

# Suffolk Newsletter

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Greetings Suffolk Enthusiasts!

It's hard to believe that summer has come to an end. For many of you breeding season will be starting soon—I'm sure your curious what the 2018 lamb crop will bring with your new ram or ewe purchase or maybe you raised a ram lamb that you couldn't part with. Best of luck!

It's that time of year, the election mailing has been sent. Included you'll find director election bios, please note that only district 1 will need to return ballots. You'll also find all of the director election candidate bios in this issue of the newsletter. Additionally, there are several proposed by-law changes to vote on. If you'd like to review them prior to receiving your election mailing, they are posted on the USSA website. Lastly, you'll find the annual meeting dinner invitation and the following USSA Updates:

**USSA Amnesty Program is back!** USSA and UJSSA members can register Suffolks over 1 year of age for \$8/head. Program runs **August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018**. Take advantage of this program – late registrations will increase to \$15/head after March 1st.

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**Fee schedule changes.** During the June USSA Board of Directors meeting there was a lengthy discussion on how to balance the proposed 2017/2018 budget. Through this discussion the USSA BOD approved the following changes to the association's fee structure. Please note the effective dates below.

#### Membership Dues (effective 10/01/17):

New - \$40

Paid prior to March 1 - \$40/yr

Paid after March 1 - \$60/yr

#### Rush Fees (effective 10/01/17):

Needed within 72 hours: \$25/hd

Needed in less than 14 days: \$10/hd

#### Late Registrations (effective 03/02/18):

Late Registrations (over 1 yr old)-\$15/hd

**USSA Online Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale – October 19.** The USSA will be sponsoring an online bred ewe and ewe lamb sale October 19 through wlivestock.com. Please check the USSA website for an entry form or contact the office. Paid USSA and UJSSA members are welcome to consign; entries are due October 5, 2017.

**Let's Grow Grant Funding Still Available!** Members can still have their flock's NSIP data entered into LambPlan through the USSA. If you are interested in participating or hearing more details please contact the office. There is no cost to members to have their data entered. NSIP fees still apply. To date, funding has covered the cost to enter data for 6 Suffolk flocks totaling approximately 350 head!

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## 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"*

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A few reminders I'd like to pass along:

**Scholarship deadline** is October 1st. Applications can be found on the UJSSA website or by contacting the USSA Office.

**Ewe Lamb Giveaway** deadline is November 1st! Please share this awesome opportunity with youth—4-H clubs, FFA Chapters, neighbors! More details on this program can be found in the newsletter or on the USSA website.

Don't forget to submit your **futurity points**. If you purchased a futurity nominated ewe lamb this summer all you need to do is have the point form filled out (found on USSA website or contact the office) and submit them to the office. It's that easy!!!

Lastly, this newsletter is always a great way to share information with fellow Suffolk breeders. Did you know that this newsletter gets emailed to over 1000 people and is available on the USSA website? What an audience! The next newsletter will be available by Nov. 1. Please submit any information to the USSA Office by October 25th!

Have a great Labor Day Weekend!

Amanda

# USSA ELECTION BALLOTS HAVE BEEN MAILED!

If you are a USSA member in District 1 election ballots must be returned (postmarked) by **October 1, 2017**. There is no election in Districts 2, 3 and 4 as only one individual submitted an intent to run in each district, therefore members in those districts will not return a ballot. Candidate bios can be found in this newsletter issue. Also included with the election information for your district is an invite to the 2017 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** ♦ Kip Kuntz, CA ♦ Blair Summey, CA

**DISTRICT 2** ♦ Tom Burke, MO

**DISTRICT 3** ♦ Jeremy Geske, MN

**DISTRICT 4** ♦ Bret Henderson, IN

## USSA Committee Updates

**Breed Improvement:** The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the 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 through the USSA. Please contact the USSA Office for more information.

**Youth Promotion: Ewe Lamb Giveaway—** Video submission deadline is November 1st! **Futurity—**Participants, please turn in points forms to the USSA Office. THANK YOU to breeders who futurity nominated ewe lambs!

**Scholarship—**Entry deadline for scholarships is October 1st!

**Hospitality:** Please consider attending the 2017 USSA Hall of Fame and Annual Meeting Dinner. Invitation/reservation form included in newsletter.

**Hall of Fame:** Please contact the USSA Office with any Hall of Fame Inductee suggestions.

**By-laws:** USSA Member are encouraged to review and vote on the proposed by-law changes included with the election mailing sent Sept. 1. Please contact a USSA Director with any questions you may have on the proposed changes. By-law ballots must be returned by Oct. 1st.



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

Josephy Behounek, Bawnmore Farms, IA

Samantha Bohl, Bohl Suffolks, SD

Dave Burkhart, OH

Brandon Chattin, Chattin Farms, IN

Joanne Chase, Chase Acres, PA

Shawn & Barb Davis, D&D Suffolks & Show Lambs, WV

Shannon & Bruce Donnelly, OH

Craig Fleck, SD

Heather Hamm, Sandy Loam Farms, WI

Henry Hampton, Lazy 5 Ranch, NC

J-S-M James Ranch, TX

Tanner Lewis, CA

William (Billy) Marshall, WI

Megan Raffensperger & Shane Raffensperger, SMR Farms, PA

Savannah Fink Showalter, Fink Family Farmette, VA

Mervin Zook, PA

# District 2 Director Spotlight - Matt Beals, Alexandria, Nebraska

**How long have you raised Suffolks?** May of 2012

**What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks?** I dispersed a herd of Red Angus cows in the fall of 2011 and by the next spring I was bored. This is how the Dry Sandy Sheep Company came to be. Originally the Suffolk breed wasn't even on my radar. My desires (to raise sheep to supply genetics to the commercial industry) and my perception (from the outside) of the Suffolk breed didn't seem to align. Eventually I realized that hidden within the Suffolk gene-pool, are the pieces to produce America's ultimate terminal sire, and the genetics base (worldwide) to continue to occupy that role.

**Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks.** I predominately sell commercial rams and an occasional foundation female. Mostly by private treaty but I also attend the Center of the Nation Sale in July in Spencer Iowa and a ram sale or two in the fall. I am enrolled in NSIP and that is the driver of many of my sales. I also place emphasis on parasite resistance, being one of only two flocks in the country with breeding values on this trait, leads to many sales opportunities. In the past two years I have sold sheep into 13 states and all four time zones, and NSIP is the major reason for that.

**Currently, how many Suffolks do you own?** Currently there is over 160 breeding age females. My son is a freshman at North Dakota State and I will be short of labor, so I am planning on reducing the numbers a little this fall.

**What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks?** I very much enjoy talking with pioneer breeders whenever I can. I had dinner with Marvin Heupel about a year ago and gained a broader perspective of our place in this industry. I take my responsibility very seriously, and I believe you must know where you come from to plan where you are going. I am also thankful for the many friendships made over the last couple years. In particular with Larry and Linda Pauly, even though we don't often agree.

**What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks?** From raising Suffolks I've gained many friendships. From raising sheep in general...a sense of humility.

**Why did you want to become a USSA Director?** In my past livestock experience I was heavily involved with two breeds of beef cattle (Limousin and Red Angus). I first-hand witnessed the Limousin breed go from number 2 in the country for registrations to complete irrelevance within two decades. The Red Angus breed went from an afterthought to the envy of the industry in the same time frame. The Suffolk breed has a lot to offer and is loved by many, but the numbers don't lie, and the trajectory isn't good. I felt the need to try and make a difference.



**As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on?** Breed Improvement committee. Ambassador committee.

**Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit it's membership, gain new members and retain it's current members?** KISS- Keep it simple stupid. If one can make money raising Suffolks....we will gain new members and retain our current ones. The role for our association is to help foster those opportunities for our members.

**Discuss any major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed.** The biggest challenge we face is the vested interest this breed and in particular the breed's "Old Guard", have in protecting the status quo.....a business model that no longer works.

**Purebred sheep registrations are continuing to decline (within almost all sheep breeds), as a USSA Director,**

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Range rams that went to Wyoming in 2015





**Scan day for carcass traits**

**what do you do to promote the association and registered Suffolk sheep?** Within all species, the breeds that have something to offer their industry at a particular point in time coupled with a breed organization capable of capitalizing on that, will grow. Look no further than Katahdins, Dorpers or Boer goats.

**Any other general comments you would like to share?** Here is where you can quit reading if you want to believe everything is honky dory. Dr. Bob Hough, one of the most brilliant Animal Scientist (and marketers) I had the pleasure to know once stated....The only reason that pure-bred breeds exist, is to provide the genetic material for the greater commercial industry. Think about that for a minute. That is why some Englishman crossed a Southdown to a Norfolk Horn a couple centuries ago. That is why Suffolk sheep came to this land a hundred years ago and why they dominated the landscape for the second half of the last century. And the failure to continue that tradition is why we are, where we are today. Where are we today? These are the facts... we register one sixth of the number of sheep that we did 25 years ago and about a tenth of what was registered at the peak.

I believe we must focus on what is important to the commercial sheep industry, and align all our efforts towards that focus. Programs, shows and youth.

I hear often that “everyone should be able to raise whatever kind of sheep they want” the Association shouldn’t dictate what kind of sheep individuals raise. Heck we have directors that got elected on that platform.

The United Suffolk Sheep Association does not operate in a vacuum. What we do, others notice. It is essential that we align what we do, with the needs of the commercial lamb industry. One size does not fit all, but the so called different types we have within our breed need to become closer together, not continue to drift further apart. That also means that our association takes a leadership role in this realignment.

I thank all Suffolk breeders for their efforts. In my remaining time on the board of directors I will push for continuing promotion of the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP). The realignment of the show ring with the needs of the commercial lamb industry. I will advocate, for judges that understand the needs of the commercial industry, and movement to a web-based registry system.

If anyone would like to comment, email me at [drysandysheep@gmail.com](mailto:drysandysheep@gmail.com) or call 402-200-0444.

Very Sincerely,

Matt Beals



**2017 replacements halfway through parasite resistance trial**

## Welcome Jenna!



The USSA Office welcomed new staff member Jenna Jones on June 1st. Jenna will be working part-time with registry work and other projects.

Jenna, husband Greg, and girls, Ava and Eden reside in Wellsburg, Iowa. Jenna is excited to work a few hours—when’s she not tied up with her family’s busy schedule and assisting with her husband’s heating and cooling business.

In her spare time Jenna coaches t-ball, helps with AWANA meals, crafting, canning fruits and vegetables and spending time with her family.

## USSA FUTURITY PROGRAM

### Ewe Lambs Futurity Standings

#### DISTRICT 1

No points have been submitted to the USSA Office at this time.

#### DISTRICT 2

No points have been submitted to the USSA Office at this time.

#### DISTRICT 3

38pts—Madison Binder, IL—Arndt Acres 16-054  
29pts—Miranda Dobberpuhl, WI—Kimm 14011-17422  
22pts—Christian Tifft, IA—Dombek 3095  
20pts—Lillian Ruddat, WI—Kimm 11091-17227  
9pts—Christian Tifft, WI—Annuschat Y802

#### DISTRICT 4

10pts—Allee Hoover, PA—MacCauley 3766

### Yearling Ewe Futurity Standings

48pts—Madison Binder, IL—Arndt Acres 15-0544  
41pts—Sandra Binder, IL—Arndt Acres 15-0545  
4pts—Ashley Gouge, DE—MacCauley 3513

**Don't forget to submit  
your futurity points to  
the USSA Office!!**

## JUNIOR REMINDERS

### October 1—Scholarship Applications Due

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



**Have a great SCHOOL YEAR!**

## Let's Grow Suffolks & USSA Scholarship Applications

Due: October 1, 2017

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

## UJSSA FUNDRAISER

The UJSSA board is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show. T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30; prices include shipping. Contact the USSA Office to order!



## 2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR SHOW STATS

331 sheep exhibited by 112 exhibitors representing 12 states!

53 first time exhibitors!

# 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!

**2018 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship** Would you like to help sponsor the 2018 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.

## 2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](http://www.ujssa.org)  
**Photos • Complete Results • 2017 UJSSA Directors**

### UJSSA Board of Directors



[www.ujssa.org](http://www.ujssa.org)  
The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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***UJSSA Ambassador Application***  
**Due: June 1, 2018**

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.



