

Suffolk Newsletter

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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 information has been mailed to all paid USSA members. Please note that only District 2 will have a ballot to return; Districts 1, 3 and 4 only have one declared candidate running in their respective district and will receive a bio information in the mail.

Juniors! The USSA Scholarship and Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship applications are due Oct. 1st! Applications can be found on the USSA and UJSSA website or contact the office for an application to be mailed or emailed to you.

The USSA will be holding a Online Bred Ewe Sale, October 19-20 on wlive-stock.com. Entry forms can be found on the USSA website or contact the USSA Office. Deadline to enter is October 5th.

Please promote the USSA Ewe Lamb Giveaway! This year the Ewe Lamb Giveaway has expanded to one ewe lamb per district. This is open to juniors who do not currently have a Suffolk registered in their name. Please see USSA website for more details! Deadline for giveaway is Nov. 1st.

For members planning to make the trip to Louisville, Kentucky, 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!

The next Suffolk Newsletter will be sent the beginning of December, please contact the USSA Office with anything you'd like to see included by Dec. 5th!

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

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USSA ELECTION BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

If you are a USSA member in District 2 election ballots must be returned (postmarked) by **October 1, 2016**. There is no election in Districts 1, 3 and 4 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 newsletter issue. Also included with the election information for your district is an invite to the 2016 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 ♦ Gayle Lucas, MT

DISTRICT 2 ♦ Tom Burke, MO ♦ W.E. Gergen, NE ♦ Chris Mallett, MO ♦ Randy Steinhausen, NE

DISTRICT 3 ♦ Bill Royer, IL

DISTRICT 4 ♦ Randy Hodges, MI

United Suffolk Sheep Association

-Mission Statement-

"To define, register, promote and improve the Suffolk breed to provide leadership for the advancement and future of the entire U.S. Sheep Industry"

-Vision Statement-

"To be the most innovative, value adding, member-driven sheep breed organization for an evolving U.S. Sheep Industry"

A Message from your USSA President

Now that summer is coming to an end, breeding season for early spring lambs is going strong. United Suffolk Sheep Association has been continuing the work from our strategic planning session for the future of the association. Current projects we are working on include new branding for our breed/association and final preparations for the Annual Meeting and Hall of Fame induction banquet. Just a reminder that we have received a Let's Grow Grant which funds the assistant of data entry for EBV's to NSIP. If you are interested in learning more about this funding or have questions about EBV's please feel free to contact us and we will get you in touch with the right people.



The association will be holding its first online bred ewe sale this fall through Willoughby Sales. If you have interest in consigning please contact Amanda in the USSA Office for more information.

I hope fall Harvest is good and safe for everyone, I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in Louisville.

Paul Skartvedt

Strategic Planning Updates

Breed Improvement—A big part of *Breed Improvement* is involvement in the performance programs offered through NSIP. Currently we have 35 Suffolk members participating, representing 16 states and all four USSA districts.

Promotion – Work has begun on updating the logo/rebranding.

Maintain a Financially Viable Association— The USSA will continue to control expenses. As a result, the office is currently running better than budget for 2016. The Board is considering additional sources of income, without increasing cost to our members.

Youth Development — The board continues to look for additional opportunities to get youth involved with the Suffolk breed.

Communication Plan—The USSA Board will continue to share updates on the strategic plan with the membership through the USSA website, newsletter and other publications.

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A Message from your UJSSA President

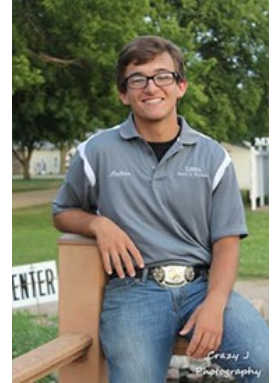
Hello everyone! My name is Andrew Slack and I was elected your 2016-2017 United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association President. I will be a freshman at the University of Wisconsin- Platteville studying Animal Science with an emphasis on Pre-Vet.

Suffolks have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and I am very excited to be your president for the next year.

For a year in review, the 2016 National Junior Suffolk Show was held in Spencer, Iowa over Independence Day weekend. It was a very successful show, as it is always. This past year we had 25 new members join our Suffolk family! We are very excited about the junior involvement in the breed up and coming.

At our annual banquet, the 2016-2017 UJSSA Board of Directors were chosen. Vice President: Jaclynn Knutson, South Dakota. Secretary: Alison Knutson, South Dakota. Treasurer: Lily Skartvedt, Iowa and Directors Grant Friesen, Indiana, Riggen Zelinsky, South Dakota and Alissa Voyles of Minnesota. I would also like to welcome Ty Scholerman of Iowa and Wesley Linke of South Dakota to the board as new interns. With the help of Taylor Peck and Janet Hukowicz as our junior coordinators we look to make next year's show a great success.

Our 2017 show will be held in Madison, Wisconsin in conjunction with the All-American. It will be held at the Alliant Energy Center over the fourth of July weekend. As for the entire UJSSA we look forward to seeing you there. I would also like to thank all our sponsors for your continued support. If you have any questions about next year's show, or the board, or you just want to talk sheep-- don't be afraid to give me call at 262-745-8762 or email me slackandrew1053@gmail.com



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!



Have a great SCHOOL YEAR!

UJSSA FUNDRAISER

The UJSSA board is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for the National Junior Suffolk Show. T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30; prices include shipping. Contact the USSA Office to order!



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 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in Madison, WI? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Andrew Slack.

2017 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship Would you like to help sponsor the 2017 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.

2016 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](http://www.ujssa.org): Photos • Complete Results • 2016 UJSSA Directors

UJSSA Board of Directors



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The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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UJSSA NAILE EVENTS

Pizza Party—Saturday, Nov. 12th—Lunch!
Meeting—Saturday, Nov. 12th—10am



2016 National Junior Suffolk Show Results

Division 1: Suffolk Market Lambs – 1) Aden Kulas, MN; 2) Kayleen Kulas, MN

Division 2: Suffolk-Cross Market Lambs - Class 1 – 1) Zach Schoelerman, IA; 2) Ty Skartvedt, IA; 3) Riley Arthur, MN; 4) Ty Schoelerman, IA; 5) Taylor Elliot, OK.; **Class 2** – 1) Lily Skartvedt, IA; 2) Kyle Gross, NE; 3) Lily Skartvedt, IA; 4) Kayte Werner, IA; 5) Kayleen Kulas, MN

Champion Suffolk Market Lamb - Aden Kulas, **Res. Champion Market Lamb** - Kayleen Kulas

Champion Suffolk-Cross Market Lamb - Lily Skartvedt, **Res. Champion Suffolk-Cross Market Lamb** - Kyle Gross

Champion Market Lamb - Lily Skartvedt, **Res. Champion Market Lamb** - Kyle Gross

Division 3: Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams – 1) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee, MN, Riverview Livestock 1504; 2) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1502

Division 4: Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams – 1) Kyle Gross, NE, MacCauley 3672; 2) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee, MN, Pirtle Farms 1554; 3) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-11; 4) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 16-623; 5) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1602; 6) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1603; 7) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 16-PK71

Division 5: Suffolk Cross Yearling Wether Dam – 1) Corrie McCless, OK, OK005226-1011; 2) Corrie McClees, OK, 1501, 3) Kayte Werner, IA, 1134, 4) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 5-380, 5) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 5-0361, 6) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 5-417; 7) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1536

Division 6: Suffolk Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dam - 1) Kyle Gross, NE, Morgan 0428; 2) Lily Skartvedt, IA, Wise 202; 3) Kyle Gross, NE, OHO 370-8717; 4) Lauren Arthur, MN, 0874 MN14548; 5) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1601; 6) Kayte Werner, IA, 450; 7) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kimm 09375 -16347

Champion Suffolk Wether Dam - Scartlet Bergstrom, **Res. Champion Suffolk Wether Dam** - Kyle Gross

Champion Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam - Kyle Gross, **Res. Champion Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam** - Lily Skartvedt

Champion Wether Dam - Kyle Gross (Suffolk-Cross), **Res. Champion Wether Dam** - Lily Skartvedt

Division 7: Suffolk Yearling Wether Sires- 1) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 5-398; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, Slack 5384; 3) Aden Kulas, MN, Kimm BZ20-15256

Division 8: Suffolk Ram Lamb Wether Sires – 1) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1632; 2) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-01; 3) Corrie McClees, OK, Krinsky 151601

Division 10: Suffolk-Cross Ram Lamb Wether Sires – 1) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 6-0499; 2) Jarrod Broehm, WI, 518; 3) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, PK9

Champion Suffolk Wether Sire - Jarrod Broehm, **Res. Champion Suffolk Wether Sire** - Aden Kulas

Suffolk-Cross Wether Sire - Jarrod Broehm, **Res. Champion Suffolk-Cross Wether Sire** - Jarrod Broehm

Champion Wether Sire - Jarrod Broehm (5-398), **Res. Champion Wether Sire** - Jarrod Broehm (6-099)

Division 17a: Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes- 1) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 535; 2) Lily Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4613; 3) Landen Skartvedt, IA, Rosenboom 457; 4) Victoria Arnevik, WI, PHFT R1525

Division 17b: Slick Shorn Production Yearling Ewes- 1) Joey Slack, WI, K.Slack 1256; 2) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1514; 3) Jarrod Broehm, WI, Broehms Enterprise 5-0440; 4) Carter Linke, SD, Kimm 10164-15202; 5) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 5-07; 6) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, MacCauley 3293; 7) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 5310

Division 18a: Slick Shorn Fall Ewes- 1) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, BZ 6005; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 15-5146; 3) Kevin Werner, IA, Kimm 16023; 4) Avery Alverson, WI, Kimm 16011

Sr. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Alissa Voyles, **Res. Sr. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe** - Lily Skartvedt

Sr. Champion Production Ewe - Joey Slack, **Res. Sr. Champion Production Ewe** - Milly Geske

Division 19a: Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lambs—January- 1) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1612; 2) Wesley

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USSA Scholarship

Due: October 1, 2016

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.

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Linke, SD, Kimm 11054-16227; 3) Maggie Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1615; 4) Rigger Zelinsky, SD, Kimm 16257; 5) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-12; 6) Rhett Zelinsky, SD, Kimm 16251; 7) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Kimm 16230; 8) Avery Alverson, WI, Kimm 16316; **February**- 1) Kevin Werner, IA, Kimm 16262; 2) Carter Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 683; 3) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1605; **March** – 1) Maren Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 16015

Division 19B: Slick Shorn Production Junior Ewe Lamb – 1) Tommy Slack, WI, K.Slack 1357; 2) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-14; 3) Kevin Werner, IA, Werner's R457; 4) Carter Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 698; 5) Kayte Werner, IA, Werner's R454; 6) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 16-PK34; 7) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 16-PK39; 8) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1604

Jr. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Zach Schoelerman, Res. Jr. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Wesley Linke

Jr. Champion Production Ewe - Tommy Slack, Res. Jr. Champion Production Ewe - Annie Wirth

Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Alissa Voyles, Res. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Lily Skartvedt

Champion Production Ewe - Joey Slack, Res. Sr. Champion Production Ewe - Milly Geske

Division 20: Yearling Ewes/Weaned a Lamb Owned - Slick Shorn – 1) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 5-06

Division 20: Yearling Ewes/Weaned a Lamb Owned – Fitted – 1) Savannah Bailey, WI, Royer Farms 0360

