 515-708-8850.

### ASI Let's Grow and the Sheep Industry Roadmap Alan Culham, ASI Let's Grow Coordinator

The American Sheep Industry (ASI) has dedicated its Let's Grow Program to fulfilling the goals of the Sheep Industry Roadmap's Productivity Committee. With a commitment of 1.5 million dollars budgeted over the next 3 years ASI's Let's Grow Committee is moving forward to increase the production efficiencies of the U.S. sheep industry.

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Alan Culham of Michigan was hired as the coordinator of the ASI Let's Grow program in January of this year. This was closely followed by the appointment of the new ASI Let's Grow committee. Members include:

Mike Corn, chairman - NM

John Fine – OR  
Ben Lehfelddt – MT  
Wes Limesand – ND  
Lesia Eidman – CA

Dr. Stanley Poe – IN  
Rick Powers – SC/TX  
Rob Rule – IA  
Bill Sparrow – NC

Dr. Dennis Stiffler – NY  
Susan Shultz – OH  
Wes Moser – IA

With a newly adopted mission statement in mind to support, promote and ensure the U.S. sheep industry's future through the development of innovative and sustainable initiatives that increase the productivity, profitability, and growth of the American sheep industry which will further enhance domestic wool and lamb production, the committee planned their program of work.

Starting March 1st applications were made available for Let's Grow Project Grants. These grants were made available to fund groups of producers attempting to increase the production efficiency of the sheep industry. By the May 1st deadline 43 applications had been received seeking nearly 1.4 million dollars in grant funding. The committee met on May 11th in Denver, Colorado to review the proposals. Eleven grants were funded with a total of \$273,306.25 awarded. Details of these projects can be obtained by visiting the sheepusa webpage at: [http://www.sheepusa.org/Growourflock\\_Funding\\_FundedProjects](http://www.sheepusa.org/Growourflock_Funding_FundedProjects)

In addition another \$24,000 was awarded to state associations to fund local state mentor programs.

A new round of funding will be established beginning in the fall. Applications will be available September 1 with proposals due back to the committee by November 15. An announcement of those grants funded is expected by the end of December.

Watch for upcoming Let's Grow events. For more information regarding ASI Let's Grow activities visit the ASI Let's Grow web page at: [http://www.sheepusa.org/Growourflock\\_Home](http://www.sheepusa.org/Growourflock_Home); on Facebook at: Facebook.com/LetsGrowASI; or contact: Alan Culham, ASI Let's Grow Coordinator, [alan@sheepusa.org](mailto:alan@sheepusa.org), [517/896-7378](tel:5178967378)

## Next Newsletter: December 2015

Submission Deadline: November 30th

### USSA Member News

#### *Our condolences to the following families...*



**Jane Ann Craft**, 75, Flora passed away at St Franciscan Hospital, Lafayette on August 17. She had fought cancer for the past three years. Born November 26, 1939, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of the late Carl and Mary Jo Jones. She graduated from Flora High School in 1958 as salutatorian. Her marriage was to Donald Trent Craft on September 24, 1961 and he survives.

Jane Ann was a homemaker. She was an honorary member of Psi Iota Xi. She was a member of DAR. She was a member of the First Brethren Church. Jane Ann enjoyed spending time with her husband, daughters and grandchildren. She was often seen swinging on her front porch. She was an IU basketball fan and enjoyed watching sports. She loved to bake and cook.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her daughters, Joni Susan Summe (Mike) of Sheridan, Donelle Ann Shoffner (Scott) of Bringham, and Carla Jane Mote (Larry C) of Flora, grandchildren Carlton and Amanda Summe, Briar and Molly Shoffner, and Hunter Mote.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jane Ann's memory to St. Matthews's Lutheran Church, 1301 South Washington Street Delphi, IN 46923. - [Click here to see more.](#)

# 2015 National Suffolk Show & Sale

Sedalia, Missouri



**Champion Suffolk Ewe**

Renn Vue Farms, Pigeon, MI



**Champion Suffolk Ram**

Wayne Skartvedt Family, Radcliffe, IA



**Champion Suffolk Wether Dam**

Slack Club Lambs, North Manchester, IN



**Champion Suffolk Wether Sire**

Williams Show Lambs, Mabel, MN



## *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! Information can be emailed to [news@u-s-s-a.org](mailto:news@u-s-s-a.org) or contact the USSA Office.