# Junior Director Spotlight

## Alison Knutson

Age: 18

Hometown: Viborg, SD

School/Major: South Dakota State University - Agricultural Education

**How did you become involved with Suffolk Sheep and the Association?** I have been around Suffolk Sheep since the day I was born and started showing when I was 4. I went to my first ever UJSSA show in 2007 and have went almost every year sense. I was an intern in 2014 on the junior board, was the Treasurer, and now am the Secretary for the second year in a row.

**What is your favorite Suffolk memory?** When I was eight, I won beginner showmanship at the South Dakota State Fair. I then proceeded to let my sheep go and fall in the mud on the way to take a picture. It may have been embarrassing but I am glad it happened because it taught me I had a lot more to learn.

**What advice/words of encouragement do you have for other Suffolk juniors?** Never give up on something you really care about. If you do bad in one class or even one show move on staying positive. It's one person's opinion on one day.

**What is your favorite food/meal?** Tator tot hotdish

**What is your favorite season & why?** Summer because showing sheep

**What is your pet peeve?** People not picking up their feet or chewing with their mouth open.

**What is an interesting fact about you?** I learned to bake from my great grandma Marjorie and my favorite thing to make is pie.



## 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 through the USSA.



If you are interested in participating or hearing more details about this opportunity, please contact the USSA Office!



## 2017 NATIONAL JR SUFFOLK SHOW SURVEY

2017 National Jr. Suffolk Show Exhibitors and Parents are asked to fill out a brief survey to give the UJSSA board feedback, plan for future shows, implement new ideas and make show improvements. Thank you!!!

[Please click here to go to the survey.](#)

## USSA EWE LAMB GIVEAWAY! SUBMISSION DEADLINE NOV. 1!

Again this year the USSA Ewe Lamb Giveaway will be **offering 4 ewe lambs - one ewe lamb per district!**

Along with the program expanding into districts, recipients will also receive:

- ♦ Free one year UJSSA membership
- ♦ Free registration(s) for first lamb crop
- ♦ An adult and junior mentor for each recipient
- ♦ Ewe lamb will be futurity nominated!

More details of the program:

- ♦ Submit a video that is 2 minutes or less that includes:
  - Who you are ♦ Why you want to win a Suffolk ewe lamb ♦ Why you should be chosen to receive a Suffolk ewe lamb ♦ Your intentions for the ewe lamb
- ♦ Must be 18 years or younger as of January 1, 2017
- ♦ Only open to juniors who do not currently own a registered Suffolk
- ♦ Recipients will be given a list of breeders to choose who their ewe lamb will come from
- ♦ Deadline is November 1, 2017

### ATTENTION USSA MEMBERS

*We're currently seeking ewe lamb donation commitments in each USSA District!*

*Please contact the USSA Office for more details!*

#### Breeders who have committed to donating a ewe lamb in 2017

**District 1** ♦ *Prairie Rose Suffolks, Gayle Lucas, MT ♦ Maxwell Suffolks, Ike Maxwell, WA ♦ McKay Suffolks, Scott McKay, MT ♦ South Beckman Suffolks, Bruce & Arlene Murphy, OR ♦ Neumiller Suffolks, Jim Neumiller, CA ♦ Summey Family Farm, Blair & Gina Summey, CA*

**District 2** ♦ *Baumann Suffolks, MO ♦ Heupel Suffolks, CO ♦ Kjeldgaard Suffolks, NE ♦ Knutson Suffolks, SD ♦ Van Dyke Suffolks, SD ♦ Wolff Suffolks, ND ♦ Bar-Zel Suffolks, Rob & Christy Zelinsky & Family, SD*

**District 3** ♦ *Arnevik Family Suffolks, WI ♦ Mint Gold Ranch, Dale & Judy Dobberpuhl, WI ♦ JMG Suffolks, Jeremy & Heidi Geske, MN ♦ River Bend Farm Suffolks, Elmer & Etta Held, WI ♦ Quam Suffolks, MN ♦ Touchdown Acres, Paul & Shannon Skartvedt, IA ♦ Wayne Skartvedt Family, IA*

**District 4** ♦ *Alvarez Family Suffolks, Rick and Kristi Alvarez, OH ♦ Begg Family Suffolks, Tom Begg, OH ♦ Henderson Family Suffolks, IN ♦ MacCauley Suffolks, Bill & Betsy MacCauley, PA ♦ Mil-Sid Farm, Josh Miller, NY ♦ Russell Sheep Co., Paul, Diane & Jeremy Russell, IN ♦ Seasons Bounty, Radell Schrock, VA*

**THANK YOU !** To MacCauley Suffolks ♦ Alan Batt & Big Sky Suffolks (C. Reno) ♦ Pumphrey Show Lambs ♦ VanDyke Suffolks ♦ Wayne Skartvedt Family & Touchdown Acres for your support & ewe lamb donations!

### **~2016 EWE LAMB GIVEAWAY WINNERS~**



District 1: Margarite Humphrey  
Donated by Pumphrey Show Lambs

District 3: Rylee Schultz  
Donated by Skartvedt  
Suffolks/ Touchdown Acres



District 2: Cally Faulhaber  
Donated by VanDyke Suffolks



District 4: Josiah Antram  
Donated by MacCauley Suffolks





# NSIP UPDATE

*Submitted By Brenda Reau*

## **Suffolks Top National Sheep Improvement Sales Across the Country**

It has been a great summer for Suffolk breeders enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program with two successful sales. In both NSIP sales, a Suffolk yearling ram was the top selling individual over all breeds. Buyers are seeking out Suffolk sheep with Estimated Breeding Values (EBV's). Some buyers are seeking growth; others are seeking muscle and carcass qualities. NSIP has much to offer for progressive breeders who want to utilize quantitative genetics in their breeding programs.

### **2017 Center of the Nation Sale Suffolk Highlights**

It was a beautiful day for the Center of the Nation Sale in Spencer, Iowa on July 29. The Suffolks were well received by some enthusiastic buyers. Forty-five Suffolks sold into Iowa, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, Utah, and Kentucky.

The breed average was \$736.05, with rams averaging \$842.19, and ewes averaging \$427.27. Top selling Suffolks are listed below.

#### **Rams**

Lot#	Price	Consignor	Buyer
70	\$2500	Reau Suffolks	Steven Jensen
63	\$1750	Culham & Stevens	Linzy Jones
84	\$1500	JMG Suffolks	Shawn Capouch
86	\$1250	Mint Gold Ranch	Jimmy Calvert
65	\$1050	Culham & Stevens	Shawn Capouch
66	\$1000	Culham & Stevens	Gerold Vanheuvelen
73	\$1000	Reau Suffolks	Mint Gold Ranch
57	\$900	Bunker Hill Farm	Charles Wall
64	\$900	Culham & Stevens	David Hofland
72	\$900	Reau Suffolks	Jim Mosher

#### **Ewes**

Lot#	Price	Consignor	Buyer
67	\$475	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
68	\$475	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
69	\$475	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
89 pen of 3-	\$450 each	Mint Gold Ranch	Thomas Carr

### **2017 Eastern NSIP Sale Suffolk Highlights**

The first ever, Eastern NSIP Sale was held in Wooster, Ohio on August 12. A nice offering of Suffolks attracted buyers from Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, and Indiana. Rams averaged \$833.33 and ewes averaged \$427.50. Top selling Suffolks are listed below.

#### **Rams**

Lot#	Price	Consignor	Buyer
49	\$1650	Mint Gold Ranch	J & J Suffolks
50	\$1000	Mint Gold Ranch	Smith Family
62	\$ 900	Russell Sheep Company	Jebadiah Stevens

#### **Ewes**

Lot#	Price	Consignor	Buyer
55	\$ 450	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
56	\$ 450	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
57	\$ 450	Culham & Stevens	Randy Hodges
51	\$ 450	Mint Gold Ranch	J & J Suffolks
51a	\$ 450	Mint Gold Ranch	Smith Family

# 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show Results

## MARKET LAMBS

**Suffolk Market Lambs:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, IN; 2) Sandra Arneson, WI; 3) Madeline Melby, WI; 4) Lydia Melby, WI

**Suffolk- Cross Market Lambs - Lightweight:** 1) Gabby Huitema, WI; 2) Landen Skartvedt, IA; 3) Lily Skartvedt, IA; 4) Lily Skartvedt, IA; 5) Jacen Wilinski, WI; 6) Madeline Melby, WI; 7) Lydia Melby, WI

**Suffolk- Cross Market Lambs - Intermediate:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, IN; 2) Bracen Brandt, WI; 3) Bracen Brandt, WI; 4) Lily Skartvedt, IA; 5) Cayenne Harker, IA; 6) Brooke Peterson, WI; 7) Jacen Wilinski, WI; 8) Brooke Peterson, WI; 9) Kayte Werner, IA; 10) Kayla Hamm, WI

**Suffolk- Cross Market Lambs -Heavy:** 1) Ty Skartvedt, IA; 2) Garrett Friesen, IN; 3) Creed Harker, IA; 4) John Crowder, IN

**Suffolk Market Lamb: Champ Jordan Leininger, Res. - Sandra Arneson**

**Suffolk-Cross Market Lamb : Champ - Jordan Leininger, Res. - Brandt Bracen**

**Grand Market Lamb : Champ—Jordan Leininger, Reserve - Bracen Brandt**



Champion Market Lamb  
Jordyn Leininger, IN

## WETHER DAMS

**Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, IN, Slack 6485; 2) Jordyn Leininger, IN, Slack 6170; 3) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, MN, Pirtle 1554; 4) Kyle MacCauley, PA, Ahart 677; 5) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Subra 16723; 6) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1604

**Class 1 Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams:** 1) Greeley Everts, IA, Russell Sheep Co 7012; 2) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Kimm 17205; 3) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kimm 17222

**Class 2 Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams:** 1) Jordyn Leininger, IN, Slack Z7143; 2) Gunnar Shank, IL, Russell Sheep Co 7113; 3) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1713; 4) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Slack 7611

**Suffolk -Cross Yearling Wether Dams:** 1) Jacen Wilinski, WI, DDJ 914; 2) Garrett Friesen, IN, GG Friesen 1647; 3) Emily Groth, WI, Broehm Enterprise 0488; 4) John Crowder, IN, OK000210-6009; 5) Sandra Arneson, WI, 924; 6) Caitlyn Engelbrecht, WI, 482; 7) Kayte Werner, IA, Droppert 16169; 8) Jacob Tuesburg, WI, Broehm 539, 9) Becky Engelbrecht, WI, 572; 10) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kimm 16347; 11) Aren Engelbrecht, WI, 564; 12) Kayla Hamm, WI, Sandy Loam Farms 6

**Class 1 Suffolks Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dam:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3777 RR

**Class 2 Suffolks Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dam:** 1) Ty Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1702; 2) Jase Broehm, WI, 621; 3) Becky Engelbrecht, WI, 586; 4) Emily Groth, WI, Broehm Enterprise 618; 5) Jacob Tuesburg, WI, 583; 6) Corrie McClees, OK, McClees 1

**Class 3 Suffolks Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dam:** 1) Kyle Gross, NE, OHO 370-8890; 2) Jacen Wilinski, WI, DDJ 953; 3) Caitlyn Engelbrecht, WI, 628; 4) Sandra Arneson, WI, 924; 5) Kayte Werner, IA, Werners' MrE 0545; 6) Aren Engelbrecht, WI, 619; 7) Maren Kulas, MN, MN44732-0563

**Suffolk Wether Dam: Champ - Jordyn Leininger, Slack 6485; Res - Jordyn Leininger, Slack Z7143**

**Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam: Champ - Kyle Gross #OHO 370-8890; Res - Ty Schoelerman, Schoelerman #1702**

**Grand Wether Dam: Champ - Kyle Gross #OHO 370-8890; Res - Jordyn Leininger, Slack 6485**



Champion Wether Dam  
Kyle Gross, NE

## WETHER SIRES

**Suffolk Yearling Wether Sires:** 1) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 17; 2) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1631; 3) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kulas 1632