Division 21a: Yearling Ewes Owned -Class 1- 1) Andrew Slack, WI, McClure 15-14; 2) Ty Skartvedt, IA, Rosenboom 15-1; 3) Corrie McCless, OK, DGO Farms 1503; 4) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee, MN, JMG 1501; 5) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 508; 6) Ryan Beaver, MN, Thiners Suffolks 0051; 7) Noah Thompson, MN, Thiner Suffolks 0046; **Class 2-** 1) Cody Kinsman, NV, WHS 5-09; 2) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Ruby Mountain 1517; 3) Marty Baldwin, NE, Renn-Vue WS5388; 4) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 511; 5) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Zehnder Family 512; **Class 3** – 1) Nora Mowrer, IA, Schambow 3586; 2) Savannah Bailey, WI, K Slack 1270; 3) Creed Harker, IA, Skartvedt 4618; 4) Wyatt Bailey, WI, K Slack 1274 RR; 5) Jayme Juntunen, SD, Dombek Family 2943; 6) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Ruby Mountain 1527

Division 21b: Yearling Ewes Bred & Owned – 1) Anthony Kanable, IL, Kanable 2339; 2) Andrew Slack, WI, K Slack 1273; 3) Tanner Kanable, IL, Kanable 2341; 4) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1504

Division 22a: Senior Fall Ewes Owned – 1) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 575; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 15-5144

Division 22b: Senior Fall Ewes Bred & Owned – 1) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Riverview Livestock 1520; 2) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 15-79

Sr. Champ Owned Ewe - Andrew Slack (21a - class 1), Res. Sr Champ Owned Ewe - Nora Mowrer (21a - class 3)

Sr. Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Anthony Kanable, Res. Sr. Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Jacklyn Oelke

Division 23a: Junior Ewe Lambs Owned - January - 1) Anthony Kanable, IL, Kjeldgaard 16-611; 2) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, McClure 16-1; 3) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 606; 4) Wyatt Bailey, WI, K Slack 1304; 5) Jayme Juntunen, SD, JMG 1609; 6) Ryan Beaver, MN, Dombek Family 2970; 7) Noah Thompson, MN, Thiner Suffolks 0066; **February** – 1) Corrie McCless, OK, KAD Suffolks 1642; 2) Victoria Arnevik, WI, R.B. Wilwerth 302; 3) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Annuschat W732; 4) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 15-665; 5) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 612; 6) Corrie McClees, OK, Silver Dollar 1601; 7) Hannah Berg, MN, GWC 1263-16; 8) Tanner Kanable, IL, KJ Lansing 6508 **March** – 1) Corrie McClees, OK, DGO Farms 1650;

Division 23b: Junior Ewe Lambs Bred & Owned—January - 1) Kya Kjeldgaard, SD, Kjeldgaard 16-610; 2) Ty Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1617; 3) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1607; 4) Kasi Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-9; 5) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1611; 6) Andrew Slack, WI, K.Slack 1308; 7) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, BZ 6011; 8) Elizabeth Harder, MN, Harder Suffolks 6032; 9) Rigger Zelinsky, SD, BZ 6008; 10) Willow Thiner, MN, Thiner Suffolks 0062; **February** – 1) Shea Kjeldgaard, SD, Kjeldgaard 16-618; 2) Alison Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-30; 3) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-32; 4) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1644; 5) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1633; 6) Shania Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-26; 7) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1639; 8) Marty Baldwin, NE, Baldwin Suffolks 16-06; 9) Andrew Berg, MN, Berg 1604; 10) Ryder Juntunen, SD, Juntunen Family 16-601; 11)

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Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1634; 12) Erica Juntunen, SD, Juntunen Family 16-606; **March** – 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-69; 2) Wyatt Omara, NE, Kjeldgaard 16-631; 3) Joey Slack, WI, K.Slack 1376

Jr. Champion Owned Ewe - Corrie McClees, Res. Jr. Champion Owned Ewe - Anthony Kanable

Jr. Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Kya Kjeldgaard, Res. Jr. Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Ty Schoelerman

Champion Owned Ewe - Andrew Slack (21a - class 1), Res. Champion Owned Ewe - Nora Mowrer (21a- class 3)

Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Kya Kjeldgaard, Res. Champion Bred & Owned Ewe - Ty Schoelerman

Supreme Ewe - Andrew Slack (21a - class 1)

Division 11a: Slick Shorn Yearling Rams- 1) Corrie McClees, OK, Krinsky 141501

Division 11b: Production Yearling Rams- 1) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 5-02; 2) Kevin Werner, IA, Kimm 15322; 3) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 15-Y36

Division 12: Slick Shorn Fall Ram - 1) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 15-5145RR; 2) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 16-PK195

Sr. Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Corrie McClees, Res. Sr. Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Wesley Linke

Sr. Champion Production Ram - Annie Wirth, Res. Sr. Champion Production Ram - Kevin Werner

Division 13a: Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lambs – 1) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-05; 2) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, BZ 6012; 3) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1608; 4) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1631

Division 13b: Production Ram Lambs – 1) Ty Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1607; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 16-622; 3) Rikken Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 6014; 4) Annie Wirth, SD, Rist Farms 6-02; 5) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 16-PK12; 6) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1605; 7) Kevin Werner, IA, Werner's R462; 8) Kayte Werner, IA, Werner's R461; 9) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kulas Suffolks 1630; 10) Nicole Dittbrenner, IA, Dittbrenner

Jr. Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Annie Wirth, Res. Jr. Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Raesa Zelinsky

Jr. Champion Production Ram - Ty Schoelerman, Res. Jr. Champion Production Ram - Wesley Linke

Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Annie Wirth, Res. Champion Slick Shorn Ram - Corrie McClees

Champion Production Ram - Ty Schoelerman, Res. Champion Production Ram - Wesley Linke

Division 14a: Yearling Rams Owned – 1) Anthony Kanable, IL, Skartvedt 4594; 2) Landen Skartvedt, IA, Bar-Zel 5017, 3) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Ruby Mountain 1521; 4) Marty Baldwin, NE, Eyl 15-8; 5) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 541

Division 14b: Yearling Rams Bred & Owned – 1) Tessa Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4586; 2) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Harder Suffolks 5005; 3) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1522; 4) Alison Knutson, SD, Knutson 15-82; 5) Corrie McClees, OK, Krinsky 13

Division 15b: Senior Fall Ram Lambs Bred and Owned – 1) Kasi Knutson, SD, Knutson F15-4

Sr. Champion Owned Ram - Anthony Kanable, Res. Sr. Champion Owned Ram - Landen Skartvedt

Sr. Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Tessa Skartvedt, Res. Sr. Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Raesa Zelinsky

Division 16a: Junior Ram Lambs Owned- 1) Andrew Slack, WI, McClure 16-4; 2) Tommy Slack, WI, McClure 16-3; 3) Jacklyn Oelke, MN, Ruby Mountain 1608; 4) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke Suffolks 16-605

Division 16B: Junior Ram Lambs Bred & Owned - January - 1) Shania Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-16; 2) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1612; 3) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1611; 4) Adalyn Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1613; 5) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1607; 6) Alison Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-7; 7) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1608; 8) Rikken Zelinsky, SD, BZ 6007; **February** – 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-25; 2) Parker & Payton Benda, MN, Benda 1647; 3) Adalyn Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1634; 4) Joey Slack, WI, K.Slack 1347; 5) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1621; 6) Willow Thiner, MN, Thiner Suffolks 0067; 7) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-28; 8) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1628; 9) Hannah Berg, MN, Berg 1602; **March** – 1) Nora Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-36; 2) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-45; 3) Adalyn Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1668; 4) Tanner Kanable, IL, Kanable 2349; 5) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1666

Jr. Champion Owned Ram - Andrew Slack, Res. Jr. Champion Owned Ram - Tommy Slack

Jr. Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Shania Knutson, Res. Jr. Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Nora Mowrer

Champion Owned Ram - Anthony Kanable, Res. Champion Owned Ewe - Landen Skartvedt

Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Tessa Skartvedt, Res. Champion Bred & Owned Ram - Nora Mowrer

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Supreme Ram - Anthony Kanable

Dress a Sheep- 1) Grace Arthur, Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee & Daphne Bergstrom Oelke

Judging Contest - Senior – 1) Shania Knutson, 2) Nicole Dittbrenner, 3) Andrew Berg; **Junior** – 1) Kasi Knutson, 2) Savannah Bailey, 3) Raesa Zelinsky

Market Lamb Showmanship- Senior- 1) Lily Skartvedt, 2) Lauren Arthur; **Junior** – 1) Zach Schoelerman, 2) Grace Arthur; **Beginner** – 1) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee, 2) Maren Kulas

Public Speaking-Senior – 1) Zach Schoelerman, 2) Jaclynn Knutson; **Junior** – 1) Kayleen Kulas, 2) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee; **Beginner** – 1) Daphne Bergstrom Oelke

Ewe Lead with Wool—Senior- 1) Jacklyn Oelke, 2) Lauren Arthur, 3) Hannah Berg; **Junior** – 1) Grace Arthur, 2) Raesa Zelinsky, 3) Kayleen Kulas; **Beginner** – 1) Tessa Skartvedt, 2) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee, 3) Maren Kulas

Fitting Contest (Individual) -Senior – 1) Cody Kinsman, 2) Jaclynn Knutson; **Junior** – 1) Tommy Slack, 2) Joey Slack

Breeding Sheep Showmanship—Senior – 1) Corrie McClees, 2) Alison Knutson; **Junior** – 1) Raesa Zelinsky, 2) Zach Schoelerman; **Beginner** – 1) Scarlet Bergstrom Mckee

Advertising – 1) Corrie McClees, 2) Kayleen Kulas, 3) Savannah Bailey

Essay – 1) Lily Skartvedt, 2) Corrie McClees, 3) Kayleen Kulas

Photography -Senior- Proud to be a Suffolk – 1) Cody Kinsman, 2) Cody Kinsman, 3) Rigger Zelinsky; **Junior – Suffolk Connection** – 1) Creed Harker; Proud to be a Suffolk- 1) Creed Harker, 2) Zach Schoelerman, 3) Adalyn Schoelerman

Scrapbook – 1) Brittany Smith

Logo- 1) Corrie McClees, 2) Kayleen Kulas, 3) Savannah Bailey

A JUNIOR SHOW ENTRY TO SHARE!

The following is the first place entry in the public speaking contest—beginner division. Check the next newsletter for another entry!

Hi, my name is Scarlet Bergstrom McKee. I am 7 years old from Minnesota. I LOVE sheep and learning new things, one of the things I have learned is the sheep ABC's.

A is for awesome friends you meet

B is for bottle feeding

C is for carding and clipping

D is for doing chores

E is for ewe

F is for having fun

G is for going to shows and fairs

H is for healthy animals

I is for injections

K is for keeping pens clean and dry

L is for lambing time, my favorite

M is for the memories

N is for the National Junior Show

O is for opportunities

P is for pitching manure

Q is for quality animals we raise

R is for ram

S is for Suffolks, the best breed of sheep

T is for everyone working together

U is for understanding and patience we learn

V is for vaccinating

W is for washing, walking and clean water

X is for all the extra things that need to be done

Y is for a thank you to our families

Z is for the zoo it can be around home trying to get ready for a show

We need to remember our Sheep ABC's and if we work together we can make the Suffolk breed the best breed there is!

Thank you!

2016 National Junior Suffolk Show Champions



Champion Market Lamb
Suffolk Cross Class
Lily Skartvedt, IA



Champion Wether Dam
Suffolk Cross Class –Morgan 0428
Kyle Gross, NE



Champion Production Ewe
K Slack 1256
Joey Slack, WI



Champion Slick Shorn Ewe
Zehnder 535
Alissa Voyles, MN



Supreme Ewe, Champ Owned Ewe
McClure 15-14
Andrew Slack, WI



Champion Bred & Owned Ewe
Kjeldgaard 16-618
Kya Kjeldgaard, SD



Champion Wether Sire
Suffolk Class –5-398
Jarrod Broehm, WI



Champion Slick Shorn Ram
Rist Farms 6-05
Annie Wirth, SD



Champion Production Ram
Schoelerman 1607
Ty Schoelerman, IA



Champion Bred & Owned Ram
Skartvedt 4586
Tessa Skartvedt, IL



Supreme Ram, Champion Owned Ram
Skartvedt 4594
Anthony Kanable, IL

JUNIOR DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Andrew Slack, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Age: 18

School/Major: UW-Platteville/ Animal Science

How did you become involved with Suffolk Sheep and the Association? Our Family has been in the Suffolk breed since 1972

What is your favorite Suffolk memory? Showing my first ewe lamb by myself at the county fair

What advice/words of encouragement do you have for other Suffolk juniors? You will always see purple and pink ribbons at shows and yes they may be fun to win but they will grow old. It's the friendships you make at the shows that will last a lifetime.