~ SALE REPORT ~

**CENTER OF THE NATION—NATIONAL SHEEP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SALE, Spencer, IA  
July 25, 2015**

GROSS: \$92,400      AVG: \$804  
81 Rams Avg. \$924  
34 Ewes Avg. \$544

| LOTS            | AVG     | LOTS               | AVG     |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| 15 Polypay Rams | \$1,087 | 1 Sann Ram         | \$1,000 |
| 12 Polypay Ewes | \$ 679  | 20 Hampshire Rams  | \$ 675  |
| 29 Suffolk Rams | \$1,014 | 7 Hampshire Ewes   | \$ 521  |
| 6 Suffolk Ewes  | \$ 475  | 2 Katahdin Rams    | \$ 600  |
| 10 Dorset Rams  | \$1,000 | 2 Katahdin Ewes    | \$ 400  |
| 7 Dorset Ewes   | \$ 436  | 2 Rambouillet Rams | \$ 575  |
|                 |         | 2 Siremax Rams     | \$ 525  |

**TOP RAMS:**

Lot 68 - \$2200 Reau 576—Suffolk: A 2-22-2015 son of MSU 4137. Consigned by Reau Suffolks, Petersburg, MI. Sold to Capouch Livestock, Blair, WI.

Lot 31 - \$2000 BH3017—Suffolk: A 2-12-2015 son of BH2868. Consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, De Graff, OH. Sold to Spence Rule, Akron, CO.

Lot 27 - \$2000 BH2895—Suffolk: A 2-20-2014 son of MSU 0152. Consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, De Graff, OH. Sold to Spence Rule, Akron, CO

Lot 32 - \$2000 Culham & Stevens 1064—Suffolk: A 2-4-2014 son of MSU 2124. Consigned by Culham & Stevens LLC, Webberville, MI. Sold to Steven Jensen, Ringsted, IA.

Lot 40 - \$1800 Kimm I3098-15048 RR/NN—Suffolk: A 1-27-2015 son of Kimm 13084 RR/NN. Consigned by Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, IA. Sold to Laurie Seefeldt, Revillo, SD

Lot 28 - \$1500 BH2910—Suffolk: A 2-22-2014 son of MSU 0152. Consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, De Graff, OH. Sold to Baumann Suffolks, Savannah, MO.

Lot 30 - \$1300 BH3002—Suffolk: A 2-8-2015 son of BH2895. Consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, De Graff, OH. Sold to Laurie Seefeldt, Revillo, SD

Lot 42 - \$1200 Kimm I3311-15074 RR/NN—Suffolk: A 2-3-2015 son of Slack 9176. Consigned by Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, IA. Sold to Vernon Meinberg, Hampton, IA.

Lot 39 - \$1200 Kimm I0017-I5042 RR/NN—Suffolk: A 1-24-2015 son of Kimm I3084 RR/NN. Consigned by Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, IA. Sold to Paul Paulsen Jr Family, Oto, IA.

Lot 29 - \$1100 BH3001—Suffolk: A 2-8-2015 son of BH2910. Consigned by Bunker Hill Farm, De Graff, OH. Sold To Johnny Hevener, Franklin, WV.

Lot 50 - \$1100 MGR 5306—Suffolk: A 1-19-2015 son of Kimm 12077. Consigned by Mint Gold Ranch, De Pere, WI. Sold to Michael H. Ring, Neola, IA.

Lot 58 - \$1000 MSU 4136—Suffolk: A 2-12-2014 son of MSU 3103. Consigned by Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. Sold to Caleb Moser, Lester, IA.

Lot 41 - \$1000 Kimm 12067-15052 RR/NN—Suffolk: A 1-28-2015 son of Kimm I3084 RR/NN. Consigned by Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, IA. Sold to Tom Carr, Estherville, IA

Lot 69 - \$900 Reau 577—Suffolk: A 2-22-2015 son of MSU 4137. Consigned by Reau Suffolks, Petersburg, MI. Sold to J. Haaland Farms, Inc., Greenville, IA.