**Suffolk Ram Lamb Wether Sires:** 1) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, MN, McLaughlin/Griffin 17-45; 2) Gunnar Shank, IL, Ward 1722; 3) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7021; 4) Emily Groth, WI, Broehm Enterprise 0668

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**Suffolk -Cross Yearling Wether Sires:** 1) Jase Broehm, WI, 499

**Suffolk Cross Ram Lamb Wether Sires:** 1) Jacen Wilinski, WI, 4327; 2) Gabby Huitema, WI, 638; 3) Aren Engelbrecht, WI, 655; 4) Caitlyn Engelbrecht, WI, 482; 5) Celia Dodd, TN, TNO 11344 0139; 6) Jacob Tuesburg, WI, 652; 7) Becky Engelbrecht, WI, 627

**Suffolk Wether Sire: Champ - Scarlet Bergstrom McKee McLaughlin/Griffin 17-455; Res - Celia Dodd Circle T 17**

**Suffolk-Cross Wether Sire: Champ—Jacen Wilinski #4327; Res - Gabby Huitema #63**

**Grand Wether Sire: Champ—Jacen Wilinski #4327; Res - Scarlet Bergstrom McKee McLaughlin/Griffin 17-455**

**Market Lamb/Wether Sire and Dam Showmanship**

**Senior:** 1) Lily Skartvedt; 2) Garrett Friesen; **Intermediate:** 1) Bracen Brandt; 2) Jordyn Leininger; **Junior:** 1) Greeley Everts; 2) Cayenne Harker

## EWE SHOW

**Class 1 Slick Shorn Yr. Ewes:** 1) Wesley Linke, SD, MacCauley 3577; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, MacCauley 3524; 3) Clayton Henderson, IN, D Henderson 16-6 RR; 4) Garrett Friesen, IN, O' Neill Suffolks 1601; 5) Koy Ketcham, IL, Ketcham 6-0104; 6) Cassidy Fletcher, IN, Fletcher Suffolk 1601; 7) Savannah Bailey, WI, K Slack 1304; 8) Claire Wiegard, IL, MacCauley 3471 RR; 9) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 16-01

**Class 2 Slick Shorn Yr. Ewes:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3655 RR; 2) Matt Wiegard, IL, MacCauley 3694 RR; 3) Lauren Ace, WI, Aceline 16-11; 4) Daphne Oelke, MN, Annuschat W732; 5) Brandon Cloose, MN; 6) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 614; 7) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, MN, Riverview Livestock 1617; 8) Brooke Peterson, WI, Held Suffolks 2078

**Production Yr. Ewes:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3497 RR; 2) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1617RR; 3) Alex Held WI, River Bend Farm 2030; 4) Sydney Held, WI, River Bend Farm 2041; 5) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, K Slack 1357; 6) Ty Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4630; 7) Cami Subra, WI, MacCauley 3468 RR

**Slick Shorn Sr. Ewes:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3751 QR; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, Linke 16-6150; 3) Rigger Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7003; 4) Brady Henderson, IN, Kimm 14139-17020 RRNN; 5) Rhett Zelinsky, SD, Russell Sheep Co 7001; 6) Matt Wiegard, IL, VanDyke Suffolks 16-6159 RR

**Sr. Slick Ewe: Champ—Wesley Linke, MacCauley 3577; Res - Kyle MacCauley, MacCauley 3655**

**Sr. Production Ewe: Champ—Kyle MacCauley, MacCauley 2757; Res - Michael Geske JMG 1617**

**Class 1 Slick Shorn Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 1013; 2) Wesley Linke, SD, C Linke 17-702; 3) Greeley Everts, IA, Russell Sheep Co 7022; 4) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, Dittbrenner 17-PK108; 5) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3786 RR; 6) Aubrey Henderson, IN, MacCauley 3804; 7) Gunnar Shank, IL, Viel 1721

**Class 2 Slick Shorn Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke 17-768; 2) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 1005; 3) Rigger Zelinsky, SD, Ulrich 33'17; 4) Aubrey Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-16; 5) Matt Wiegard, IL, MacCauley 3956; 6) Miranda Dobberpuhl, WI, Kimm 17422; 7) Maren Kulas, MN, Kulas 1703; 8) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1704

**Class 3 Slick Shorn Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Greeley Everts, IA, Everts 0001; 2) Nikki Muir, IN, D Henderson 17-58

**Class 1 Production Ewe Lambs:** 1) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke 17-730; 2) Alex Held, WI, Held Suffolks 2096; 3) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7020; 4) Sydney Held, WI, River Bend Farm 2186; 5) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Kulas 1701; 6) Isaiah Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7323; 7) Cami Subra, WI, Subra 17659; 8) Kayte Werner, IA, Werners' Hilltop LB0553; 9) Lefi Bredeson, MN, JMG 1706; 10) Wyatt Bredeson, MN, JMG 1713; 11) Miranda Dobberpuhl,



Champion Wether Sire  
Jacen Wilinski

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WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7316; 12) Ruth Dobberpuhl, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7317; 13) Paige Subra, WI, Subra 17223B RR; 14) Elijah Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7322; 15) Lillian Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7342; 16) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1702; 17) Kayla Hamm, WI, Sandy Loam Farns 100; 18) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, K Slack 1474

**Jr. Slick Ewe Lamb: Champ - Wesley Linke-17-768; Res— Celia Dodd Circle T 1013**

**Jr. Production Ewe Lamb: Champ—Wesley Linke 17-730; Res - Alex Held 2096**

**Grand Slick Ewe: Champ - Wesley Linke Mac 3524; Res - Kyle MacCauley, MacCauley 3655**

**Grand Production Ewe: Champ - Kyle MacCauley, MacCauley 3497; Res - Wesley Linke 17-730**

**Class 1 Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) Brady Henderson, IN, Quam 06-355 RRNN; 2) Anthony Kanable, IL, Kjeldgaard 1611; 3) Matt Wiegard, IL, Knutson Suffolks F15-3; 4) Rachel Matthews, OH, Quam 06-327; 5) Alissa Voyles, MN, Zehnder 606; 6) Evan Neumeister, IN, Arthur 3608; 7) Sandra Binder, IL, Arndt Acres 15-45; 8) Madison Binder, IL, Arndt Acres 15-044;

**Class 2 Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) Andrew Slack, WI, Knutson 16-24; 2) Corrie McClees, OK, KAD Suffolks 1642; 3) Luke Schultz, IL, Hoskins 16-17; 4) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 16-501; 5) Wesley Linke, SD, WHS 6-32; 6) Nikki Muir, IN, D Henderson 16-12; 7) Alison McVey, IL, KJ Lansing 6508; 8) Jackie Oelke, MN, Ruby Mountain 1615; 9) Kassidy Fletcher, IN; 10) Luke Schultz, IL, Sandage Ka256; 11) Kayleen Kulas, MN, Arnevik 1643; 12) Madison Binder, IL, Hoskins 16-25;

**Class 3 Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) John Graeme Jacoby, OH, Orwick 1603; 2) Ty Schoelerman, IA, Kjeldgaard 16-640; 3) Evan Neumeister, IN, Sandage KA354; 4) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, MN, Friedrich Farms 823; 5) Ty Skartvedt, IA, Rosenboom 17; 6) Karlie Schultz, IL, Corson 16-12-350A;

**Class 1 Bred & Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-9; 2) Andrew Slack, WI, K Slack 1308; 3) Cloie Sparrgrove, IA, KC Suffolks 1603; 4) Corbin Sparrgrove, IA, KC Suffolks 1602

**Class 2 Bred and Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) Alison Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-30; 2) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1621ET RR; 3) Marty Baldwin, NE, Baldwin 16-05RR; 4) Jenna Lindow, WI, Leecrest WI2273-0372; 5) Lauren Ace, WI, Aceline 16-17; 6) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-32; 7) Codee McClure, IL, McClure 16-7RR; 8) Kylie Ketcham, IL, Ketcham 6-0201

**Class 3 Bred and Owned Yearling Ewes:** 1) Cayden Jacoby, OH, 4J'S & AT 1677; 2) Nora Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-37; 3) Joey Slack, WI, K Slack 1381; 4) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-69; 5) Kameron Hastings, IL, Hastings Farm 16-5; 6) Jessica Lindow, WI, Leecrest WI2273-0392; 7) Tanner Kanable, IL, Kanable 2366; 8) Grant Jennings, OH, J. Matthews 16M10; 9) Alissa Voyles, MN, Voyles Suffolks 603; 10) Brandon Cloose, MN

**Owned Senior Ewes:** 1) Anthony Kanable, IL, Quam 491; 2) Clayton Henderson, IN, Quam 471 RRNN; 3) Alison McVey, IL, Kjeldgaard 17-644; 4) Madison Binder, IL, Arndt Acres 15-054

**Bred & Owned Senior Ewes:** 1) Ty Skartvedt, IA, Touchdown 1644; 2) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1691

**Sr. Owned Ewe: Champ—Graeme Jacoby; Res - Andrew Slack, Knutson 16-24**

**Sr. Bred & Owned Ewe: Champ—Cayden Jacoby 4J's & a T 1677; Res - Alison Knutson, Knutson 16-30**

**Class 1 Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Andrew Slack, WI, KJ Lansing 7602; 2) Alissa Voyles, MN, Dombek 3087; 3) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Kjeldgaard 17-650; 4) Tessa Skartvedt, IA, Rosenboom 21; 6) Brandon Cloose, MN; 7) Luke Schultz, IL, Corson 17-12-501E; 8) Luke Schultz, IL, Corson 17-12-357A

**Class 2 Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Laura Brinkman, MN, WHS7-12; 2) Jackie Oelke, MN, WHS 7-11; 3) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 17-12 6757; 4) Alissa

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Voyles, MN, Zehnder 703; 5) Karlie Schultz, IL, Hoskins 17-28; 6) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 17-561; 7) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, MN, Ruby Mountain 701; 8) Tommy Slack, WI, Broehm 629; 9) Nikki Muir, IN, D Henderson 17-22; 10) Kassidy Fletcher, IN, Rogers; 11) Gunnar Shank, IL, Quam 581

**Class 1 Bred & Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Shania Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-6; 2) Cloie Sparrgrove, IA, KC Suffolks 1701; 3) Andrew Berg, MN, Berg 1710; 4) Isaac Berg, MN, P Berg 728; 5) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-3; 6) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1701RR; 7) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1720; 8) Codee McClure, IL, McClure 17-2; 9) Codee McClure, IL, McClure 17-3

**Class 2 Bred & Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Anthony Kanable, IL, Kanable 2372; 2) Corbin Sparrgrove, IA, KC Suffolks 1702; 3) Creed Harker, IA, Rek-Rah 12; 4) Andrew Slack, WI, K Slack 1424; 5) Cayenne Harker, IA, Rek-Rah 14; 6) Brady Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-8 RR

**Class 3 Bred & Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-34; 2) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-16; 3) Tanner Kanable, IL, Kanable 2368; 4) Avery Sullivan, IL, Royer Farm 740; 5) Wyatt Bailey, WI, Baileys Little Pasture 0001; 6) Emma Stalzer, IA, Stalzer 216; 7) Brady Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-15 RR; 8) Clayton Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-12 RR; 9) Codee McClure, IL, McClure 17-5

**Class 4 Bred & Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Isaac Berg, MN, Berg 1740; 2) Andrew Slack, WI, K Slack 1446; 3) Will Butcher, IL, Hoskins 17-18; 4) Cayden Jacoby, OH, 4 J's & a T 1678; 5) Kameron Hastings, IL, Hastings Farm 17-2; 6) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1740; 7) Avery Sullivan, IL, Royer Farm 743; 8) Clayton Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-52

**Class 5 Bred & Owned Jr. Ewe Lambs:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-68; 2) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 17-38; 3) Adalyn Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1773; 4) Justine Lindow, WI, Leecrest WI2273-0473; 5) Alissa Voyles, MN, Voyles Suffolks 740