What is your favorite food/meal? Chicken Wings

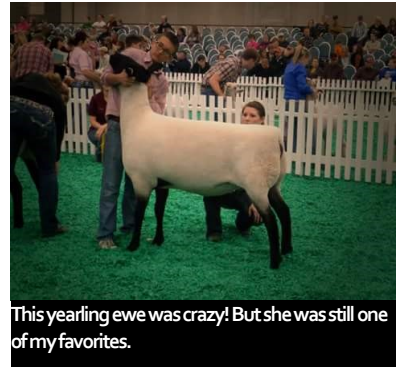
What is your favorite band/singer? Alan Jackson for singer and Zac Brown Band

What is your favorite season & why? Summer because it's show season!

What is your pet peeve? People cracking their knuckles loud

Who is your celebrity crush? Alex Morgan

What is an interesting fact about you? I am a freshman at UW- Platteville playing men's soccer. At the farm we always raise Dorpers, Boer Goats and Angus Cattle.



Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship Applications

Due: October 1, 2016

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

USSA FUTURITY PROGRAM Don't forget to send your Futurity Point Record Forms to the office.

Ewe Lambs Futurity Standings

DISTRICT 1

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

DISTRICT 2

34 pts—Bauer Burch (TN), Skartvedt 4630
28 pts—Riggen Zelinsky (SD), Kimm 12123-16257
25 pts—Kyle Gross (NE), MacCauley 3672
21 pts—Raesa Zelinsky (SD), Kimm BZ2005-16230
17pts—Rhett Zelinsky (SD), Kimm 13098-16251
3 pts—Riggen Zelinsky (SD), Kimm 10107-16278

DISTRICT 3

40 pts—Madison Binder (IL), Arndt Acres 15-044

20 pts—Savannah Bailey (WI), K Slack 1304

DISTRICT 4

24 pts—Olivia Mason (MA), MacCauley 3626

23 pts—Ashley Gouge (DE), MacCauley 3513

20 pts—Madelynn Pimm (NY), MacCauley 3591

16 pts—Madelynn Pimm (NY) MacCauley 3678

10 pts—Chad Hoover (PA), Russell Sheep Co 6088

6 pts —Allee Hoover (PA), Russell Sheep Co 6017

Yearling Ewe Futurity Standings

28 pts—Skilar Burch (TN), MacCauley 3324

27 pts—William Christlieb (TN), Adams Suffolks2552


20 pts—William Christlieb (TN), Adams Suffolks 2554

17 pts— Bauer Burch (TN), EB Suffolks 328

12 pts—Lillian Christlieb (TN), Adams Suffolks 2527

12 pts—Lillian Christlieb (TN), Adams Suffolks 2528


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UJSSA Coordinator Spotlight

Taylor Peck

Hometown: Pittstown, NJ **Lives:** Hoboken, NJ

School/Major: Penn State 2013, Animal Science/Ag Business

Work: D.R. Schaal Agency, Federally Licensed Grain Inspection

How did you become involved with Suffolk Sheep and the Association? My dad brought home a set of twin bottle lambs Easter Sunday, 1996. The most random, yet best surprise that I've ever received! My sister and I joined the local 4-H club and added a few more Suffolk ewe lambs to our startup flock. We fell in love with the Suffolk breed from the start, no question-- they are the prettiest! I attended my first National Jr. Suffolk Show in 2006 in West Springfield, MA. There, I was approached by Andrew Hukowicz (then UJSSA President) and asked to run as a director on the UJSSA Board. I will never forget feeling so nervous for the interview with Donna Mays and Bob Kimm in the MA State Building. I was elected to the board and a few years later went on to serve as President of the UJSSA from 2010-2012. I have been working with the juniors as a coordinator upon retiring from my "junior career" in 2013.

What is your favorite Suffolk memory? All of the times spent in the truck driving to Junior shows with my dad will always be special. Now that we are both working and don't have time for the road trips, I really miss it!

Also, when I wasn't "roughing it" in my dad's pickup, the trips on the luxurious Mac-Cauley bus were always a highlight! Especially to Yellowstone National Park!

What advice/words of encouragement do you have for other Suffolk juniors? Get involved. Talk to people. & attend the National Jr. Suffolk Show!

What is your favorite food/meal? Cookies n' Cream Ice Cream.

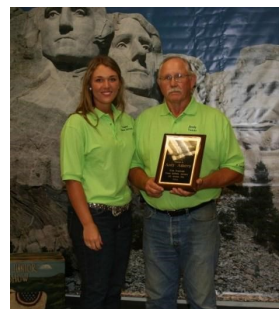
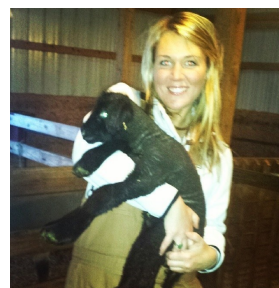
What is your favorite band/singer? Dave Matthews Band.

What is your favorite season & why? Fall: football, NAILE, & cooler weather.

What is your pet peeve? Mouth chewing/eating noises

Who is your celebrity crush? Joe Manganiello

What is an interesting fact about you? I serve as a Director on the board for the American Association of Grain Inspection and Weighing Agencies. I'm also the only female in my office!



Taylor and past UJSSA Coordinator, Andy Asberry



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

Abeldt Club Lambs, KS
Jeffrey Cloose, MN
Dalton Suffolks, ID
Jonathan & Jaidra Dagley, ND
Leah DiGioia, CT
Joshua & Kaci Goff, KS
Kyle Hamlin, MT
Garrick Haslacker, WV
Joshua Hinson, MS
JP Genetics, DE

Wayne Mahler, TX
Melissa K. Miller, IN
Cassandra Nabena, MO
Richard Shiflet, TN
Chad Sipes, TN
Darin Snider, OK
Kosta Sunda, IL
Joe Williams, OH
Ron Willwerth, IA
Wilson Livestock, KS

Local Suffolk Association Updates

NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 29, 2016 * Iowa Suffolk Association elects officers, presents awards, sponsors junior show

Members of the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association (ISSA) gathered for their annual meeting, August 19 in Des Moines, during the Iowa State Fair.

Re-elected as officers were: President Kathy Krafka Harkema, Krafka Harkema Suffolks of Montezuma, Iowa; Vice-President Kelly Werner of Werner's Hilltop Farm, Grinnell, Iowa; and Secretary-Treasurer Denice Schoelerman of Schoelerman Suffolks of Everly, Iowa. Karma Werner of Werner's Hilltop Farms continues to serve as the association's webmaster.

The ISSA donated chairs for the following champions at the 2016 Iowa State Fair during the nation's largest and highly competitive open Suffolk show: Champ Ram: Sandage Farms, State Center, IA; Res. Champ Ram: Lansing Suffolks, Ossian, IA; Champ Ewe: Ruby Mountain Sheep Co., Spring Creek, NV; Res. Champ Ewe: Hoskins Stock Farm, Jefferson, IA

The Iowa State Fair open Suffolk Show offers separate classes for fitted and for slick-shorn Suffolk entries. John Mrozinski of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, judged the 2016 ISF open and junior Suffolk shows.

Krafka Harkema Suffolks earned top honors in the 2016 State Fair pen decoration contest sponsored by ISSA. Fisher Suffolks of Des Moines placed second, with Hoskins Stock Farm of Jefferson placing third.

In addition, ISSA awarded the overall champion Suffolk in the 2016 Iowa State Fair FFA breeding sheep show a commemorative halter. Dalton Bierle of Creston earned the top FFA purebred Suffolk honor on her fitted Suffolk ewe lamb.

In the 4-H Breeding Sheep Show, ISSA awarded a sheep feeder to Lily Skartvedt of Radcliffe, whose fitted yearling was named the champion purebred Suffolk ewe overall in the 4-H show.

The ISSA again hosted a junior Suffolk show for exhibitors age 21 or younger, during the open Suffolk show at the Iowa State Fair. Each junior exhibitor received a commemorative T-shirt, courtesy of the following 2016 sponsors from Iowa: Bierle Suffolks, Creston; Hoskins Stock Farm, Jefferson; KC Suffolks, Parkersburg; Kimm Suffolks, Dysart; Krafka Harkema Suffolks, Montezuma; Rek-Rah Suffolks, Oxford; Rich Krafka Family Suffolks, Dysart; Schoelerman Suffolks, Everly; Skartvedt Suffolks, Radcliffe; Stalzer Suffolks, Zearing; Touchdown Acres, Radcliffe.

ISSA thanked everyone who sponsored and took part in the National Junior Suffolk Show in Spencer, Iowa, in 2016. To show its support for junior members, ISSA voted to spend \$500 to sponsor the banquet at the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show in Madison, Wisconsin.

Membership in ISSA is \$30 annually if paid before March 1. After that date, dues are \$40 annually.

The ISSA encourages Suffolk enthusiasts to visit its website at www.lowasuffolkssheepassociation.com, as well as its Facebook page at Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association for association posts. Click on "visitor posts" to view the latest Facebook posts contributed by members during the Iowa State Fair throughout the year.

Once again the Mid West Regional Junior Suffolk Show was a success at the 2016 Ohio State Fair. The ages of the exhibitors ranged from 4 years old to 20 years old. Each exhibitor was given an engraved glass mug to commemorate their time at the show. Families had a lunch provided to them. It was a fun day for everyone!

Nest year's show will be again at the Ohio State Fair on August 3rd.