Lot 49 - \$900 MGR 5301—Suffolk: A 1-16-2015 son of Mint Gold Ranch 4111. Consigned by Mint Gold Ranch, De Pere, WI. Sold to Capouch Livestock, Blair, WI.

**TOP EWES:**

Lot 56 - \$600 MGR 5325—Suffolk: A 1-28-2015 daughter of Mint Gold Ranch 2005. Consigned by Mint Gold Ranch, De Pere, WI. Sold to Logan Miller, Franklin, WV.

Auctioneer: Col Al Conover, Baxter, IA ♦ Sale Manager: Conover Auction Service Inc., Al & Jeanne Conover, Baxter, IA  
Sale Contacts: Dr. Dan Morrical, Jerry & Mary Sorensen



## 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 your ad to: [news@u-s-s-a.org](mailto: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](http://www.u-s-s-a.org).*

### **Registered Suffolks For Sale**

March born ram lamb for sale. Sired by Touchdown Acres 1331. Meaty & Rugged \$250. 2 year old ewe for sale Sired by a Marlin Subra ram. \$150  
Amy Louise Johnson, Wisconsin  
608-269-2383

### **For Sale: Registered Suffolk Ewe & Ram Lambs**

Registered Suffolk ewe and ram lambs. Sired by 2015 Reserved Champion Ram at Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, MO. They are fast growing, structurally correct with lots of loin length. All rams are RR.  
Stewart Family Suffolk, Newton IA  
(641) 521-7981, [Barb.stewart.56@gmail.com](mailto:Barb.stewart.56@gmail.com)

### **For Sale: Six Suffolk Ewe Lambs**

Sired by breeding leading NSIP growth sires.  
Culham & Stevens, Webberville. MI  
517/896-7378, [culhamab@aol.com](mailto:culhamab@aol.com)

### **Suffolk, Hampshire & Southdown Rams For Sale**

Suffolk, Hampshire & Southdown Rams For Sale. Priced \$500-\$1000 each  
Rex Quam  
507-251-2650 (call or text), [Rex.Quam@riverland.edu](mailto:Rex.Quam@riverland.edu)

### **Sheep For Sale**

MacCauley 2724 (Ram) DOB: 9/6/12. Sire -5StarJ 0155, Dam - HoWhi Daughter. Out of the 2011 Sedalia Grand Champion \$13,000 ram that sold to Bill MacCauley. This is one awesome ram 43"x43". Used for two years & kept many lambs back from him. He packs his lambs with lots of size, Dimension, bone, level tops. He throws the whole package. \$2500

1Yearling Rams: super Correct ram out of MacCauley 2556 with a lot of size & thickness, bone, size good feet and legs and flat across the back. Dams are (whispering Hills) Great Looking ram Awesome Stud Prospect. \$500  
Call or E-Mail for Pix or more details  
Mark Weisberg 515-835-9230  
[mark@weisbergimp.com](mailto:mark@weisbergimp.com) (Subject Sheep)

### **Yearling Stud Ram For Sale**

McClure 14-20 RR. This Northern Connection grandson is dammed by the great old stud ewe, McClure 903. He is very complete and good-footed.  
Check out our website: [www.mccluresuffolks.com](http://www.mccluresuffolks.com).  
Call for more details.  
Jeff McClure, Roanoke, IL 309-923-7576

### **2 Year Old RR/NN Suffolk Ram**

This is Corson 13-350 born 02/16/13, a 2 y.o. registered Suffolk ram in prime breeding shape. He is a Lucky 13 son and a Lucky Strike descendant and a Powerline (dam) grandson. He had a 100% success rate breeding ewes last fall. He produced Reserve Champion Ram, Reserve Champion Ewe, and Grand Champion Pair of Ewe lambs at the 2015 Scotland County Fair. Great disposition and leads well. Asking \$1000. Location: Memphis, MO  
Contact Jeff Davis 660-216-4616 or 660-465-7587 or email at [drsunnysummit@gmail.com](mailto:drsunnysummit@gmail.com)