**Jr. Owned Ewe Lamb: Champ—Andrew Slack Lansing 7602; Res - Laura Brinkman, Whisp hills**

**Jr. Bred & Owned Ewe Lamb: Champ—Shania Knutson-17-6; Res. - Jaclynn Knutson- 17-34**

**Grand Owned Ewe: Champ—Andrew Slack Lansing 7602; Res. John Graeme Jacoby Orwick 1603**

**Grand Bred & Owned Ewe: Champ - Cayden Jacoby 4 J's & a T 1677; Res. - Allison Knutson Knutson 16-30**

**Supreme Ewe Overall: CAYDEN JACOBY 4 J'S & a T 1677**



Champion Overall Ewe  
Cayden Jacoby, OH

## RAM SHOW

**Slick Shorn Yr. Rams:** 1) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 24; 2) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1608; 3) Brady Henderson, IN, MacCauley 3735; 4) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 18

**Production Yr. Rams:** 1) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1605RR; 2) Alex Held, WI, River Bend Farm 2055; 3) Kylie Ketcham, IL, Ketcham 6-0105; 4) Lily Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4657

**Slick Shorn Sr. Ram:** 1) Kyle MacCauley, PA, MacCauley 3756

**Sr. Slick Ram: Champ—Celia Dodd 24, Res. - Kyle MacCauley 3756**

**Sr. Production Ram: Champ— Michael Geske JMG 1605; Res - Alex Held #2055**

**Class 1 Slick Shorn Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Wesley Linke, SD, VanDyke 17-732; 2) Rhett Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7026; 3) Raesa Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7023; 4) Rhett Zelinsky, SD, Bar-Zel 7025; 5) Gunnar Shank, IL, MacCauley 3825

**Class 2 Slick Shorn Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Celia Dodd, TN, Circle T Farm 23; 2) Aden Kulas, MN, Kulas 1731; 3) Emma Stalzer, IA, Stalzer 206

**Class 3 Slick Shorn Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Brooke Peterson, WI, WI227B-0470

**Production Ram Lambs:** 1) Alex Held, WI, Held Suffolks 2100; 2) Sydney Held, WI, River Bend Farm 2098; 3) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1712RR; 4) Isaiah Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7320; 5) Miranda Dobberpuhl, WI,

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Mint Gold Ranch 7325; 6) Elijah Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7310; 7) Ruth Dobberpuhl, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7309; 8) Lillian Ruddat, WI, Mint Gold Ranch 7346; 9) Kayte Werner, IA, Werner's' Hilltop LB0554; 10) Nicole Dittbrenner, WI, MacCauley 3883RR; 11) Cami Subra, WI, Subra 17827A RR

**Jr. Slick Ram Lamb: Champ—Celia Dodd #23; Res.—Wesley Linke 17-732**

**Jr. Production Ram Lamb: Champ—Alex Held #2100; Res - Sydney Held 2098**

**Grand Slick Ram: Champ—Celia Dodd #24; Res - Celia Dodd #23**

**Grand Production Ram: Champ—Michael Geske 1605; Res.—Alex Held 3308**

**Owned Yearling Rams:** 1) Marty Baldwin, NE, Hoskins 16-34; 2) Matt Wiegard, IL, McClure 16-10; 3) Andrew Slack, WI, "Fireball" Lansing 6524; 4) Alissa Voyles, MN, Dombek 3022; 5) Savannah Bailey, WI, McClure 16-4; 6) Brandon Cloose, MN, Wolffs 16-01R

**Bred & Owned Yearling Rams:** 1) Corbin Sparrgrove, IA, KC Suffolks 1601; 2) Rylee Mowrer, IA, Hoskins 16-31; 3) Anthony Kanable, IL, Kanable 2363; 4) Joshua Lindow, WI, Leecrest WI2273-0383; 5) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1608; 6) Koy Ketcham, IL, Ketcham 6-0101; 7) Hailey Jennings, OH, J. Matthews 16M1

**Owned Sr. Rams:** 1) Clayton Henderson, IN, Quam 492 RRNN; 2) Jamie Lindow, WI, Henerfauth LH16126

**Bred & Owned Sr. Rams:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 16-209; 2) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1687; 3) Mari-ah Richardson, WI, Richardson 198; 4) Kylie Ketcham, IL, Ketcham 6-1208

**Sr. Owned Ram: Champ—Marty Baldwin, Hoskins 16-34; Reserve- Matt Wiegard McClure 16-10**

**Sr. Bred & Owned Ram: Champ—Corbin Sparrgrove KC 1601; Res— Rylee Mowrer Hoskins 16-31**

**Class 1 Owned Jr. Ram Lambs:** Jackie Oelke, MN, Buckin' Thunder WHS 7-12; 2) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 17-455; 3) Bracen Brandt, WI, Aceline 17-02; 4) Bracen Brandt, WI, Aceline 17-01; 5) Corrie McClees, OK, Corson 17-12 6757; 6) Luke Schultz, IL, Hoskins 17-22

**Class 1 Bred & Owned Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Andrew Berg, MN, Berg 1709; 2) Shania Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-9; 3) Ty Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1725; 4) Victoria Arnevik, WI, Arnevik 1715; 5) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1703RR; 6) Landon Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4683; 7) Landon Skartvedt, IA, Skartvedt 4668

**Class 2 Bred & Owned Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-18; 2) Isaac Berg, MN, P Berg 1739; 3) Jaclynn Knutson, SD, Knutson 17-29; 4) Andrew Slack, WI, K Slack 1449; 5) Jacoby 6) Tanner Kanable, IL, Kanable 2371; 7) Tommy Slack, WI, K Slack 1440; 8) Clayton Henderson, IN, D Henderson 17-13 RR; 9) Zach Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1727; 10) Emma Stalzer, IA, Stalzer 214; 11) Marty Baldwin, NE, Baldwin 17-01; 12) Wyatt Bailey, WI, Baileys Little Pasture 0003; 13) Michael Geske, MN, JMG 1743ET RR

**Class 3 Bred & Owned Jr. Ram Lambs:** 1) Nora Mower, IA, Hoskins 17-23; 2) John Graeme Jacoby, OH, 4J'S & AT 1681; 3) Maggie Schoelerman, IA, Schoelerman 1730; 4) Kameron Hastings, IL, Hastings Farm 17-8; 5) Milly Geske, MN, JMG 1751RR

**Jr. Owned Ram Lamb: Champ—Jaclyn Oelke, Buckin' Thunder WHS 7-12; Res. - Corrie McClees, 17-455**

**Jr. Bred & Owned Ram Lamb: Champ—Andrew Berg, 1709; Res. - Jaclynn Knutson, 17-18**

**Grand Bred & Owned Ram: Champ— Corbin Sparrgrove, KC 1601; Res. - Marty Baldwin, Hoskins 16-34**

**Grand Owned Ram: Champ—Jaclyn Oelke, Buckin' Thunder WHS 7-12; Res - Andrew Berg 1709**

**Supreme Ram: Jaclyn Oelke Buckin' Thunder WHS 7-12**

**Breeding Showmanship- Beginner:** 1) Wyatt Bailey; 2) Greeley Everts; **Senior:** 1) Andrew Berg; 2) Alison Knutson

**Team Showmanship:** Junior: 1) Tessa & Lily Skartvedt; Senior: 1) Jaclynn & Alison Knutson



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**Dress a Sheep:** 1) Trolls! Daphne Bergstrom Oelke, Scarlet Bergstrom McKee, Gavin Yang & Laura Brinkman; 2) Harry Potter –Zach Ferry, Makayla Hitt & Chloe Decker; 3) Toy Story – Anna & Leah Kuper & Ryan

**Ewe Lead with Wool** - Youth: 1) Karlie Schultz; 2) Brandon Dismore; 3) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee. Junior: 1) Chloe Wyllie; 2) Maddie Hauger; 3) Cadence Higgins. Senior: 1) Annie Schoetmer; 2) MacKenzie Padgett; 3) Kevin Kitchen

**Public speaking** – Junior: 1) Scarlet Bergstrom McKee; 2) Aden Kulas; 3) Kayleen Kulas; Senior: 1) Jaclynn Knutson Corrie McClees

**Slick Shorn Fitting Contest:** 1) Garrett Friesen; 2) Nicole Dittbrenner; 3) Raesa Zelinsky

**Tod Weaver Memorial Fitting Contest:** Junior: 1) Daniel Epe; 2) Megan Higgins; 3) Ellora Chapin. Senior: 1) Cody Kinsman; 2) Jaclynn Knutson; 3) Corrie McClees.

**Graphic Design** - Senior: 1) Corrie McClees

**Photography**- Junior: 1) Avery Sullivan; 2) Aden Kulas; Senior: 1) Nicole Dittbrenner

**Essay** - Junior: 1) Kayleen Kulas; 2) Aden Kulas; 3) Jessica Lindow

**Top Gun** – Junior: Kayleen Kulas; Senior: Corrie McClees

**Good Shepherd:** Oelke Family



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***Reserve Champion  
Indiana Ewe***

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***Champion Slick Ewe  
National Junior Show***

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## Midwest Regional Junior Suffolk Show Results

**August 4, 2017 at The Ohio State Fair**

**Fall Ram Lamb:** 1) Quam 492, Brady Henderson, IN; 2) MacCauley 3769, Connor Hunter, OH; 3) Schakel 485, Brody Terrell, IN

**Jr. Ram Lamb:** 1) K. Slack 1449, Andrew Slack, WI; 2) K. Slack 1451, Andrew Slack, WI; 3) Schakel 2341, Brody Terrell, IN; 4) D. Henderson 17-13, Clayton Henderson, IN; 5) D. Henderson 17-43, Sidney Jacobs, IN; 6) 17021, Kelcie Hopper, OH

**Slick Ram Lamb (Jan 1, 2017 & After):** 1) Wiford 713, Kerrin Fair, OH; 2) MacCauley 3818, Connor Hunter, OH; 3) 1701, Allie Hoover, PA; 4) Fair F. Farm 0050, Kerrin Fair, OH; 5) Begg 216, Austin Inbody, OH

Grand Champion Ram: Andrew Slack, K. Slack 1449—Reserve Champion Ram: Kerrin Fair, Wiford 713

**Fitted Yr. Ewe (Sept. 1, 2015 & After):** 1) Quam 6-35, Brady Henderson, IN; 2) 0327 Quam, Cody Matthews, OH; 3) 16—M-10, Ryan Matthews, OH; 4) K. Slack 1308, Andrew Slack, WI; 5) 15-046, Brody Terrell, IN; 6) Knutson 16-24, Andrew Slack, WI; 7) 206, Kelcie Hopper, OH

**Slick Yr. Ewe (Sept. 1, 2015 & After):** 1) Wiford 625, Brynn Wiford, OH; 2) 6088, Chad Hoover, PA; 3) Wiford 622, Will Wiford, OH; 4) MacCauley 3692, Kennedy Algire, OH; 5) MacCauley 3675, Connor Hunter, OH; 6) MacCauley 3589, Kerrin Fair, OH; 7) 3511, Allie Hoover, PA; 8) D. Henderson 16-6, Clayton Henderson, IN; 9) Fair F. Farm 0048, Kerrin Fair, OH

**Fitted Fall Ewe Lamb (9-1-16-12-31-16):** 1) Begg 210, Austin Inbody, OH; 2) Quantum 474, Connor Hunter, OH

**Slick Fall Ewe Lamb (9-1-16 to 12-31-16):** 1) 3766, Allie Hoover, PA; 2) Kimm 17020, Brady Henderson, IN

**Sr. Champion Ewe:** Austin Inbody, Begg 210—**Res Sr. Champion Ewe:** Brynn Wiford, Wiford 625

**Spring Ewe Lamb (Jan 1 to Jan 31, 2017):** 1) Knutson 17-4, Andrew Slack, WI; 2) Schakel 2323, Brody Terrell, IN

**Spring Ewe Lamb (Feb 1, 2017 & After):** 1) D. Henderson 17-42, Riley Jacobs, IN; 2) K. Slack 1446, Andrew Slack, WI; 3) D. Henderson 17-15, Brady Henderson, IN; 4) D. Henderson 17-28, Sidney Jacobs, IN; 5) D. Henderson 17-52, Brady Henderson, IN; 6) 17009, Kelcie Hopper, OH; 7) D. Henderson 17-12, Clayton Henderson, IN