Class # 1 - Fall Ram Lamb – 1) Henderson, Aubrey, Atlanta, IN, #16206

Class #2 - Jr. Ram Lamb – 1) Begg, Allie, Findlay, OH, #206; 2) Jacoby, Cayden, Wauseon, OH, 4 J's&A 1675; 3) Jacoby, Graeme, Wauseon, OH, 4 J's&A 1674; 4) Henderson, Clayton, Atlanta, IN, 16-7; 5) Henderson, Brady, Atlanta, IN, 16-14; 6) Hopper, Kelcie, Zanesville, IN, 1640; 7) Jennings, Hailey, Marengo, OH, 16M1

Class #3 - Slick Ram Lamb -None shown

Grand Champion Ram – Allie Begg, #206, Reserve Champion Ram – Cayden Jacoby, 4 J's&A 1675

Class #4A - Fitted Yr. Ewe – 1) Henderson, Clayton, Atlanta, IN, 11441; 2) Henderson, Brady, , Atlanta, IN, 15-4; 3) Baum, Mallory, Okeana, OH, #N/A; 4) Hopper, Kelcie, Zanesville, IN, Roman 15019

Class #4B - Fitted Yr. Ewe – 1) Jacoby, Graeme, Wauseon, OH, 4 J's&A 1218; 2) Jacoby, Cayden, Wauseon, OH, 4

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J's&aT 1216; 3) Jacobs, Sidney, Atlanta, IN, 15-34; 4) Matthews, Rachel, Mt. Vernon, OH, 15-M9; 5) Matthews, Ryan, Mt. Vernon, OH, 15-M987; 6) Jennings, Grant, Marengo, OH, 15M128
Class # 5 - Slick Yr. Ewe – 1) Hunter, Connor, London, OH3309; 2)Wiford, Will, Powell, OH, Wiford 522; 3)Wiford, Will, Powell, OH, Wiford 510; 4) Hopper, Kelcie, Zanesville, IN, Mid-Sid 1173
Class # 6 - Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb – 1)Begg, Allie, Findlay, OH, 244
Class # 7 - Slick Fall Ewe Lamb - None shown

Senior Champion - Henderson, Clayton, #11441

Class # 8 - Spring Ewe Lamb (Jan) – 1)Bruns, Lauren, Ft. Recovery, OH, E.B.Suffolks 354; 2)Begg, Allie, Findlay, OH, 133; 3) Begg, Allie, Findlay, OH, 246; 4)Henderson, Brady, Atlanta, IN, #N/A; 5)Jacoby, Cayden, Wauseon, OH, Begg 245; 6)Baum, Mallory, Okeana, OH, 1630; 7)Matthews, Cody, Mt. Vernon, OH, Quam 06-327; 8)Bailey, Corbin, Johnstown, OH, 0296 5484

Class # 9 - Spring Ewe Lamb (Feb) – 1)Begg, Allie, Findlay, OH, 204; 2) Jacoby, Graeme, Wauseon, OH, 4 J's&aT 1677; 3) Baum, Mallory, Okeana, OH, Baum 1601; 4) Jacobs, Sidney, Atlanta, IN, 16-22

Class # 10 - Slick Ewe Lambs – 1) Jacobs, Riley, Atlanta, IN, 3520; 2) Getter, Kasse, Johnstown, OH16219; 3) Henderson, Aubrey, Atlanta, IN, 3657; 4) Wiford, Brynn, Powell, OH, Wiford 625; 5)Wiford, Will, Powell, OH, Wiford 622

Jr. Champion - Lauren Bruns, E.B. Suffolks 354

Grand Champion Ewe - Lauren Bruns, E.B. Suffolks 354, Reserve Champion Ewe - Allie Begg, 133

Class # 11 - Young Flock – 1) Henderson, Brady, Atlanta, IN; 2)Jacoby, Cayden, Wauseon, OH; 3) Jacoby, Graeme, Wauseon, OH

Of Interest...

ASI's Young Entrepreneurs Get Involved

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

Like other agricultural organizations, the American Sheep Industry Association is encouraging young producers to get more involved in their industry. To help facilitate this, the Young Sheep Entrepreneurs Committee met during the 2016 ASI Convention in Scottsdale.

One of the goals of the meeting was to connect younger producers with producers who have been in the industry longer to assist with the transfer of knowledge and information. Marketing options was another takeaway where younger producers are looking to target a select market or group of buyers as opposed to the broader market.

Watch the Russel Nemitz produced video on ASI's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLjelqsR3RM.

Best Practices Webinar Recording Available

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

The Best Practices to Increase Your Lamb Crop webinar was presented by Reid Redden, Ph.D., associate professor of animal science and sheep and goat specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, on Aug. 30 with 170 people in attendance.

"We covered a lot of ground and accomplished our objectives in a relatively small amount of time," said moderator Jay Parsons, Ph.D., with Optimal Ag Consulting.

To assist the industry in making improvements in the national lamb crop, a reproductive efficiency task force developed a factsheet that outlines the 12 Best Management Practices to increase flock lamb crop. Even though farmers and ranchers require different types of management based on resources, environment, labor and other factors, most sheep operations should be able to implement at least a few of the practices to attain a higher lamb crop in the future. The factsheet is available on the Lamb Resource Center at

[http://lambresourcecenter.com/app/uploads/2016/01/Lamb Board Increase Crop Fact Sheet 011416 Web-FINAL.pdf](http://lambresourcecenter.com/app/uploads/2016/01/Lamb_Board_Increase_Crop_Fact_Sheet_011416_Web-FINAL.pdf).

Those unable to attend the webinar can access a recording of the event as well as view the slides that were used for the presentation by visiting the Educational Webinars tab on the Resources section of

www.growourflock.org.

This webinar is made possible with funding support from the Let's Grow Committee of the American Sheep Industry Association.

USSA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The 2016 Director Election ballots have been mailed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2016 in the provided envelope to avoid disqualification. The following candidates are running for election in their respective districts.

DISTRICT 1

For district 1, Gayle Lucas will automatically fill the director position as no other candidate submitted an intent to run.



GAYLE LUCAS, PHILLIPSBURG, MT

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 20 years and am currently involved with others in developing & promoting 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.

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, utility & versatility. We can build the Suffolk breed stronger by accessing & building upon the variety of Suffolk genetics available to shape the future.

I am looking forward to serving as a District 1 Director and will work openly for the membership and earnestly in the promotion of the Suffolk breed.

DISTRICT 2

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



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 36 years.

One of the highlights of my life was being inducted into the United Suffolk Sheep Association "Hall of Fame" at the 2014, 41st 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 29th 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

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President of the United Suffolk Sheep Association in 2009. For the past 26 years I have served as an announcer for the National Junior Suffolk Show. For the past 31 years I have exhibited Suffolks 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. In 2016 I will be exhibiting Suffolk at the Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas State Fairs. My registered Suffolk flock continues to grow and prosper. We are also planning on a commercial Suffolk Ram sale at the St. Joseph Missouri Auction Market late this summer.

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!



W.E. GERGEN, GENEVA, NE

Hey! It's me, the "Disruptive Force" as I have been labeled by some! My name is W.E. Gergen (WEG) and I am declaring my candidacy to run for Director from District II for the United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors.

I am beginning my 54th year of breeding and raising Suffolks. I cover all the bases: breeding stock, range rams, commercial rams, and club lambs.

I have served two terms as a Director in the past and believe it is time for me to run again. The biggest issues I have today with the USSA Board is "common sense" when it comes to unnecessary spending. The other problem I see is "discrimination". The majority of the time the Board does this without thinking things completely through.

We have to face reality: the glory days of the sheep business have come and gone! All the changes in agriculture today have dictated to the majority of changes in the economy in general. Maybe the time has come "to think within the box" instead of thinking "outside the box"!

Maybe it is time to try and keep the numbers of registered sheep we have and not lose anymore. When your offense is not working, your defense has to step up, or you lose!

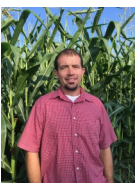
The number one issue we face is keeping the Junior members involved and enthused in the Suffolk industry. I believe the USSA has done an excellent job with this. We must keep promoting "Suffolks" and the "Juniors"; and not take our eyes off the ball or the goal!

The biggest problem I see in the sheep business today are "sales". Whether it is live sales or on-line sales we need to protect our integrity with the quality of sheep consigned. Roger Snyder asked me a question about 40 years ago, "Would you, yourself keep that ewe or breed with that ram? If not, why would you expect someone else to?" We all need to think of this when we pick out sale sheep.

I hope I have brought up some things that make you scratch your head. Please feel free to contact me at 402.540.7884 with any questions or comments.

I would appreciate your vote for Director from District II for the United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors and I apologize for not being as "entertaining" as Hillary or Donald with their campaign promises.

Thank you. W.E. Gergen (WEG/I-80)



CHRIS MALLETT, MEMPHIS, MO

Hi, my name is Chris Mallett. I grew up and currently reside in in rural Scotland County. I am employed as a DuPont Pioneer Seed salesman in the northeast region of Missouri. I have held this position for two years while also continuing in our family farming operation. Farming has been in our

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family for many generations. In our current operation we farm row crops, hay, and raise livestock, including cattle, sheep, goats, and hogs. I started in the sheep industry 20 years ago and since then my desire to raise better quality sheep has grown tremendously. The operation began as a way for my father to teach me responsibility and become familiar with the business decisions associated with raising animals of my own. Within just three years of operating my sheep flock, I decided to change from Columbia sheep to a Suffolk flock. This change came from studying other breeds' characteristics and ultimately determining that Suffolk sheep aligned with my personal preference better. My current operation involves raising lambs for show, breeding stock, and slaughter. I am actively involved in showing at the Missouri State Fair as well as other shows to exhibit my breeding stock.

Suffolks are a breed of diversity, which I believe the United Suffolk Sheep Association board should be as well. For the breed to continue to succeed, it is important to have a group and director that have different ideas that can come together with one goal – to make the breed better. I strongly believe that the 20 years I have dedicated to adapting and perfecting my flock to its current status demonstrates my love of sheep and drive to improve the breed as a whole. I currently hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Missouri Suffolk Sheep Association. In this position I have gained exposure of the Missouri organization and have become familiar with its wants and needs. My involvement in the organization and my extensive knowledge and love for sheep, I believe, qualifies me to hold the position of Director in the United Suffolk Sheep Association. As director, I would help complete the board by coming in with fresh, new ideas. I also believe that we need to continue to support the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. The UJSSA is a great organization to help kids come together to make lasting friendships while building leadership skills. It is important to have young breeders involved in the great program, but we can strive to build and make it even better so that we can continue to survive in the industry.



RANDY STEINHAUSEN, LINCOLN, NE

Randy Steinhausen has spent a lifetime working in the livestock industry. He and his wife, Diane, raised their three children on a diversified farming operation which was primarily a dairy but included commercial sheep, beef, hay and grain production. Currently their focus is on improving their flock of 50 registered Suffolks with detailed on farm performance records and enrollment in NSIP.

Steinhausen has worked with the American Jersey Cattle Association (AJCA) and Select Sires Mid America (SSMA). With AJCA he was an Official Type Appraiser (Classifier) and an area representative. He was responsible for member services, auction and private treaty sale management, promotion of breed improvement programs and developing new marketing opportunities. In addition to working in all of the "lower 48" states, he visited Mexico, Central America, Denmark and Italy to provide support for development and implementation of their breed improvement programs. With SSMA he was responsible for customer herds sire selection and mating recommendations, coordinator for Select's progeny test program and earned designation as a Certified Reproductive Specialist working in a 4 state area. He also currently serves as an officer on the Board of Directors for the Norris Public Power District.

While recognizing exhibition as an excellent tool for promotion and public education, Steinhausen believes the key to the success and expansion of the Suffolk breed lies in embracing the commercial sector of the industry, helping establish new farm flocks through a mentoring program, development of regional marketing alliances, strong support of youth programs and breed improvement through the use of unbiased genetic evaluations ... "If you don't measure it, you can't improve it".

DISTRICT 3

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



BILL ROYER, WASHINGTON, IL

My name is Bill Royer. I am applying for a second term, as a USSA Director, to represent District 3. While serving as your Director, during the past three years, I have, at all times, and attempted to be

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a representative for all Suffolk breeders. I very much believe that Suffolks are the most desirable breed of sheep for nearly all uses. I recognize that we do not all like the same type of Suffolks, but that rate of growth/gain, vigor, mothering ability, and the beauty of the Suffolk sheep are very important to our breed. I particularly support the Suffolk youth program, families with small flocks, and the range flocks. We have sold numerous range rams over the years and have great respect for the Suffolk breed being the best of terminal sires. Our passion for the breed also extends to my son's family, which is very involved in providing select lamb to several farmers markets in Indiana.

I have served as Treasurer of the Suffolk Assn. for two of the past three years. During that time, our association has controlled expenses and worked to improve the financial strength of our organization. My family and I have been raising Suffolk sheep for more than 30 years. Our family's true love has been the involvement in youth programs, including the UJSSA.

I also currently serve as President of the Illinois Suffolk Association. It is through this organization that I was instrumental in starting the Illinois Jr. Suffolk Show more than 26 years ago.

I am retired from management in a large manufacturing corporation. This career background and my personal experience of more than 33 years of raising Suffolks gives me the ability to work together as a team on the Suffolk Board and to continue to improve our USSA and the Suffolk breed to be the best it can be!