## *Fall in love with this lamb dish!*

Do you have a lamb recipe that is absolutely delicious you want to share? Do you have a child that loves to cook? We'll feature their recipes, too! Please email recipes to [news@u-s-s-a.org](mailto:news@u-s-s-a.org) to be featured in an upcoming



### Ingredients

#### Lamb

1 boneless leg of lamb (5 to 6 pounds)  
1/4 cup kosher salt  
2 tablespoons sumac  
2 tablespoons ground fennel seed  
1 tablespoon ground pasilla chile, or other medium-hot chile, such as ancho or mulato  
1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon ground clove  
3 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh oregano  
1 tablespoon coarsely chopped fresh rosemary  
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil

#### Onion Gravy

1 cup drippings from roasting pan  
1 cup thinly sliced onions  
1 cup Rioja or other red wine  
1 cup chicken stock  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 tablespoon all purpose flour

#### Potato Soufflé

3 pounds medium size Yukon gold potatoes, washed, peeled and quartered  
4 ounces (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut in 8 to 10 pieces  
1/2 cup all purpose flour  
8 large eggs  
3 tablespoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

### Directions

#### Lamb

Pat the lamb leg dry with paper towels and set aside. Combine the salt, sumac, fennel seed, ground chile, black pepper, cinnamon, clove, oregano and rosemary in a small bowl and stir to combine. Add the olive oil and stir to make a thick paste. Rub the paste over the entire lamb leg, making certain to coat all of the surfaces.

Place the rub-coated lamb leg on the rack of a roasting pan with foil on the bottom. Refrigerate the leg for 2 to 3 hours, or allow to sit at least 30 minutes at room temperature. Thirty minutes before you're ready to roast the lamb leg, heat the oven to 450°F. Put the roasting pan with the lamb leg on a rack in the middle of the oven and roast for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature to 325°F and continue to roast until a meat thermometer inserted in the center of the

roast registers 140°F for medium rare. Plan on 25 to 30 minutes per pound, or a total of approximately 2-1/2 hours for a 5 to 6 pound leg. Begin checking the temperature after 1-1/2 hours, to get a sense of how quickly the meat is cooking.

When it reaches 140°F, remove the lamb leg from the oven and pour 1/2 cup water in the bottom of the pan. Cover the lamb leg loosely with foil and let stand 15 to 20 minutes before slicing.

#### Onion Gravy

Add the pan drippings to a medium size saucepan and warm over medium high heat. When the dripping and fat are hot, add the onions and t sauté the onions until soft and caramelized, about 10 minutes.

Add the butter and flour, reduce the heat to medium and cook stirring constantly for 3 minutes. Add the wine and bring the mixture to a simmer. Reduce the total volume of liquid by half, then add the chicken stock. Bring the mixture to a gentle simmer and cook until it has reduced slightly and thickened to the consistency of gravy.

#### Potato Soufflé

Heat the oven to 400°F Generously butter a round soufflé dish or casserole that is approximately 4-inches deep and 10 inches in diameter. Set aside.

Place the potatoes in a large pot filled with cold water. Season generously with salt. Bring the water to a boil, reduce to a simmer and cook the potatoes until fork tender, about 15 minutes depending on size.

Pour the potatoes into a colander and shake to remove as much moisture as possible. Place the potatoes in a food mill or a potato ricer and add them back to the pot with the butter and flour. Cook the mixture over low heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. The mixture should come together into a single, cohesive mass.

Transfer the potato mixture to the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. Mix on low speed for about 30 seconds while you crack the eggs into a liquid measure. Lightly whisk the eggs and slowly add to the potatoes with the mixture running. Increase the speed to medium when all of the eggs. Mix 1 minute or until the eggs are fully incorporated and the mixture is smooth.

Scrape the contents of the mixer bowl into the prepared baking dish and place on rack in the middle of the oven. Bake until the soufflé has nearly doubled in size and is golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes. Serve immediately.

Recipe from: [www.americanlamb.com](http://www.americanlamb.com)



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