**Class 1 Slick Ewe Lamb (Jan 1, 2017 & After):** 1) Wiford 707, Will Wiford, OH; 2) Wiford 721, Kerrin Fair, OH; 3) Wiford 706, Brynn Wiford, OH; 4) Wiford 709-17, Tyler Harter, OH; 5) MacCauley 3804, Aubrey Henderson, IN; 6) MacCauley 3796, Connor Hunter, OH

**Class 2 Slick Ewe Lamb (Jan 1, 2017 & After):** 1) Wiford 720-17, Tyler Harter, OH; 2) 17-11, Kennedy Algire, OH; 3) 1711, Allie Hoover, PA; 4) D. Henderson 17-16, Aubrey Henderson, IN; 5) D. Henderson 17-4, Riley Jacobs, IN; 6) 4046, Mason Johnson, OH

**Jr. Champion Ewe:** Riley Jacobs, D. Henderson 17-42—**Res. Jr. Champion Ewe:** Andrew Slack, Knutson 17-4

**Grand Champion Ewe:** Austin Inbody, Begg 210—**Res. Grand Champion Ewe:** Brynn Wiford, Wiford 625

**Flock:** 1) Andrew Slack, WI; 2) Kerrin Fair, OH; 3) Brady Henderson, IN; 4) Brody Terrell, IN; 5) Allie Hoover, PA; 6) Connor Hunter, OH; 7) Kelcie Hopper, OH

## 2017 National Suffolk Show & Sale

Eaton, Ohio



Champion Suffolk Ewe  
MacCauley Suffolks



Champion Suffolk Ram  
Mil-Sid Farm



Champ Wether Dam  
Daniels Club Lambs



Champ Wether Sire  
Wampler Suffolks

## *State and Regional Association Updates*

NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE      AUGUST 24, 2017      FROM: IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

### **KRAFKA HARKEMA SUFFOLKS TOPS IOWA STATE FAIR PEN DISPLAYS & HERDSMANSHIP**

Krafka Harkema Suffolks of Montezuma, Iowa, topped the pen display and herdsmanship sponsored by the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association (ISSA) at the 2017 Iowa State Fair. The contest recognizes open class Suffolk sheep exhibitors who present their animals and pens at their best to portray a positive public image while on display at the nation's largest open class Suffolk show, the highly-competitive Iowa State Fair in Des Moines. The award was presented August 19, during the open Suffolk show. As winners, Krafka Harkema Suffolks earns the right to display a traveling trophy from ISSA for the next year, featuring a Dodge Ram's head ornament.

Placing second in the 2017 pen display and herdsmanship contest was Werner's Hilltop Farm, Karma & Kelly Werner, of Grinnell, Iowa. Stalzer Suffolks, operated by the Tony and Michelle Stalzer family of Zeiring, Iowa, placed third, followed by Fisher Suffolks, owned by Marv and Marilyn Fisher, of Urbandale, Iowa in fourth.

### **IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION SPONSORS JUNIOR SHOW AT IOWA STATE FAIR**

Junior members age 21 or under who exhibited in the Iowa State Fair open show, also got a chance to compete in a special junior show, earning free T-shirts, sponsored by select members of the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association. Junior members from Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota took part in the junior show.

Thank you to the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association members who stepped up to sponsor the free T-shirts to promote youth interest in the breed. 2017 T-shirt sponsors included: Bierle Suffolks, Creston; Hoskins Stock Farm, Jefferson; Lansing Suffolks, Ossian; Kimm Suffolks, Dysart; Krafka Harkema Suffolks, Montezuma; Rek-Rah Ranch, Oxford; Rich Krafka Family Suffolks, Dysart; Schoelerman Suffolks, Everly; Skartvedt Suffolks, Radcliffe; Touchdown Acres, Radcliffe.

A special thanks goes to ISSA member Denice Schoelerman, of Everly, who coordinates the annual junior show T-shirt sponsorship program.

### **IOWA SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION ELECTS 2017-2018 OFFICERS; FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK**

During their annual meeting August 18 in Des Moines, members of the Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association elected the following officers:

President: Kathy Krafka Harkema, Krafka Harkema Suffolks, Montezuma

Vice-President: Karma Werner, Werner's Hilltop Farm, Grinnell

Secretary-Treasurer: Teresa Harker, Rek-Rah Suffolks, Oxford

Junior Show T-shirt promotion chair & director: Denice Schoelerman, Everly

Also serving as directors: Tony Stalzer, Zeiring and Chet Hay, Parkersburg

United Suffolk Sheep Association President Paul Skartvedt updated members on support available to Suffolk breeders to enter National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) data into NSIP records, supported by a "Let's Grow" grant from the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI).

Promoting Suffolk sheep in 4-H, FFA circles

ISSA also promoted interest in Suffolks to youth, by sponsoring awards to the top Suffolks in the Iowa State Fair FFA and 4-H shows. Exhibitors of the top Suffolks in each show earned custom monogrammed aluminum water bottles, recognizing their achievements. Iowa FFA members can exhibit rams and ewes, from lamb to yearling entries. Exhibitors in the Iowa 4-H Suffolk show can exhibit only ewe lambs or yearling ewes.

In addition, ISSA presented coolers to the exhibitors of the top Suffolk ram and ewe in the 2017 Iowa State Fair junior show. The exhibitors of the grand and reserve champion Suffolk ewe and ram overall in the 2017 open show earned coolers, courtesy of ISSA.

Exhibitors from eight states competed in the 2017 Iowa State Fair open Suffolk Show: Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada and Oklahoma. Oxford breeder, Wayne O'Brien, of Double O Acres, of West Union, Iowa, judged the 2017 Iowa State Fair Suffolk Show, calling it, "the granddaddy of all Suffolk shows in the world." The Iowa State Fair open Suffolk Show features separate fitted and slick-shorn divisions for individual lambs and yearlings, as well as combined fitted and slick pair, group and flock classes. The open Suffolk show traditionally takes place on the final Saturday of the Iowa State Fair.

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### **Skartvedt family honored for 50 years of exhibiting**

During the show, Wayne and Mary Skartvedt, of Radcliffe, Iowa, were honored for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair for 50 years. Wayne acknowledged Mary's stretch of Iowa State Fair showing stretches 60 years, dating back to her days in Iowa 4-H.

### **2018 Iowa State Fair set for August 9-19**

The 2018 Iowa State Fair will be held August 9-19, in Des Moines. For open Suffolk show entry information, visit [iowastatefair.org](http://iowastatefair.org). The Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association will again host a junior show for junior exhibitors who have also entered their sheep in the open Suffolk show. To be eligible for the junior show, junior members must wear their ISSA junior show T-shirts, and show the sheep on their own, or only with the assistance of another eligible junior member.

### **Support Suffolk sheep, join or renew your ISSA membership today.**

ISSA membership is \$30 annually, if paid by March 1. After that date, dues are \$40 a year. ISSA depends on financial support from members to promote interest in the Suffolk breed. Annual dues checks, made payable to Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association, may be mailed to: Teresa Harker, Secretary-Treasurer Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association, Rek-Rah Ranch, 3933 Eagle Ave SW, Oxford, IA 52322. Along with your check, please include your flock name address, city, state, zip code, phone number, email address and website address or Facebook name, if applicable.

Follow ISSA on Facebook

To learn more, follow ISSA on Facebook at Iowa Suffolk Sheep Association

## **Mark your Calendars!**

### **USSA Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale**

**Sale Date: October 19th**

**Entry Deadline: October 5th**



## **USSA FEE CHANGES**

**USSA Amnesty Program is back!** USSA and USSA members can register Suffolks over 1 year of age for \$8/head. Program runs **August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018**. Take advantage of this program – late registrations will increase to \$15/head after March 1st.

Fee schedule changes. During the June USSA Board of Directors meeting there was a lengthy discussion on how to balance the proposed 2017/2018 budget. Through this discussion the USSA BOD approved the following changes to the association's fee structure. Please note the effective dates below.

### **Membership Dues (effective 10/01/17):**

New - \$40

Paid prior to March 1 - \$40/yr

Paid after March 1 - \$60/yr

### **Rush Fees (effective 10/01/17):**

Needed within 72 hours: \$25/hd

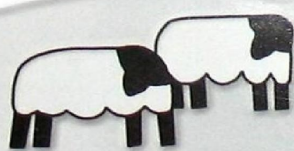
Needed in less than 14 days: \$10/hd

### **Late Registrations (effective 03/02/18):**

Late Registrations (over 1 yr old)-\$15/hd

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# **SHEEPIN' WEEKEND!**

Join us in Bruner Arena at the Preble County Fairgrounds in Eaton, OH

**OCTOBER 27th - OCTOBER 29th**

**October  
28th**

## **SATURDAY'S SHEEPIN' SCHEDULE**

- Equipment demonstrations on our full line of equipment for sheep and goats will be done with real live sheep in both, morning and afternoon, with time for questions & answers. This will be an awesome opportunity for hands-on experience on how to work the animals through and use all of our equipment. The presentations will be the same for both morning and afternoon.
- Cooking demonstrations and delicious lamb recipes with samples! From carcass to dinner plate, learn all about lamb! Presenter—Nick Forrest from OH
- Nutrition/Feeding presentations full of information for sheep & goats!  
Presenters—Cheryl Miller (Kalmbach Feeds) from OH  
Dallas Miller (Kalmbach Feeds) from OH  
Clay Elliott (Purina Animal Nutrition) from OK
- **FREE**—Lunch, snacks, and our 40th Year Anniversary Celebration Dinner is provided!
- Equipment giveaways including a 10 ft. Chute System, Trimming Stands, and much more... and a free gift for everyone attending! Must be present at dinner for large prize giveaways.
- Network with and learn from other sheep and goat producers! With a relaxed schedule, there will be free time to browse all the equipment displays and visit with other producers.
- Other information & hand-outs available. Many sheep breed associations will have informational materials and promotional items available.

**INDOOR EVENT!**

This entire event is **free of charge** but we would like to know how many are attending so we can have enough food and lamb samples for everyone. Please watch for more details as we continue to plan this history making milestone of our family business!

**Please register if you plan to attend!**

To register online, visit our website and click on the event under our event's calendar on our homepage.

Register by phone or email too!

**Scheduled hours available for  
equipment viewing, purchasing, and  
pick-up will be—**

**Friday, October 27th 12pm—6pm**

**Saturday, October 28th 9am—6pm**

**Sunday, October 29th 9am—12pm**

**www.ketchamssheeequipment.com**

### **ATTENTION!**

We will **NOT** be setting up at the NAILE in Louisville, KY this year.

Please use the Ketcham's Sheepin' Weekend as an opportunity to pick up equipment orders without having to pay any shipping or delivery charges. If this weekend event does not work with your schedule, please contact us to see if we can assist in making any further arrangements. Please check our events calendar for more information and for other upcoming shows.