Thank you. Bill Royer

DISTRICT 4

For district 4, Randy Hodges will automatically fill the director position as no other candidate submitted an intent to run.



RANDY HODGES, LANSING, MI

I have raised Suffolk sheep for over 50 years, starting with a 4-H project in southeastern Nebraska. 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. I firmly believe that Suffolks are the most productive breed in terms of pounds of lamb per ewe. Their lambs are fast growing 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 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 lamb 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 UJSSA.

As a current director for District 4, this past April I participated in the USSA retreat where we developed a strategic plan for increasing the registered Suffolk market share. Four areas of focus were identified: breed improvement, promotion, maintaining a financially viable association, and youth development. As your director, I will work hard to support the association in working toward the goals identified in this strategic plan.

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 district 4, I will make every effort to convey the ideas and concerns of the breeders within the district to the board. When I 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, hodesrk@yahoo.com

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.



2016 Sheep Industry Roadmap Update

The Sheep Industry Roadmap was created to bring all sectors of the sheep industry together to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the American sheep industry. A large team of industry members identified several specific areas that needed attention, including the quality and consistency of the product, efficiency and new methods of production, demand for our products and communication between sectors of the industry. To that end, four committees were created with a fifth committee created to coordinate the efforts of the other four committees and to act as a reporting agency to the industry. The committees have been working hard since the beginning and have contributed information to help improve each step from producer to consumer. Remember, the plan was not to create another organization in the industry. Rather it was to provide a vehicle to bring those organizations and individuals already involved together to focus on creating a greater demand for a better product and to make each segment of the industry profitable and sustainable.

For those of you who are wondering what is going on with the Sheep Industry Roadmap, the plan is working. The roadmap is providing a forum for discussion and there are many industry members out there working to make needed changes. To read the 2016 Roadmap Update, go to

<http://lambresourcecenter.com/app/uploads/2015/09/2016-Sheep-Industry-Roadmap-Update-2.pdf>.

If you have specific issues you would like considered, forward them along with potential solutions to Megan@Americanlamb.com.



ATTENTION MEMBERS!

When selling Suffolks, ask you buyer for their email address and if you can share it with the association. We'd like to add Suffolk buyers to our email distribution lists! Let's get buyers excited about Suffolks AND the association! Also, anytime you sell Suffolks and would like the office to send them some information and FREEBIES, email Amanda—info@u-s-s-a.org or include not with the transfers to the office.

ATTENTION MEMBERS! LET'S GROW GRANT UPDATE

The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the 2015 Let's Grow Grant recipients . A major focus of our grant proposal is to offer an opportunity for USSA members to enter their NSIP data into LambPlan through the USSA.

If you are interested in participating or hearing more details about this opportunity, please contact::

Matt Beals - drysandysheep@gmail.com or (402) 200-0444



Creating a Suffolk “Hot Spot”

Submitted by Ron Alves, CA

Exhibiting registered sheep by junior (4H & FFA) exhibitors at local fairs and shows has waned dramatically over the last 2 – 3 decades. In most cases there is single classification entitled All Other Breeds (AOB) that combines all sheep breeds into a single breed show. Most local registered sheep shows are very small even with all breeds merged. In many cases a registered sheep class of any kind has been eliminated from the show. In an effort to stimulate youth interest in registered sheep a strategy that is being called a “Suffolk Hot Spot” is being implemented. In this case the proposal is being aimed at the Suffolk breed but the idea would apply to any and all breeds.

In concert with the livestock superintendent (or other appropriate individual) at a local show the premium book is written as follows:

Registered Sheep: A sheep breed will be exhibited as a breed if 12 or more registered sheep are entered and brought to the fair for exhibition. Separate breed classes will be offered for each breed that meets these conditions.

To assure that there will be enough Suffolks owned, entered, and exhibited by junior exhibitors the following is being carried out:

1. Promotional program to local 4H clubs and FFA chapters that Registered Suffolk breeding stock is available for sale from local Suffolk breeders.
2. Those junior exhibitors who have exhibited and/or purchased Registered Suffolk sheep within the last year are made aware of this opportunity.
3. In conjunction with the above promotional program, youth organization leaders/advisors are informed about short term Registered Suffolk ownership opportunity.
 - a. Interested youth exhibitors will be able to purchase Registered Suffolks for an extremely low cost, that being \$25.00 per animal at least 60 days before the show.
 - b. The youngster and the seller of the animal will sign a reasonable care agreement and the animal(s) will be transferred to the youngster and they will take possession.
 - c. At the conclusion of the show the youngster will have the opportunity to purchase the animal at full market value or return it to the seller for a \$20 dollar refund.
4. In addition to the experience of showing the animal, the following premiums will be paid:
First, 2nd , 3rd, & 4th place class winners will receive \$35, \$25, \$20, \$15 respectively
Champion Suffolk ram and ewe \$100 each
Reserve champion Suffolk ram and ewe \$50 each

The Stanislaus County fair has one of the larger junior livestock shows in California. Turlock, California was the site where over 1,500 head of beef, dairy, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep and swine were presented by junior exhibitors. On July 6, 2016 eighteen registered and percentage registered Suffolks were exhibited by ten 4H and FFA exhibitors. This was the first time a sheep breed had been designated in a number of years. The champion ram, a fall ram lamb, was exhibited by Will Johnson of Johansen FFA. The reserve champion ram was a yearling exhibited by Krista Olivas also of Johansen FFA. The champion ewes were the 1st and 2nd place yearling ewes exhibited by Madison Threet and Morgan Gravatt respectively. Both of these young ladies were members of Hughson 4H. Most of these youngsters had never showed any non-wether type breeding stock. They thoroughly enjoyed the friendly competition and added a new skill to their resumes. Bottom line was that this was a well-received promotional for young people on behalf of the Suffolk breed.



USSA Online Bred Ewe Sale - October 19-20

ENTRY FORM - Due October 5, 2016

Sale Site: wllivestock.com

EMAIL ENTRIES TO: info@u-s-s-a.org

MAIL ENTRIES TO: USSA, PO BOX 121, Holland, IA 50642 (payable to USSA)

Consignor Name:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Entry Rules:

Consignors may enter a **maximum of two head per sale**. If a consignor enters a ram, a ewe must be entered.

Entry - \$25 per head commitment fee

If the ewe sells \$25 is credited back to the consignors USSA account.

If the ewe does not sell the \$25 will be paid to Willoughby Sales.

Consignors are encouraged to submit 3 good photos of each entry and a short video. Please contact the USSA Office with any questions. For both sales, entries are on a first come basis. There is a maximum of 36 entries per sale. Percentage registered Suffolks are eligible to consign but breed percentage must be disclosed in the catalog information. There is a 10% commission on the sale.

ENTRY #1

Flock Name & Number: _____ Registration #: _____ DNA: _____ Starting Bid: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Breeding/Exposure information:

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

ENTRY #2

Flock Name & Number: _____ Registration #: _____ DNA: _____ Starting Bid: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

Breeding/Exposure information:

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

NEWS RELEASE

Sarah M. Smith, Washington State University Extension , Regional Extension Specialist – Animal Science , 1525 E. Wheeler Rd, Moses Lake, WA 98837—509-754-2011 ext. 4363 August 24, 2016

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING TO HOST LAMB 300 SHORT-COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WITH THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

University of Wyoming in collaboration with Superior Farms, and Washington State University, with a grant funding from the American Sheep Industry's Let's Grow Program, are excited to announce the sixth LAMB 300 short-course. This is the first to be offered in the Rocky Mountain area, November 3-5, 2016 at the University of Wyoming-Laramie Research and Extension Center on the UW Campus in Laramie, WY.

LAMB 300 is a three-day, hands-on workshop designed for progressive individuals involved with all aspects of the sheep industry. The course will focus on teaching producers, feeders, and marketers (regardless of the size or type of operation) how to produce and market quality lambs and lamb products. Participants will learn how environmental, nutritional, genetic, and managerial factors contribute to meat quality. Participants will also learn how meat quality factors influence the price producers receive for lamb and lamb products marketed through various outlets. This program will increase one's understanding of lamb quality and marketing, enabling participants to make informed decisions to improve profitability, competitiveness, and wholesomeness of their products. Packer, retailers, and chef participation is also encouraged, as each segment gains appreciation for opportunity to improve profitability for all involved in the production of lamb and enhance the quality eating experience for

the consumer. The course will feature nationally recognized speakers in the area of sheep production, feeding, processing, and marketing.

The registration fee for Rocky Mountain LAMB 300 is \$120 per participant, which covers meals, materials, and parking arrangements. Hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the participants. The course is limited to 40 participants and will be available on a first-pay, first-serve basis. Early registration deadline is May 20, 2016, after that time registration will increase to \$170 per participant.

For additional information on Rocky Mountain LAMB 300, contact: Warrie Means, (307)766-5283 or means@uwyo.edu; Jan Busboom, WSU Meat Specialist, (509)335-2880 or busboom@wsu.edu; Lesa Eidman, Superior Farms Director of Producer Resources and Sustainability, (503)297-3523 or le-sa.eidman@superiorfarms.com; or Sarah M. Smith, WSU Regional Extension Specialist, (509)754-2011, Ext 4363 or smithsm@wsu.edu. More information and registration forms are available on the WSU at <http://extension.wsu.edu/grant-adams/wp-content/uploads/sites/39/2016/08/2016-Lamb-300-Brochure-WY.pdf> . Individuals who wish to pay for the course with a credit card can do so by going to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2589825> and following the directions for on-line purchase.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this event can call (509)754-2011, Ext 4363. If accommodations are not requested by October 27 2016, we cannot guarantee the availability of accommodations on site.

Cooperating agencies: Washington State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Washington Counties. Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension.

If you are interested in attending you can register online at:
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2589825>



United Suffolk Sheep Association

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

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 2016 inductees to the United Suffolk Sheep Association Hall of Fame. An annual business meeting will follow.

Please join us in celebrating the 2016 USSA Hall of Fame Inductees:

Clyde & Justina George & George Bros.

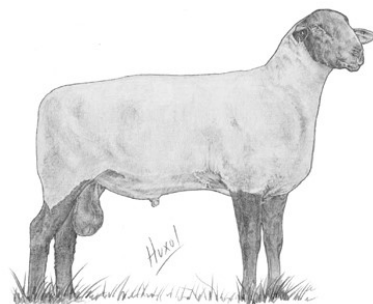
Chuck Ream

Duane Sickels

Dwight Stone

Brentford Miller & Brenda Miller

John Sponaugle



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, 2016**. 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 2016 USSA Annual Meeting & Dinner on
Tuesday, November 15th, 2016. There will be a total of _____ guests with my party and I
have enclosed a payment of _____ (\$20.00 per attendee).



The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project

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



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 to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Lamb Chops with Cornbread Stuffing

From: National Lamb and Wool Grower Magazine

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time : 15 minutes

Ingredients

4 lamb shoulder chops (blade or arm), 3/4"-1" thick (1—1/4 lb)

Non-stick cooking spray

1 package (6 oz) cornbread stuffing mix

1-1/3 cup water

2 tablespoons margarine or butter

1 can (11 oz) corn with red and green peppers, undrained



Directions

Spray a 10-inch skillet with non-stick cooking spray. Brown chops over medium-high heat for 4-5 minutes, turning once, until nicely browned. Remove chops from pan; reduce heat to low.

Add water, margarine and vegetable seasoning packet from the mix; mix well. Stir in undrained corn and crumbs from the mix until well blended. Place browned chops on top of the stuffing. Cover and cook over low hear for 10-12 minutes or until chops are to desired doneness. Serves 4.

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. Please include the ad size and which quarter the ad should be run. Ads must be "publish-ready".

USSA Director Spotlight



Bill Royer, Treasurer

Washington, Illinois

309-444-2356, royerfarm@aol.com

How long have you raised Suffolks? We have raised Suffolks since 1981.

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks? We basically started raising registered sheep as a 4-H project for my sons. We started with two different breeds (not Suffolks). We started with only two of each breed, as the 4-H project. We found that the breeds we had initially selected did not have the characteristics that we were wanting in our flock. Around the same time, we had relocated to Ft. Madison, Iowa and met Bob Mapes, a Suffolk breeder in that area. Bob had very good Suffolks and was very willing to share his knowledge of sheep. He helped us get started with a small flock of Suffolks.

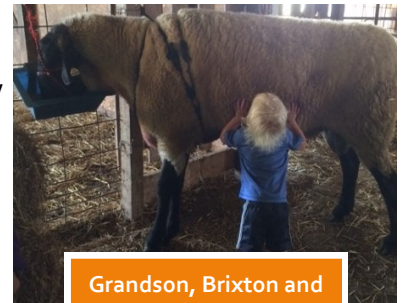


**Class winner
Iowa State Fair**

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. We market most of our Suffolks directly from the farm. We particularly like to help new breeders get started with Suffolks. We also sell market lambs and have sold range rams.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? We have a relatively small flock of Suffolks with around 15 brood ewes. Our goal is to keep the quality of our flock at a high level. We strive to raise sheep that have rapid gain and longevity.

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? Our fondest memories during our time of raising Suffolks has been the family experiences of showing at the National Jr. Shows. These shows are where we made many of the friendships we have developed with Suffolk breeders. Our children competed in all of the various events at the Jr. Show. I was particularly proud that my daughter won the National Jr. fitting contest as both a Jr. and as a Sr. fitter at this competition.



**Grandson, Brixton and
Luxford Ram**

What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? We have developed friends from Maine to California through the Suffolk breed.

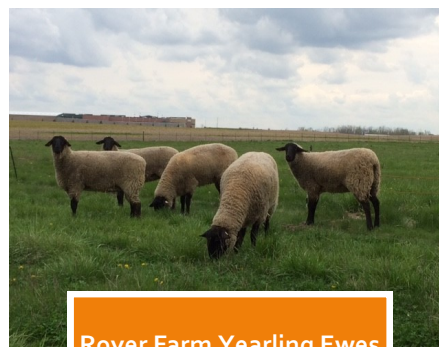
Why did you want to become a USSA Director? I am passionate about the Suffolk breed and the advantages that Suffolks offer to any sheep breeder.



As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on? I have served on many committees during my three years as a USSA Director. I am willing to serve where needed. My business experience has helped me work with our Executive Secretary and other Board members in running the business of the USSA organization. We have been blessed with good leadership within our Board. My goal has been to help the Board and other Suffolk breeders recognize that we do not all need to like the same type of Suffolks, but we must all be passionate about the characteristics Suffolks offer any breeder and we must work together to promote the breed.

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Discuss any major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed. We will continue to have challenges in the sheep industry. I do believe Suffolks are well positioned, but we must recognize that support for 4-H and regional shows of registered Suffolks are challenged. We also recognize that the number of sheep in the USA have decreased over the past several year. Suffolks continue to be the breed of choice for terminal sires, but there is little incentive to have these terminal sires registered. This will continue to be a challenge for USSA.



Royer Farm Yearling Ewes

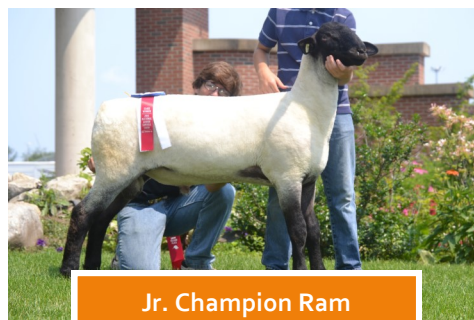


Granddaughter, Avery at
Heart of Illinois Fair

Purebred sheep registrations are continuing to decline (within almost all sheep breeds), as a USSA Director, what do you do to promote the association and registered Suffolk sheep? We do recognize that registrations have been on a decline for nearly all breeds for the past several years. It is important that the USSA Board and Suffolk breeders recognize that we need to support all Suffolk breeders. We cannot attempt to force all Suffolk breeders to have the same type of sheep we have. Suffolks have characteristics that will work for all breeders, but within that there are variations. As a Director, I support the Suffolk breed, rather than any particular type of Suffolk sheep.

Any other general comments you would like to share? I do feel that your Board has made great progress in working together to promote the Suffolk breed and making the USSA a viable organization. We are very fortunate to have the Executive Secretary we have. Our Board is working closely with Amanda to promote the Suffolk Breed and provide excellent service to you as a Suffolk breeder.

I look forward to serving you another three years on the USSA Board.



Jr. Champion Ram
2015 Nat'l Jr. Suffolk Show

* Mark your calendars for....
*

2017 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show

June 29—July 2 • Alliant Energy Center • Madison, WI

Let's Grow Webinars

Did you know that the Let's Grow Webinars are archived and available online to be viewed at YOUR convenience? Topics covered include genetics, nutrition, management, and MUCH MORE!

Webinars can be viewed by visiting:

http://www.sheepusa.org/Growourflock_Resources_EducationalWebinars



USSA Member News

Our condolences to the following families...

Duane Bierle, 75, of Creston, died Thursday April 7, 2016, at Greater Regional Medical Center, in Creston.

Duane Harold Bierle was born June 28, 1940 in Lesterville, S.D. to Albina (Peterka) and Lloyd A. Bierle. He graduated from Scotland High School in Scotland, S.D. in 1958. He continued his education at Southern State Teachers College in Springfield, S.D. where he earned his B.A. in education and psychology. He later earned his Master's Degree and Specialist Degree in education administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

On June 11, 1961 Duane was united in marriage to Cheryl June Nelles in Scotland, SD. They settled in Riverton, NE, where he began his teaching career as an Industrial Arts Instructor. Duane and his family moved to Sloan, IA where he continued his career teaching in a junior high setting and began coaching, later moving to Whiting, Ia. After receiving his administration degree Duane began working in the Manilla School System as the High School Principal and later moving to Princeton, Mo. where he continued teaching and also owned and operated a dairy farm.

In 1985, Duane and his family move to the Creston area, where he has raised sheep and worked as a District salesman for SuCrosCo Seed Company later becoming AgVenture selling seed corn and soybeans. Duane was an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Iowa Suffolk Sheep Assn., Iowa Club Lamb Assn., Iowa High School Athletic Assn. and United Suffolk Sheep Assn. Duane's major accomplishments in life is raising three successful sons and raising a Grand National Champion Suffolk Sheep in 2003. In his spare time he love to fish, hunt, motorcycle riding, where he had made trips to 26 different states and Canada, camping and spend time with his grandchildren including attending different 4-H shows, Horse, Sheep and Dog shows on both the County and State level.

Survivors include his wife Cheryl; two sons, Steven Bierle of Liberty, Mo. and Douglas (wife Nichole) Bierle of Creston; a brother, LuVerne (wife Verna) Bierle of Webster City, Ia.; brother-in-law Donald (wife Arlene) Nelles of Scotland, S.D.; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

Duane was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Ralph (wife Elnora) Nelles, son Jeffrey Bierle in 2015 and a sister Alice Sorenson. [Click Here](#) to go to online obituary.



Sara Braasch Schmidt, after a courageous battle with metastatic triple-negative breast cancer.

Sara, 45, went peacefully to the arms of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, on Sunday June 5th 2016 with her husband, Jim, by her side at their home in McCall, ID.

A Funeral Mass was held for Sara on Monday, June 13th at 11 am at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Boise, ID. Interment will follow at the McCall Cemetery in a private family service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to: Idaho FFA Foundation, Designate 'Sara Braasch Schmidt Endowment', PO Box 870, Meridian, ID 83680 or Heartland Hunger & Resource Center, PO Box 1929, McCall, ID 83638

Sara started in the livestock business at age 8 with one Suffolk brood ewe. At age 12 she received a bucket calf -- a registered Angus heifer -- and began diversifying her livestock enterprises. By the age of 17 when she left for college, she had around 100 registered Suffolk ewes, a top-notch stud ram battery, and ten well-bred registered Angus cows. To this day the Braasch Land and Livestock Suffolk sheep flock and cattle go back to the foundations she established in her 4-H and FFA livestock enterprises.

For more about Sara's all-too-brief life, go to her company's website, <http://summit-business-solutions.com/about.html>

We take comfort from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 -- We do not grieve for Sara, our only child and Child of God, as do those who have no hope. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon her. + Amen.

-- Red and Rev. Dr. Cathi Braasch, Braasch Land and Livestock, Elwood, NE



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Surrounded by family, **Pearce R. McKinney**, 75, of Wingate, Indiana, lost a hard-fought battle with cancer in the early hours of Sunday, August 28, 2016. Respected and successful in his professional role as a State Farm Insurance agent in Fountain County, Pearce took even greater pride in his role as a shepherd – both to the award-winning sheep he raised on his 5th generation homestead farm, Walnut Knoll, and to his community, on every level. As an elder in the Newtown Community Church, Pearce sang in the choir and taught Sunday School. He served Fountain County by sitting on several Boards, including the Welfare Board, Sheriff Merit Board, and Community Foundation Southeast Fountain. He was also Jury Commissioner from 1973 – 1999. Pearce served his state as a Board member of the Indiana Board of Animal Health and the Indiana State Diagnostic Lab at Purdue University. He was President of the Indiana Sheep Association from 2006 – 2010, and hosted the Hoosier Agribusiness Science Academy of Purdue for several years. Nationally Pearce contributed as a Board member for the St Croix Hair Sheep International Association, the Board of Montadale Sheep Breeders, and was the Indiana Representative to the National Animal Industry Institute. He and his wife, Alice, frequently opened their historic farm home to students from throughout Indiana, guests from the community and from around the world, and often shared the beautiful homestead as a site for weddings of family and friends. Rallying in the last stages of his illness, Pearce stood with his extended family on August 19, 2016 and accepted recognition by Traditional Arts Indiana and the Indiana State Fair as a State Fair Master for his service and support to the Indiana State Fair and so many of its young participants throughout the years. He is survived by his wife, Alice J. McKinney of Wingate; sister, Anne Huston, of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; son Noel (Tamara) McKinney of Veedersburg, IN, daughters: Trisha (Mark) Hoffman of Fishers, IN, and Heather (Joel) Elkins of Houston, TX. Step-daughters: Lynnell Nixon of Zionsville, IN, Lisa (Matthew) Martin of Kingman, IN, Amy (Mike) McClure of Westfield, IN. Grandchildren Michael & Taylor Wooden, Madison, Logan, Carter & Mason Hoffman, William & Timothy Elkins, Ariel & Zane Knight, Celeste (Dylan) Eagle, Chloe & Seth Martin, James & Johnathan McClure. Pearce's family will greet guests, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate (9700 State Road 55 North Wingate). Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 1, 2016 at the Newtown Community Church (310 West Washington St. Newtown). With Pastor Dylan Eagle officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery on the McKinney Family Farm. Memorial contributions are encouraged in lieu of flowers, to Southeast Fountain Community Foundation % Pearce & Alice McKinney Scholarship Fund. [Click here](#) to view online obituary.



Leroy R. T. "Red" Braasch (September 16, 1940 - August 31, 2016)

Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and the life of Leroy R. T. "Red" Braasch will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Hope Lutheran Church in rural Smithfield, Nebraska with Reverend Jeff Cottingham, STS officiating. Inurnment will be held in the Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Gosper County, Nebraska following the services. A luncheon and celebration of life will follow in the fellowship hall.