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## 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. 2** - Small Ruminant Animal Husbandry Training Class, Shepherd's Cross, Claremore, OK <http://www.shepherdscross.com>
- Sept. 2** - Virginia Tech 18th Annual NSIP Production Sale - Blacksburg, Va. - Dr. Scott Greiner at [sgreiner@vt.edu](mailto:sgreiner@vt.edu) or <http://ext.vt.edu/agriculture/sheep.html>
- Sept. 7** - Rafter 7 Ram Sale - Eureka, Nev. - <http://www.rafter7merinos.com>
- Sept. 7-10** - Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival - Jefferson County Fair Park - [www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com)
- Sept. 8-9** - Nebraska Sheep & Goat Producers Assn Fall Conference - Scottsbluff, Neb. - <https://nebraskasheepandgoat.org>
- Sept. 8-9** - Nebraska Fiber Fair - Scottsbluff, Neb. - <http://nebraskafiberfair.com>
- Sept. 9-10** - Garden State Sheep Breeders 23rd Annual Sheep and Fiber Festival -- Ringoes, N.J. - <http://njsheep.net/festival>
- Sept. 12** - Wyoming Wool Growers Assn 89th Annual Ram Sale - WY State Fairgrounds, Douglas - <http://www.wyowool.com>
- Sept. 13** - 4th Annual Montana Ewe Sale - Miles City, Mont - [www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org)
- Sept. 14** - 92nd Annual Montana Ram Sale - Miles City, Mont. - [www.mtsheep.org](http://www.mtsheep.org)
- Sept. 14** - Meat Sheep Alliance of Florida Beginning Shepherd/FAMACHA Certification/Scrapie Seminar - Ocala, Fla. - [meatsheepallianceofflorida.com](http://meatsheepallianceofflorida.com) 352-528-4843
- Sept. 14-15** - 72nd Annual Newell Ram Sale - Newell, S.D. -- [www.newellramsale.com](http://www.newellramsale.com)
- Sept. 15-16** - Ohio Shearing School - Hebron, Ohio - <http://www.ohiosheep.org>
- Sept. 15-17** - CA Wool & Fiber Festival, Mendocino Co Fairgrounds, Boonville, CA, Charlie Lacey, [tallcharlie@hotmail.com](mailto:tallcharlie@hotmail.com)
- Sept. 16** - New Shepherd's Clinic, Hettinger, ND Research Station, Travis Hoffman, [travis.w.hoffman@ndsu.edu](mailto:travis.w.hoffman@ndsu.edu), 701-231-2222
- Sept. 16** - Beginners' Shearing Clinic, Demonstration and Practice - Honokaa, Hawaii - <http://www.hsga.net>
- Sept. 16-17** - 23rd Annual Finger Lakes Fiber Festival, Hemlock Fairgrounds, NY <http://www.gvhg.org/fiber-fest> or 607-522-4374
- Sept. 20-21** - Online All Breeds Sheep Sale, hosted by CA Wool Growers Assn - [www.susantaylorshowservices.com](http://www.susantaylorshowservices.com) or [www.cawoolgrowers.org](http://www.cawoolgrowers.org)
- Sept. 22** - Virginia Tech Southwest AREC Forage Based Ram Test Sale and Field Day - Glade Spring, Va. - Lee Wright at [Irite@vt.edu](mailto:Irite@vt.edu) or <http://www.arec.vaes.vt.edu/arec/southwest-virginia.html>
- Sept. 22** - NE Regional Katahdin Junior and Open Show - Big E in Springfield, Mass. - [www.bige.com](http://www.bige.com)
- Sept. 23** - Indiana Sheep Association Hoosier Sheep Symposium - Noblesville, Ind. - [www.indianasheep.com](http://www.indianasheep.com)
- Sept. 23-24** - Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival - Canby, Ore. - [www.flockandfiberfestival.com](http://www.flockandfiberfestival.com)
- Sept. 23-24** - Adirondack Wool & Arts Festival - Washington Co. Fairgrounds, Greenwich, N.Y. - [www.adkwoolandarts.com](http://www.adkwoolandarts.com)
- Sept. 29-30** - SD Sheep Growers Assn Annual Convention&MIWW Contest, Brookings, SD [www.sdsheepgrowers.org](http://www.sdsheepgrowers.org)
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1** - Vermont Sheep & Wool Festival - Tunbridge, Vt. - [www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com](http://www.vtsheepandwoolfest.com), or 802-592-3153
- Sept. 30 - Oct. 1** - Northern Michigan Lamb & Wool Festival - Ogemaw Co. Fairgrounds - [www.lambandwoolfestival.com](http://www.lambandwoolfestival.com)
- Oct. 3** - Let's Grow Webinar on Ewe Selection & Culling of Underperforming Ewes, Maryland's Susan Schoenian - Details TBA
- Oct. 4-8** - Trailing of the Sheep - Hailey, Idaho - [www.trailingofthesheep.org](http://www.trailingofthesheep.org)
- Oct. 7** - Autumn Fare - Scott County Fairgrounds in Jordan, MN. - 952-492-2436, 952-758-4128 or [www.scottcountyfair.com](http://www.scottcountyfair.com)
- Oct. 7-8** - Lambtown Festival - Dixon, Calif. - <http://www.lambtown.org>
- Oct. 7-8** - 34th Annual New Hampshire Wool Arts Tour - Monadnock Region of New Hampshire - [www.woolartstournh.com](http://www.woolartstournh.com)
- Oct. 10** - Eweprofit School II - Versailles, Ky. - Dr. Don Ely at 859-257-2717 or [dely@uky.edu](mailto:dely@uky.edu)
- Oct. 12** - Utah Ram Sale - Spanish Fork, Utah - [www.utahramsale.com](http://www.utahramsale.com)
- Oct. 14** - Jewell Merinos Production Sale - Rifle, Colo. - 970-625-1578 or [jewellmerinos@gmail.com](mailto:jewellmerinos@gmail.com).
- Oct. 14** - Meat Sheep Alliance of Florida Fall Symposium , Ocala FL - [meatsheepallianceofflorida.com](http://meatsheepallianceofflorida.com) 352-528-4843
- Oct. 20-22** - MN Shearing School (Intermediate & Advanced) - Hutchinson, MN - <http://www.lambshoppe.com> or Doug Rathke, [info@lambshoppe.com](mailto:info@lambshoppe.com), 320-587-6094
- Oct. 21-22** - New York Sheep and Wool Festival - Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck, N.Y. - [www.sheepandwool.com](http://www.sheepandwool.com)
- Oct. 26-28** - Washington State Sheep Producers Convention - Pullman, Wash. - <http://www.wssp.org>
- Oct. 27-28** - Missouri Sheep and Goat Conference - Columbia, Mo. - [www.mosandgc.com](http://www.mosandgc.com) or [ethan.miller@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:ethan.miller@swcd.mo.gov)
- Oct. 27-29** - Ketcham's Sheepin' Weekend - Preble County Fairgrounds in Eaton, Ohio - [www.ketchamssheepequipment.com](http://www.ketchamssheepequipment.com)
- Oct. 28** - 2nd Annual Mountain State Bred Ewe & Doe Sale, Tri-Co Fairgrounds, Petersburg, WV 304-851-9970, [www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com](http://www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com)
- Nov. 2-4** - Kansas Sheep Shearing School - Quinter, Kan. - [www.kssheep.com](http://www.kssheep.com)
- Nov. 3-4** - Ozark Fiber Fling, Steelville, MO - [ozarkfiberfling.com](http://ozarkfiberfling.com) 573-245-6851
- Nov. 17-19** - Oh Sheep Shearing School (Advanced) - Hebron, OH, [www.lambshoppe.com](http://www.lambshoppe.com) or Doug Rathke [info@lambshoppe.com](mailto:info@lambshoppe.com), 320-587-6094



# Breeding Season Management for Rams and Ewes

*By: Scott P. Greiner Extension Animal Scientist- Sheep, Virginia Tech*

A diligent amount of time spent studying performance information, pedigrees and other pertinent information is warranted as ram selection is the most important tool for making genetic progress in the flock. Of equal importance is the care and management of the newly acquired ram. Proper management and nutrition are essential for the ram to perform satisfactorily during the breeding season. With ram lambs, management prior, during, and after the first breeding season is particularly important.

## **Ram Management**

Rams should be managed to be in moderate body condition prior to the breeding season (not excessively fat or thin), to provide adequate reserves of energy for use during the breeding season. Ram lambs recently acquired through performance test or consignment sales are frequently coming off a high plane of nutrition. These ram lamb should be limit fed concentrates and have unlimited access to pasture to harden them up for the breeding season and prevent excessive fat deposition. Young, fast growing ram lambs and thin mature rams may need to be supplemented to increase body condition. To accomplish this, rams should receive grain supplementation at a rate of 2% of their bodyweight daily, along with an abundance of high quality forage. Provide adequate clean water, and a high selenium mineral formulated for sheep free-choice. A facility for the newly acquired ram that allows for ample exercise will help create rams that are physically fit for the breeding season. The facility should allow the rams to remain cool during hot days, so potential fertility problem due to heat stress can be avoided. It is advisable not to commingle newly purchased ram lambs with older, mature rams.

Many factors influence the breeding capacity of rams, including age, breed, nutrition, management, and environment. As a general guideline, ram lambs are capable of breeding 15 to 25 ewes during their first breeding season. Ram lambs should be observed closely to monitor their breeding behavior and libido to ensure they are servicing and settling ewes. The use of a marking harness, rotating colors every 17 days, is an excellent management tool for this purpose. The breeding season should be kept to a maximum of 60 days for young rams. This will prevent over-use, severe weight loss and reduced libido. Severe weight loss may impair future growth and development of the young ram, and reduce his lifetime usefulness. When practical, supplementing ram lambs with grain during the breeding season will reduce excessive weight loss. Rams used together in multiple-sire breeding pastures should be of similar age and size. Ram lambs cannot compete with mature rams in the same breeding pasture. A sound management practice is to rotate rams among different breeding pastures every 17 days. This practice decreases the breeding pressure on a single ram.

## **Preparing the Ewe Flock for the Breeding Season**

Some advance planning and simple management practices will assist in having a successful breeding season. Vaccination of the ewe flock for *Campylobacter* (vibrio) and *Chlamydia* are important for abortion disease control. For ewe lambs and ewes not previously vaccinated, these products typically require an initial injection prior to the breeding season followed by a second vaccination during gestation. In subsequent years, a single booster vaccination is required. Follow product label directions when administering any vaccine. A month prior to the breeding season is also an opportune time to trim and inspect feet on the ewe flock, and perform preventative foot care. This is also a good time to make final culling decisions, and sell poor producing and thin ewes.

Flushing is the practice of increasing energy intake, and therefore body condition, during the 10-14 days prior to breeding. This practice has been shown to be effective in increasing ovulation rates, and thereby increasing lambing percentage by 10-20%. The response to flushing is affected by several factors, including the body condition of the ewe. Ewes that are in poor body condition will respond most favorably to the increase in energy,

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# USSA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The 2017 Director Election ballots have been mailed. Ballots must be postmarked on or before October 1, 2017 in the provided envelope to avoid disqualification. The following candidates are running for election in their respective districts.

## DISTRICT 1



**KIP KUNTZ, VALLEY SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA**

My name is Kip Kuntz and I reside in Valley Springs California. My family has been in the Suffolk business for over 30 years. The business A&K Suffolks was started as an FFA project by my mom and I. I have served two terms as a Director for the California Suffolk & Hampshire Sheep Association and am currently finishing my first term as a board member of the USSA. It has been a pleasure working with the fine people currently and past board members. I also have enjoyed having the opportunity to talk and listen to the membership these past years. This has been a very active board that has been faced with some challenges. Whether you agree or do not agree with the direction of where the current board has taken the Association, what you should be proud of (In which I am very proud of) is in all the discussions on issues and direction between board members whether we agree or not is they bring their views and opinions on what they believe is best for the breed and its members. It was established very early by all that we would not "dictate" to our members on how to raise or what type of sheep to raise but to recognize that all members raise their sheep for different reasons and the Association and breed is strengthened by this diversity. We have tried to provide information to the membership in hopes that it will help them in their operations and promote the breed as a whole. I still believe the main challenge we face is bringing in more youth into the breed. I think the Junior program has done well but the challenge is when they leave the junior ranks that they come back as adult breeders. The youth of the breeders is the future of the breed. We have a great breed, but to keep it strong we must have people to raise and promote it. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this past term and am asking you once more that I may be given the chance to serve you in the coming years.

Kindest Regards,  
Kip Kuntz



**BLAIR SUMMEY, LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA**

My name is Blair Summey and I am asking for your support and vote for the position of Director of District 1 for the United Suffolk Sheep Association. I registered my first Suffolk sheep in 1980 when I purchased a starter flock from my good friend Richard Jacobsen. In 1984 I took a position as a public servant in Simi Valley California and was forced to set aside my Suffolk sheep ambitions in order to raise five children and serve the community of Simi Valley. I retired from public service in 2013 and my beautiful wife Gina and I moved to 13 acres in Lincoln California where we began "Summey Family Farm".

My good friend Cynthia Huckins answered my call and once again Gina and I owned and registered beautiful Suffolk sheep. Donna Mays also helped to start us off on the right foot with a package of Suffolk ewe lambs. Today Ruby Mountain Sheep Company and Lost River Livestock make up the foundation of our ewe flock, which currently is at approximately 25 brood ewes.

As Gina and I continued our journey back into the Suffolk Sheep family, we are so very grateful to all our new friends we have met along the way. In particular, Gina and I would like to thank John and Anita Phillips, Larry Pauly, Ed Sabey, and Chuck Ream, for providing outstanding Suffolk mentorship which allowed us to enjoy some early success with our sheep. As a result, we have successfully marketed our sheep to several western states and we recently were blessed with the good fortune to have bred and shown the Champion Suffolk Ram and Champion Suffolk Ewe at the 2017 California State Fair.

I am asking for your vote because it is my belief that by working together we can unite our membership back

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# USSA DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

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to a common goal of raising Suffolk sheep bold enough to once again lead the sheep industry. If elected to the board, I will work hard to build the Suffolk Breed Standards in such a manner they will unite and not divide our membership while keeping breeders on track to achieve our shared goal of producing beautiful Suffolk sheep that meet the future needs of both the commercial sheep industry and purebred seed stock industry equally, no matter how they are presented for sale. I think it is important to remind ourselves that before we can expect juniors to be energized, we need to energize the sheep market once again about the benefits of owning and breeding Suffolk sheep. Junior members are and should remain our focus for the future of our breed. I pledge to continue the efforts of our Association to support Junior membership and their participation whenever possible.

In addition to being an active member of the United Suffolk Sheep Association, I am also a member of the American Hampshire Sheep Association, the California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association, and the California Wool Growers Association where I currently serve as a member of the Ram Sale Committee.

If elected I will work tirelessly at representing the members of District 1 and all Suffolk Breeders and enthusiasts in our Association. Thank you once again for your support.

Respectively,  
Blair Summey

## DISTRICT 2

For district 2, Tom Burke will automatically fill the director position as no other candidate submitted an intent to run.



**TOM BURKE, PLATTE CITY, MISSOURI**

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 37 years.

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

In 2002 I was selected to judge the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual North American International Suffolk Show in Louisville, Kentucky. In 2005 I was elected to the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association and served as President of the United Suffolk Sheep Association in 2009. For the past 27 years I have served as an announcer for the National Junior Suffolk Show. For the past 32 years I have exhibited Suffolk's at many shows.

I have exhibited numerous Louisville champions and first prize winners and have been the premiere exhibitor at the North American International Livestock Show in Louisville at the National Suffolk Show for 4 consecutive years. In 2017 I will be exhibiting Suffolk at the Missouri, Nebraska and Kansas State Fairs. My registered Suffolk flock continues to grow and prosper.

On Sunday evening, November 12, 2017 I will have the honor of being inducted into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in Louisville, Kentucky. I will become the first Suffolk breeder since the exception of the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery in 1903, 114 years ago to receive this honor.

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**REMINDER: MAIL THE OFFICE YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE FOR THE NAILE OPEN SHOW.**

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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!

## DISTRICT 3

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



### **JEREMY GESKE, NEW PRAGUE, MINNESOTA**

Hello fellow Suffolk breeders. My name is Jeremy Geske. My wife, Heidi and our children (Leif, Wyatt, Michael and Milly) own and operate JMG Suffolks, near New Prague, MN. We are a registered seedstock flock, enrolled in NSIP. We show and sell Suffolks at local state and national shows & sales across the US. Our goal is to raise Suffolks that have the structural soundness, balance and size to satisfy our purebred customers as well as the functionality and proven growth genetics to satisfy our terminal sire customers.

I have 38 years of experience raising Suffolks and have seen our breed change and evolve over the years. We have many different styles of Suffolks that our association represents, and there is room for all of us to coexist. Each breeder must make our own choices as to what type of Suffolk we can best market to meet our customers' demands. I am a strong supporter of the NSIP program as one tool to improve our breed and would encourage more Suffolk breeders to consider submitting data. I also believe that our USSA board should have a good working relationship with the Junior board (UJSSA).

My qualifications to serve on this board include many years of leadership experience within the sheep industry as well as agriculture in general. I just started my fifth (3) term on the board for the Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association (my 4<sup>th</sup> term as President). I am the current Secretary for the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association, and am a Past-President – having served more than 10 years on that board. I have served several terms on the American Sheep Industry Association's Legislative Action Council. This past year, I was elected President of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association. This Spring I was nominated for a position on the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center board (still awaiting official appointment from USDA). I am a graduate of the National Lamb Feeders Association Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership program. I am a past board member of the Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership program. I am a Past President and current board member of the Le Sueur County Farm Bureau. I am an instructor and member of the Farming Today speakers group as well as being a 4-H leader and volunteer youth soccer coach. Thank you for your consideration.

## DISTRICT 4

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



### **BRET HENDERSON, WINDFALL, INDIANA**

My name is Bret Henderson and I am running for my second term as USSA Director in District 4. I live in Central Indiana, just about an hour north of Indianapolis. My family has been raising and showing Suffolk sheep for over 30 years, starting as a 4-H project when my sister started 4-H. Currently, our flock consists of about 40 head of registered Suffolk brood ewes.

I attended Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL and participated on their Livestock Judging Team in 2004-2005, before transferring to Purdue University and graduating with a Bachelor of Science

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degree in Agronomic Business and Marketing in 2007. While at Purdue, I also participated on their Livestock Judging Team in 2006. After graduating from college, I began working for Syngenta and have been employed with them for nearly 10 years.

In my past three years, I have served on the Youth Promotion and Marketing/Promotion committees. I have a tremendous passion for the UJSSA and I had the honor to serve on the UJSSA Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007, holding offices of Vice-President and President. The National Junior Show was always one of the annual events I marked my calendar for every year. Now an uncle to five nieces and nephews, they are just as excited about attending the National Junior Show, as well as many other shows like the Midwest Regional Jr Show, Ohio State Fair, and Indiana State Fair. I mention this as the future of our organization is largely dependent upon the youth of today, and we need to continue to work to improve and grow the already great Junior Association.

I have a strong passion in our Suffolk organization and would greatly appreciate your support to represent District 4.

Thank you.

Bret Henderson



## *Have something to share?*

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

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whereas fat ewes will show little if any response. Flushing can be accomplished by moving ewes to high quality pastures, or through providing .75 to 1.25 lb. corn or barley per head per day from 2 weeks pre-breeding through 4 weeks into the breeding season. Provide a high-selenium, sheep mineral free choice.

Like rams, ewes are also prone to heat stress during early breeding seasons. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can have an effect on ewe fertility and embryo survival. To help reduce these embryo losses and resulting decrease in lamb crop, minimize handling during the heat of the day and allow the flock access to a cool, shaded area.

### **Ram Management After the Breeding Season**

Young rams require a relatively high plane of nutrition following the breeding season to replenish body condition and meet demands for continued growth. Body condition and projected mature size of the ram will determine his nutrient requirements during the months following the breeding season. Rams should be kept away from ewes in an isolated facility or pasture after the breeding season. In the winter months, provide cover from extreme weather that may cause frostbite to the scrotum resulting in decreased fertility.

All stud rams should receive breeding soundness exams (BSE) to assure fertility on an annual basis. Assess the ram battery in early summer, so that new rams can be acquired in a timely fashion for the next breeding season.



## Proposed Bylaw Changes

The following proposed By-law changes have been mailed with the election ballots. Ballots must be returned to the USSA Office, postmarked October 1 or before.

### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.**

#### ***Current Language:***

Section 1. General Qualifications. Any owner and registrant of Suffolk sheep in the United Suffolk Sheep Association may become a member; provided, however, that each owner and registrant shall be represented by but one membership whether such owner and registrant be an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other entity. To be a member in good standing for purposes of voting in Association elections, a member must: (1) have paid dues for the current year, (2) have no outstanding financial obligation to the Association more than sixty (60) days past due, (3) currently own Suffolk sheep and (4) have registered sheep in the United Suffolk Sheep Association, not necessarily in the current year. Individuals wishing to become Associate members of the Association may do so simply by paying annual dues. Associate members cannot vote in Association elections.

#### ***Proposed Language:***

Section 1. General Qualifications. Any owner and registrant of Suffolk or percentage Suffolk in the United Suffolk Sheep Association may become a member; provided that each owner and registrant shall be represented by but one membership whether such owner and registrant are an individual, partnership, corporation, association or other entity. To be a member in good standing for purposes of voting in Association elections, a member must: (1) have paid dues for the current year, (2) have no outstanding financial obligation to the Association more than sixty (60) days past due, (3) currently own Suffolk sheep and (4) have registered sheep in the United Suffolk Sheep Association within the last fiscal year. Individuals wishing to become Associate members of the Association may do so simply by paying annual dues. Associate members cannot vote in Association elections.

#### ***Current Language:***

Section 2. Junior Membership. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish a separate membership class for junior members with such limitations and qualifications as the Board shall establish from time to time; provided, however the such junior member shall have no voting rights.

#### ***Proposed Language:***

Section 2. Junior Membership. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to establish a separate membership class for junior members with such limitations and qualifications as the Board shall establish from time to time; provided, however the such junior member shall have no voting rights. Details on Junior Membership are described in the United Suffolk Sheep Association Junior Membership Bylaws.

#### ***Current Language:***

Section 5. Membership dues and service fees. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of annual membership dues and the amount of fees for services that shall be payable to the Association. The Board of Directors may also establish the time or times at which membership dues and service fees are due and payable, and procedures for dealing with members and others in default of payment. If a person is in default in the payment of annual membership dues or service fees, the Association may refuse to register any sheep for that person until due and owing membership dues and service fees are paid in full.

#### ***Proposed Language:***

Section 5. Membership dues and service fees. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of annual membership dues and the amount of fees for services that shall be payable to the Association. The Board of Directors may also establish the time or times at which membership dues and service fees are due and payable, and procedures for dealing with members and others in default of payment. If a person or

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organization is in default of annual membership payment, all registration and associated fees will be billed at non-member rates until annual dues are paid. Other unpaid fees may result in the Association's refusal to register any sheep for that person until all fees are paid in full.

## ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

### ***Current Language:***

Section 3. Notice. Written notice of all meetings stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the President or the persons calling the meeting to each member entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the member at his address as it appears on the records of the Association with postage thereon prepaid.

### ***Proposed Language:***

Section 3. Notice. Written notice of all meetings stating the place, date, time, and purpose(s) of said meeting must be called under the following conditions. Correspondence regarding the meeting shall be delivered not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. It is the responsibility of those initiating the meeting to see that the membership is informed in a timely fashion.

## ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS.

### ***Current Language:***

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve members of the Association in good standing. Prior to declaring their candidacy, a member must have registered or transferred sheep with the Association in the calendar year of their candidacy and in each of the immediate prior two calendar years. The Secretary shall ascertain the qualification of the candidate prior to placing their name on the ballot and shall report any unqualified candidates to the President. Directors must continue to register or transfer sheep in each and every calendar year while serving on the board. Additionally, any Director who fails to register or transfer sheep in each and every calendar year while serving on the Board as required shall be removed from the Board by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall establish the method of election and appropriate steps to ensure that all members are represented.

### ***Proposed Language:***

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve members of the Association in good standing. Prior to declaring their candidacy, a member must have registered sheep with the Association in the calendar year of their candidacy and in each of the immediate prior two calendar years. The Secretary shall ascertain the qualification of the candidate prior to placing their name on the ballot and shall report any unqualified candidates to the President. Directors must continue to register sheep in each and every calendar year while serving on the board. Additionally, any Director who fails to register sheep in each and every calendar year while serving on the Board as required shall be removed from the Board by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall establish the method of election and appropriate steps to ensure that all members are represented.

### ***Current Language:***

Section 3. Term of Office. The twelve members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from four districts. Three Directors shall be elected from each district. The four districts shall be initially established as follows:

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District 1. Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. District 2. North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. District 3. Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky. District 4. Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. To provide equal representation to members, it is intended that these districts have substantially the same number sheep registered with the Association each year. The Directors may from time to time move one or more states to contiguous districts to equalize the numbers of registrations in each district. The term of office of the Directors shall be three years and until their successors are elected and take office. Nothing contained herein shall preclude a member of the Board of Directors from succeeding himself or herself, except that no person shall consecutively serve more than two three-year terms. Following service of two consecutive three-year terms, a member would again be eligible for election to the Board of Directors at the first election following the end of the most recent term served by that former Director. Not more than two Directors residing in any one state may serve on the Board at any one time and all Directors must reside in the district which they represent.