Leroy Raymond Thomas "Red" Braasch, 75 years of age, of rural Smithfield, Nebraska, passed away on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Nebraska. Red was born on September 16, 1940 at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, the eldest of three sons born to Ulrich Julius and Lauretta Meta (Holzshuh) Braasch. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Manitowoc. Red began his education at Immanuel Lutheran School in Manitowoc and then graduated high school from Lincoln High School in Manitowoc. He then pursued higher education at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where he studied Animal Science.

On December 16, 1966 he was united in marriage to Catherine Irene Hopkins at the Zion Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo, California and to this union one daughter, Sara was born.

Prior to beginning his own ranch, he was well known for his work with some of the leading U.S. registered Angus cattle herds. Early in his career he also trained top Arabian horses for Hillcrest Arabian Stud in Wisconsin. At the time of his death, he was retired, but remained active raising sheep and cattle at the family ranch South

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of Smithfield. Along with his wife, and late daughter, they established the Braasch Suffolk Flock in 1973. The family enjoyed raising, exhibiting, and marketing registered Suffolk Sheep throughout the U.S.

Red's passion in life was truly being a Rancher; particularly his Suffolk sheep flock was his avocation as well as his occupation. He also loved volunteering as a 4-H leader and coach for FFA livestock judging teams. He was recognized for his service to FFA with honorary chapter farmer degrees from schools in California and Idaho. In his retirement years, Red enjoyed assisting seasonally with harvest at CHS CO-OP in Smithfield.

He was a lifelong Lutheran, who served his church in many capacities including: Church Council, chair of the Board of Elders, and as a Trustee of congregations in Montana and Washington State. Since moving to Nebraska, he was a member of the Hope Lutheran Church, where he made many friendship bonds throughout the years.

Besides his parents; Red was preceded in death by his daughter, Sara Braasch Schmidt in June of 2016 and one brother, Daniel Braasch.

He leaves to celebrate his life; his wife of almost 50 years, Rev. Dr. Cathi Braasch, STS of rural Smithfield; son-in-law, Jim Schmidt of McCall, Idaho; one brother, Ronald Braasch and his wife, Bonnie of Rochester, Minnesota; sister-in-law, Elaine Braasch of Manitowoc; several nieces and nephews, his wife's extended family and many friends.

Memorial book signing will be held on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with the family greeting from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege.

A memorial has been established in Red's honor and kindly suggested to the "I Believe in the Future of Ag Program", designated to the BerMis FFA Chapter; c/o the Nebraska FFA Foundation; to the Hope Lutheran Church or to the Bertrand Fire and Rescue.

Expressions of caring and kindness can be sent to the family at www.nelsonbauerfh.com

The Nelson-Bauer Funeral Home in Holdrege is in charge of the arrangements.

NEW FUTURE SUFFOLK BREEDERS! CONGRATULATIONS!



Ace Edward Smith born July 25, 2016 at 7:31a.m. to **Ethan and Annie Smith** of Phantom Hills Fitting and Training Windsor, IL. Weighing 10 lbs. 4 oz. measuring 23 inches long. Ty Smith the couples first child is excited to be a big brother, all are looking forward to a great show season!

Kyle and Amanda Dobson of Lexington, MO are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Claire Marie. Claire was born April 7, 2016 at Centerpoint Medical Center in Independence, MO at 9:32am. She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and measured 21 inches long.



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 or contact the USSA Office.

ASI Weekly's Upcoming Events Calendar

Reprinted from ASI Weekly—ASI does a great job of sharing upcoming sheep industry events in their weekly newsletter. To sign-up for the ASI Weekly electronic newsletter please visit: <http://www.sheepusa.org/> - scroll to the bottom of the homepage and type in email address under "CONTACT US" and then click "subscribe".

Sept. 8-11 - Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival - www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com or wisbc@centurytel.net
Sept. 9 - ASI State Wool Outreach Reports due - Mary Jensen, mary@sheepusa.org or 303-771-3500, ext. 107
Sept. 10 - Rafter 7 Merino Ram and Ewe Sale - Nev. - Tom Filbin 775-221-3206, rafter7tom@yahoo.com / Rick Powers 843-693-2461, rafter7m@att.net
Sept. 10 - Montana Black and White Sale - Harlowton, Mont. - www.facebook.com/montanablackandwhite
Sept. 10-11 - Garden State Sheep Breeders 22nd Annual Festival - Ringoes, N.J. - <http://njsheep.net/festival>
Sept. 13 - 88th Annual Wyoming Ram Sale - Douglas - www.wyowool.com or call 307-265-5250
Sept. 14 - Montana State University Sheep Seminar - Miles City - 9 a.m.
Sept. 14 - 3rd Annual Montana Ewe Sale - Miles City - www.mtsheep.org or mtwga@outlook.com
Sept. 14 - Hettinger Ram Sale - Adams Country Fairgrounds, Hettinger, N.D. - Email ndlwp@gmail.com for catalog
Sept. 15 - NSIIC Grant Applications Due - www.nsiic.org, Steve Lee at stevelee@nsiic.org or 202-350-9065
Sept. 15 - 91st Annual Montana Ram Sales - Miles City - www.mtsheep.org or mtwga@outlook.com
Sept. 15-16 - Newell Ram Sale - <http://site.newellramsale.com> - Christy Frerichs, 605-257-2895
Sept. 16 - Federal Register Comments on BSE Proposed Rule Due. www.regulations.gov/docket?D=APHIS-2009-0095
Sept. 16-18 - California Wool and Fiber Festival - Boonville - tallcharlie@hotmail.com or 707-459-8558
Sept. 17-18 - Finger Lakes Fiber Festival - Hemlock, N.Y. - www.gvhg.org/fiber-fest
Sept. 22-24 - 6th Dairy Goat Conference - Murfreesboro, Tenn. - An Peischel, Ph.D., 615-963-5539 or apeischel@tnstate.edu
Sept. 23 - Virginia Tech Southwest AREC Forage Based Ram Test Sale and Field Day - Glade Spring, Va. - www.apsc.vt.edu/extension/sheep/swarec-ram-program/index.html
Sept. 23-24 - Ohio Statewide Sheep Shearing School - Hebron - www.ohiosheep.org - Roger High, rhigh@ofbf.org
Sept. 23-24 - Southern Adirondack Romney Show - N.Y. - www.adkfiber.com or Norma Johnson-Glacy at crazylegsfarm@gmail.com
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 - South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Annual Meeting -- www.sdsheepgrowers.org
Sept. 30-Oct. 2 - Fosston Fiber Festival - Fosston, Minn. - www.fosstonfiberfestival.com
Oct. 1 - Autumn Fare - Scott County Fairgrounds, Jordan, Minn. - www.scottcountyfair.org/off-season/autumn-fare
Oct. 1 - Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival - Tunbridge - www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com
Oct. 1 - Tri-State Sheep Ruminant Summit, ASI Let's Grow Program - Ky. - www.ohiosheep.org - Roger High, rhigh@ofbf.org
Oct. 1-2 - Lambtown Festival - Dixon, Calif. - www.lambtown.org
Oct. 1-2 - Montpelier Sheep and Wool Festival and Sheep Dog Trials - Montpelier Station, Va. - <http://fallfiberfestival.org>
Oct. 5-9 - 20th Annual Trailing of the Sheep Festival - Wood River Valley of Idaho - www.trailingofthesheep.org
Oct. 7-9 - 1st Annual Wool Conference co-sponsored with University of Minnesota & 6th Annual Sheep & Fiber Farm Tour - Metro Area, Minn. - www.naturalfiberalliance.com
Oct. 8 - Craig Ram Sale - Colo. - Nick Maneotis, 970-629-2719, nmaneotis@msn.com
Oct. 13 - Spooner Dairy-Sheep Sale - <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wisheepandgoat>
Oct. 13 - Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, Utah - www.utahramsale.com
Oct. 14-15 - New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale - Rhinebeck, N.Y. - www.bannersheepmagazine.com
Oct. 15 - Jewell Merino Annual Production Ram Sale - Rifle, Colo. - 970-379-0397 or jewellmerinos@gmail.com
Oct. 15 - USDA ARS Sheep Field Day - Booneville, Ark. - Joan Burke, Ph.D., joan.burke@ars.usda.gov, 479-675-3834
Oct. 29 - W.V. Shepherd's Federation Short Course on Flock Health - Petersburg - www.sheepwv.org/WVPSBA.html
Oct. 29 - Mountain State Bred Ewe and Doe Sale - Tri-County Fairgrounds, Petersburg - www.sheepwv.org/WVPSBA.html
Nov. 3-5 - Lamb 300 - University of Wyoming, Laramie - Warrie Means, means@uwyo.edu or 307-766-5283 - To register online, go to www.BrownPaperTickets.com, Event #2589825
Nov. 4-5 - Ozark Fiber Fling - Steelville, Mo. - www.ozarkfiberfling.com or 573-245-6851
Nov. 12 - North American International Livestock Exposition Suffolk Sale - Louisville, Ky. - www.bannersheepmagazine.com
Nov. 18-20 - National Sheep Shearing Academy, Sheep Shearing for Advanced Shearers - Hebron, Ohio - Doug Rathke, doug@lambshoppe.com or 320-587-6094
Nov. 26 - Illini Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale - Bloomington, Ill. - www.bannersheepmagazine.com
Dec. 2-4 - Dairy Sheep Association of North America 22nd Annual Symposium - Cornell University, Ithaca, NY - www.dsana.org or www.sheep.cornell.edu/calendar
Dec. 9-10 - Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium - Wooster - www.ohiosheep.org - Roger High, rhigh@ofbf.org
Dec. 10 - Ohio Sheep Improvement Association Annual Meeting - Wooster - www.ohiosheep.org - Roger High, rhigh@ofbf.org
Dec. 13-14 - Lamb 509 Program - Columbus, Ohio - www.ohiosheep.org - Roger High, rhigh@ofbf.org
Jan. 25-28, 2017 - ASI Annual Convention - Denver, Colo. - Save the Date!

2016 National Suffolk Show & Sale

Sparks, Nevada



Champion Suffolk Ram
Double L Livestock, Delta, UT



Champion Suffolk Ewe
Double L Livestock, Delta, UT



Champion Suffolk Wether Dam
Ahart Club Lambs, Sacramento, CA

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Have a Suffolk related event you would like to add to the calendar of events? Email your event to: info@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 or www.ujssa.org

October

- 1** **USSA and Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship Applications due to USSA Office**
- 13** Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, UT [website](#)
- 29** North Star Sale- 7pm, Pipestone Co. Fairgrounds, Pipestone, MN [website](#)
- 30** **USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet Reservation deadline—contact USSA Office.**
- 30** MacCauley Suffolks Online Bred Ewe Sale wllivestock.com

November

- 1** **Win a Suffolk Ewe Lamb Videos due to USSA Office**
- 1** Quam Suffolks & Southdowns Online Sale wllivestock.com
- 11** NAILE Breeding Sheep & Market Lamb Showmanship, Lead Line
- 12** NAILE Market Lamb Show – 8am (purebreds show)
North American International Suffolk Sale - TBA
UJSSA Board Meeting – 5pm
- 13** NAILE Junior Breeding Show – 8am
- 15** USSA Board Meetings – 9am
USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet – 6:30pm (social hour 5:30pm)
- 16** NAILE Open Suffolk Show – 8am
- *All NAILE Shows and event information can be found by visiting: www.livestockexpo.org.
- ***SEE PAGE 26 OF THE NEWSLETTER TO FIND A MORE DETAILED LISTING OF NAILE EVENTS ***
- 26** Illini Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale, Bloomington, IL

January

- 25-28** ASI Convention, Denver, CO

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

~ SALE REPORT ~

CENTER OF THE NATION—NATIONAL SHEEP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SALE, Spencer, IA
July 23, 2016

BUYERS AND CONSIGNORS FROM 17 STATES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE 2016 NSIP SALE

GROSS: \$100,500 AVG: \$734 102 Rams -Avg. \$809 34 Ewes Avg. \$513

<u>LOTS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LOTS</u>	<u>AVG</u>
27 Polypay Rams	\$906	9 Hampshire Ewes	\$450
10 Polypay Ewes	\$560	1 Samm Ram	\$2300
11 Dorset Rams	\$891	2 Texel Rams	\$1600
6 Dorset Ewes	\$417	3 Targhee Rams	\$800
24 Suffolk Rams	\$860	2 Rambouillet Rams	\$500
7 Suffolk Ewes	\$521	2 Katahdin Rams	\$400
25 Hampshire Rams	\$604	2 Katahdin Ewes	\$300
		5 Shropshire Rams	\$660

TOP RAMS:

Lot 76 - \$1800 VA Tech T269

Suffolk: A 2-15-15 son of Bunker Hill 2896. Consigned by Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. Sold to South Dakota

Lot 47 - \$1000 Culham & Stevens 1137

Suffolk: A 3-27-15 son of MSU 2124. Consigned by Culham & Stevens, Webberville, MI. Sold to Iowa

Lot 46 - \$950 Culham & Stevens 1114

Suffolk: A 2-22-15 son of MSU 3122. Consigned by Culham & Stevens, Webberville, MI. Sold to Iowa

Lot 57 - \$900 Dry Sandy D69

Suffolk: A 2-25-16 son of MSU 4132. Consigned by Dry Sandy Sheep, Alexandria, NE. Sold to Nebraska

Lot 44 - \$900 Bunker Hill 3085

Suffolk: A 4-1-15 son of Bunker Hill 2889. Consigned by Bunker Hill, DeGraff, OH. Sold to Nebraska.

Lot 53 - \$900 Dry Sandy C73

Suffolk: A 3-31-15 son of Sponaugle 14-V210B. Consigned by Dry Sandy Sheep, Alexandria, NE. Sold to Nebraska

Lot 69 - \$800 Reau 583

Suffolk: A 3-20-15 son of MSU 4137. Consigned by Reau Suffolks, Petersburg, MI. Sold to Wyoming

Lot 60 - \$800 Mint Gold Ranch 5316

Suffolk: A 1-24-16 son of Mint Gold Ranch 223. Consigned by Mint Gold Ranch, DePere, WI. Sold to Indiana

Lot 48 - \$800 Culham & Stevens 1158

Suffolk: A 1-7-16 son of Culham & Stevens 1082. Consigned by Culham & Stevens, Webberville, MI. Sold Iowa

TOP EWES:

Lot 59X - \$800 Mint Gold Ranch 6331

Suffolk: A 1-26-16 daughter of Mint Gold Ranch 5335. Consigned by Mint Gold Ranch, DePere, WI. Sold to Wisconsin

Auctioneer: Col Al Conover, Baxter, IA

Sale Manager: Conover Auction Service Inc., Al & Jeanne Conover, Baxter, IA

Sale Contacts: Dr. Dan Morrical, Jerry Sorensen



Next Newsletter: December 2016

Submission Deadline: November 30th

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. 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.

Registered Suffolk Ram Lambs For Sale. Sired by Ruby Mountain Battle Born son with Lansing on the dam side. They are fast growing, structurally correct with lots of loin length. Several good show quality rams. Also have rams for commercial flocks. See ad on USSA website for photos. Raising quality Suffolk sheep for over 25 years. Stewart Family Suffolk, Newton IA, barb.stewart.56@gmail.com, 641 521 7981

Flock For Sale—Yearlings, 2 year olds and some 3 year olds on sires side are strong with Luxford breeding and Dreher's "Black Cobra". Dams side goes back to Bierle's "CV's Promise", "Le Monster", "Carnegie", Van Arkel's "Blue Print", KC Suffolks "Spectacular" and Silver Dollar's "RSVP" 2474. Semen for sale out of "CV's Promise", "LeMonster" and Van Arkel's "You Bet". Cheryl Bierle - 641-344-2462 or Doug Bierle - 641-782-0866

Suffolk Rams For Sale— 1216-Son of Spartacus, out of a Dreher ewe. Twin mate to 1116. 116-Son of Spartacus, out of a Dreher ewe. Twin mate to 1216. 1016-Son of Spartacus, out of a Mr. Lucky daughter. Spartacus also sired the Junior Champion Ram at Sedalia this past June. Available at Cahill Suffolks Farm. See photos on USSA website classified page. Contact Pete Cahill @ 309-678-0495.

Suffolk Ewes For Sale- 2 brood ewes bred to Lansing ram, 2 years old, \$500 each. 2 yearling ewes bred to Lansing ram, \$500 each. 3 ewe lambs sired by Ruby Mountain ram, \$400 each. John Corson, IL . 309-255-4606 or corson-re@yahoo.com

Ram and Ewe lambs and Ram lambs for sale: Russell Sheep Company has ewe lambs for sale (\$350 – \$500), born Jan – March 2016. Also ram lambs still available. All are enrolled in NSIP, bred for structural correctness and carcass quality. Rams are pictured on website www.russellsheepcompany.com. Jeremy, Paul & Diane Russell, Indiana, 765-288-4845 (home) 765-749-3100 (Jeremy cell)

For Sale—We have a ram lamb that was born in January. He has excellent bone, muscle, and will be ready to breed this Fall. BONNELL 205-16 (Red) RR/NN (Twin) \$350 (Out of our best Brood Ewe and Wiford Ram 473-14, (Dam has Wiford, Slack, and Lyn-Lee bloodlines) (Should be shown in Slick Sheared Classes). Call Ken Bonnell at 937-644-2674 or email at bonnells.suffolks@gmail.com

River Bend Farm Suffolks - Ewes for Sale. 2 - 5 years old - open or bred. Sired by River Ben 1880 "Son of Jack", Kimm 12211 "Jack" and Slack 5026i. Scrapie Export Certified Flock. Elmer Held (Suffolk breeder since 1976), Wisconsin. 920-583-3084 (h), 920-948-1831 (c). eheld3084@charter.net

50 Registered Suffolk ewe lambs for sale. We are offering a very uniform set of late Jan, Feb and Mar ewe lambs. These lambs are very strong topped, square docked with a good amount of muscle. They are pretty headed and stand on good feet and legs. These sheep are very functional, with a lot of performance and productivity behind them. Pictures of some of our brood ewes and rams can be found on our website: ulrichsheep.com These lambs are priced at \$350-\$500. Ulrich Suffolks, Eureka, IL 61530, 309-467-4707, ulrichsheep@gmail.com

Registered February ram lamb for sale. Triplet out of a big, easy keeper ewe. Ram's grandfather is a MacCauley ram and sire is a Vorac ram, so he has great genetics. Heavy muscled ram with good frame size, straight lines, long body, and super thickness. He is one of those lambs that feels like a rock when you put your hands on him. Was Champion Suffolk Ram at the Washington County Fair in Maryland. Will show at the Frederick County Fair and will be ready for pick-up on or after September 25. \$600 See ad on USSA website for photos. Catoctin View Farm, Shelly Geasler, Knoxville, MD, Email: sgeasler@CatoctinRidge.com, Cell: 301-676-9400

March Ram lambs, RRNN, sired by my new Heupel ram, which gave me a tremendous set of lambs. Great top lines, feet, legs, and alot of length. These are young, green ram lambs, but should still be able to service a group

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of ewes. All rams are born twin, or triplets, and raised as just that. Ewes go back to Van Arkel x Luxford-Dreher. See ad on USSA website for photos. Craig Fetters, Lucas, IA 50151, 641-414-1979

40 head of moderate framed production oriented registered suffolk ewe lambs. February & March born with the majority being RR at codon 171. See ad on USSA website for photos. Van Sykes Suffolks, Jim Van Dyke, Wessington Springs, SD, Email: vandykeseed@gmail.com, Cell: (605) 770-1095

Registered Rams For Sale: 2-Donner Trail Ranch two year olds - \$1000/ea OBO, 2-Dreher 2 Year Olds - \$1000/ea OBO, 1-5 Star J two year old - \$600 OBO, 3- 5 Star J 0155 Sons (Yearlings) - \$500/ea OBO and 1 -Lost River Gunslinger Son - \$500 OBO. Weisberg Suffolks, Call 515-835-3921

Five Ram Lambs For Sale. All rams are multiple births and raised as twins or triplets on the ewe. There is NSIP info available for all of the ram lambs and the genetics go back to Bar-Zel, Kimm and Mint Gold. 6004,6005,and 6018 are percentage registered. Asking \$400 each. See ad on USSA website for photos. Travis Schacherer, t_schacherer@yahoo.com ,507-829-1098

Suffolk Rams For Sale. RAMS from these genetics from our line bred program are available. Call for your flock changer! Pictured is our Supreme Champion Ewe at the National Junior Show in Spencer IA July 2016 (See ad on USSA website for photo). McClure Suffolks, Jeff McClure, Roanoke, IL, 309-923-7576

2016

NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION



USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

Friday, November 11

Junior Breeding Showmanship – 10am
Market Lamb Showmanship—4pm
Lead Line –4pm

Saturday, November 12

Suffolk Market Lamb Show
UJSSA Pizza Party—Lunch
North American International Suffolk Sale
UJSSA Board Meeting - 5pm

Sunday, November 15th

Junior Suffolk Breeding Sheep Show - 8am

Tuesday, November 15

USSA Board Meeting – 9am
USSA Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Banquet –
6:30pm (social hour 5:30pm)

Wednesday, November 16

Open Suffolk Show – 8am

Thursday, November 17

Supreme Champion—5pm

Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show — Brian Reilly, Schullsburg, WI
Junior Breeding Show— TBA
Open Show— Slick: Brad Payne, Agency, MO

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

NAILE Open Show Participants -

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to the USSA prior to the events at 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.



NAILE Premium Book can be found at www.livestockexpo.org

Suffolk Associations Close to Home



Ever wondered if there is a state or regional Suffolk Association near you? The following is a listing of active state and/or regional Suffolk Associations across the United States. If there is an active local Suffolk Association that has been overlooked, please contact the USSA Office. Local Suffolk Associations are encouraged to share news, events or updates through the Suffolk Newsletter!

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

President: Greg Ahart, Sacramento, CA Phone: 916.716.0089 Email: greg.ahart@superiorfarms.com

ILLINOIS SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Bill Royer, Washington, IL Phone: 309-444-2356 Email: royerfarm@aol.com

IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kathy Krafka Harkema, Montezuma, IA Phone: 641.623.7200 Email: truechamp@aol.com

MINNESOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jeremy Geske, New Prague, MN Phone: 612.756.1200 Email: jeremy.geske@gmail.com

MISSOURI SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Amanda Dobson, Lexington, MO Phone: 660.232.1433 Email: adobson.rvt@gmail.com

MONTANA SUFFOLK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION **Website**

Contact: Jane Rath, Miles City, MT Phone: 406.232.1060

NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President : Josh Miller, Schoharie, NY Phone: 518-231-8113 Email: millers@midtel.net

OHIO SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Facebook Page**

President: Deanna Knapke Phone: 419-953-0791 Email: knaped@msn.com

PENNSYLVANIA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Facebook Page**

President: Jodie Hoover, Washington, PA Phone: 724-222-9325 Email: jhoover@fortcherry.org

SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jim Van Dyke, Wessington Springs, SD Phone: 605-770-1095 Email: seedstock@venturecomm.net

WISCONSIN SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kevin Slack, Lake Geneva, WI Phone: 262.903.5971 Email: kslacksuffolks@yahoo.com

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, 2016. The winner will be announced during the Suffolk Open Show at NAILE.

Open to juniors age 18 or younger as of January 1, 2016 who do not currently own registered Suffolks.

**United Suffolk Sheep
Association**

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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.

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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