## ***Proposed Language:***

Section 3. Term of Office. The twelve members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from four districts. Three Directors shall be elected from each district. The four districts shall be initially established as follows: District 1. Alaska, Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. District 2. North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. District 3. Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Kentucky. District 4. Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. To provide equal representation to members, it is intended that these districts have substantially the same number sheep registered with the Association each year. The Directors may from time to time move one or more states to contiguous districts to equalize the numbers of registrations in each district.

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## ***Current Language:***

Section 6. Vacancies. In the case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancy with the appointment of a member who lives in the district with the vacant seat to serve the unexpired term until the next annual meeting, at which time the opening would be filled in the same manner provided in Section 4. In the event of a vacancy and a full-term board seat both being available in the same district, members will vote for two (2) candidates. The two candidates receiving the most votes will fill the Board of Directors vacancies in the following manner. The person with the most votes will fill the three-year term and the person with the second most votes will fill the shorter term. Filling an uncompleted term will not preclude a Director from being elected to the Board of Directors for two consecutive three-year terms.

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Section 6. Vacancies. In the case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancy with the appointment of a member who lives in the district with the vacant seat to serve the unexpired term until the next annual meeting, at which time the opening would be filled in the same manner provided in Section 4. In the event of a vacancy and a full-term board seat both being available in the same district, members will vote for two (2) candidates. The two candidates receiving the most votes will fill the Board of Directors vacancies in the following manner. The person with the most votes will fill the three-year term and the person with the second most votes will fill the shorter term. Filling an uncompleted term will not preclude a Director from being elected to the Board of Directors for two consecutive three-year terms.

## **Current Language:**

Section 8. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at such location as, and immediately following, the annual meeting of the membership of the Association, or at such other location and time as designated by the Board of Directors.

## **Proposed Language:**

Section 8. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a location to coincide with the annual meeting of the membership and either precedes or follows the annual membership meeting. Special circumstances allow the Board to designate an alternative time and location.

## **Current Language:**

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such location as, and immediately following, the annual meeting of the membership of the Association, or at such other location and time as designated by the Board of Directors.

## **Proposed Language:**

Section 9. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors, whether they be face to face or conference calls, will be held periodically during the year as deemed the Board President or any three Board Members.

## **ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEES.**

### **Current Language:**

Section 4. Notice. Written notice of all committee meetings shall be given not less than twenty-five (25) days prior to any meeting unless all committee members and the President approve a waiver of that requirement. Any notice required to be given to members of any committee may be waived in writing by any of the members.

### **Proposed Language:**

Section 4. Notice. Written notice of all committee meetings shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to any meeting unless all committee members and the President approve a waiver of that requirement. Any notice required to be given to members of any committee may be waived in writing by any of the members.





# United Suffolk Sheep Association

## ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017**

**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 2017 inductees to the United Suffolk Sheep Association Hall of Fame. An annual business meeting will follow.*

**Please join us in celebrating the 2017 USSA Hall of Fame Inductees:**

*Ansel Luskford*

*Alan Kjeldgaard*

*Johnson Club Lambs Weldon & Brian Johnson*

*Buckeye Acres Ned & Ron Young*



### 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, 2017**. 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 2017 USSA Annual Meeting & Dinner on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be a total of \_\_\_\_\_ guests with my party and I have enclosed a payment of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per attendee).

# Lamb Stuffed Mushrooms

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



## Ingredients:

12 Whole Fresh White Mushrooms  
1 lb of Ground Lamb  
1 package (8 oz) cream cheese  
1 tbsp Olive Oil  
1/4 cup of Parmesan Cheese  
1/4 tsp Onion Powder  
2 cloves of minced Garlic  
1/4 tsp black pepper  
1 tablespoon of minced Parsley  
1/2 cup chopped green onions  
1/4 cup Bread crumbs

## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 Fahrenheit.
  2. Separate caps and stems while cleaning the mushrooms.
  3. If cleaning with water, let them drain for a bit.
  4. Start cooking the ground lamb in frying pan, at a medium to medium/high temperature.
  5. While the ground lamb is cooking, put the cream cheese into a mixing bowl so it can soften and mince the stem pieces.
  6. Spice the lamb to taste. Garlic is a good addition.
  7. Just before the lamb is done, add the stem pieces, finish cooking.
  8. Drain off the excess grease and add the lamb/stem mixture into the cream cheese.
  9. Mix cream cheese, bread crumbs, Parmesan cheese, Onion Powder, pepper, Parsley, green onion and lamb together well.
  10. Rub the outside of the Mushroom caps with Olive Oil
  11. Fill the caps with the cream cheese/lamb/stem mix.
  12. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes, or until the tops are crusty and the mushrooms have turned dark.
- Serve warm. They reheat well, so you can make them ahead of time.

## Member Spotlight

John Peck & Family of Mount Salem Farm are vendors at several farmers markets in New Jersey. The Lamb Stuffed Mushroom is a popular recipe with their customers.

Fellow USSA Member, Diane Russell, gave me a few years ago that has proven to be a great one---cut up and bake livers and vac pack them frozen for dog treats...I used to not be able to give Livers away and now I sell them for \$9 lb!

John welcomes questions from other USSA Members regarding his adventures with farmers markets. Feel Free to email John at [mtsalemssuffolks@yahoo.com](mailto:mtsalemssuffolks@yahoo.com)! He'd love to chat sheep and farmers market with you!

## USSA AMNESTY PROGRAM RETURNS!

USSA and UISSA members can register Suffolks over 1 year of age for \$8/head.

Program runs August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018.

Please spread the word to fellow Suffolk Breeders who may have some catching up to do!

**Take advantage of this program – late registrations will increase to \$15/head after March 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The image shows a registration form for the USSA Amnesty Program. The form is titled "Registration of Ewes" and "United Suffolk Sheep Association". It includes fields for "Name", "Address", "Phone", "Fax", and "Email". There is a section for "Lamb Information" with columns for "Number", "Optional Permanent ID and/or DNA info", "Birth Date", "Birth Type", "Flock Name & Number", "Registration No.", and "Flock Name". A large red banner across the bottom of the form reads "USSA Amnesty Program RETURNS AUGUST 1!". Below this banner, it says "Register Suffolks over 1 year old for \$8/head". At the very bottom, in small print, it says "\*Program available to USSA Members 8/1/17 to 3/1/18".



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.u-s-s-a.org) or [www.ujssa.org](http://www.ujssa.org)



## October

- 12 Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, Utah 9:30am - [www.utahramsale.com](http://www.utahramsale.com)
- 19 USSA Online Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale at [wlivestock.com](http://wlivestock.com) - entry deadline Oct. 6
- 28 North Star Bred Ewe Sale – Pipestone Fairgrounds, Pipestone, MN - [www.northstarsale.com](http://www.northstarsale.com)
- 29 MacCauley Suffolks Online Bred Ewe Sale - Hosted by [wlivestock.com](http://wlivestock.com)
- 31 Quam Online Bred Ewe, Ewe Lamb & Doe Kid Sale - Hosted by [wlivestock.com](http://wlivestock.com)

## November

- 10-16 North American International Livestock Exposition – [www.livestockexpo.com](http://www.livestockexpo.com)
  - 10 – Jr. Breeding Sheep & Market Wether Lamb Showmanship Lead Classes
  - 11-12 – Jr. Wether Show
  - 12 – Jr. Breeding Show
  - 15 – Open Suffolk Show
- 14 USSA Hall of Fame Recognition & Annual Meeting, North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY – dinner reservations due 10/15

## 2017 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

### USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

#### Friday, November 10

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

#### Saturday, November 11

Suffolk Market Lamb Show  
North American International Suffolk Sale

#### Sunday, November 12

Jr Suffolk Breeding Sheep Show, following Dorpers (Ring 1)

#### Tuesday, November 14

USSA Board Meeting  
USSA Annual Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 15

Open Suffolk Show (Ring 1)— 8am

#### Thursday, November 16

Supreme Champion

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

### Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show — Evan Snyder, PA  
Junior Breeding Show— Kyle Thayer, MA

Open Show— Slick: Greg Ahart, CA  
Fitted: John Mrozinski, IN



### 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](http://www.livestockexpo.org)**

## ATTENTION MEMBERS!

When selling Suffolks, ask your 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](mailto:info@u-s-s-a.org) or include note with the transfers to the office.



# USSA Online Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale-Oct. 19

Entries Due Oct. 5

\*\*\*Sale Site: [wlivestock.com](http://wlivestock.com)\*\*\*

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO: [info@u-s-s-a.org](mailto:info@u-s-s-a.org) OR USSA, PO BOX 121, Holland, IA 50642

Consignor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

## Entry Rules:

Entry Rules:

Consignors may enter a maximum of two head.

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.** 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 forms are available on the USSA website and on the [wlivestock.com](http://wlivestock.com) Suffolk Association Online Sale page.

## Entry #1

Starting Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ DNA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: Flock Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding/Exposure Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

## Entry #2

Starting Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ DNA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: Flock Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # \_\_\_\_\_

Breeding/Exposure Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

# 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**

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### **Have Ewe Checked Out the New Lamb Industry Resource Center?**

The new lamb industry resource center was developed to provide the industry with a clearinghouse of information about lamb, from production resources and marketing tools to events and funding opportunities. The site is meant to help industry members learn where to find information, and to promote programs and resources provided by national lamb industry organizations.

Visit [www.lambresourcecenter.com](http://www.lambresourcecenter.com)



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

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



## CLASSIFIED ADS

*USSA Members only. Ads are free. Must be sheep related: animals, vehicles, trailers, equipment, transportation, working dogs, etc. Include your contact information. The newsletter may not contain all of the classified ads or include photos that are posted with the classified ad. Full listing can be found on our website: [www.u-s-s-a.org](http://www.u-s-s-a.org).*

**\*Stud Ram For Sale:** 3 yr old Registered Suffolk Ram from Double L Livestock - Delta UT, RRNN. I bought him as a yearling on Larry Pauly's online sale in 2015. Massive, deep-bodied, big-boned, stands great on his feet and legs and has square rump (slick-shear pic shows that well). He has held up great, looks just as good or better than the day I bought him. I have used him 2 years and have kept many ewes out of him. The picture of him on the walker was the picture from the online sale when purchased. The next picture is of him slick-sheared at 2 1/2 yrs old. Also have some January ram lambs sired by him for sale (see pictures). Can deliver to Sheep & Wool Festival in Jefferson, WI on Sept 8-10. Arnevik Suffolks. Corinne Arnevik-Hansen, Cameron, WI, 715-205-9603, [chansen@sdlwi.org](mailto:chansen@sdlwi.org). Please email, call or text Corinne for prices, more info and more pictures.

**\*For Sale:** 10 January and February ewe lambs. Have NSIP numbers. Available mid September when they come off our parasite resistance test. Open or bred to your choice of ours flock sires. They are moderate framed, easy fleshing and heavy muscled. They have been running on grass since July 10th with 3/4 pound of DDGS and mineral. They have never been de-wormed and won't until the trial is over. Most Suffolk lambs can't handle what these girls are selected to do. Many sired by VA Tech N221 (leased proven ram) and MSU 3173 (we sold him to VA Tech recently). Also 20 mature Ewes with NSIP data. Dry Sandy Sheep Co. 402-200-0444.

**\*Suffolk Flock For Sale.** 2 yr old stud Ram - Slack bred. 2 ram lambs 6 ewes 2-3 yrs old- some bred for November lambs. 2 ewe lambs. This would be a great starter flock for someone. 25 yrs of breeding. Call: 509-682-2987, Orchard Hollow Suffolk's—[Facebook.com/orchardhollowsuffolks](https://www.facebook.com/orchardhollowsuffolks)

**FOR SALE: 50 Head Registered Suffolk Ewes - Dispersal.** (3) 5-year-olds, (5) 4-year-olds, (9) 3-year-olds., (8) 2-year-olds, (15) 1-year-olds, and (10) ewe lambs. (45) RR; (5) RR/QR. High lambing percentage and ADG; produce mainly range rams and replacement ewes. \$15,000 takes all, including papers. Smaller groups negotiable. Call for further details. Wm. F. and Pat Hazen, Gooding, Idaho. (208) 539-2466; (208) 539-2026, [wmfha-zen@gmail.com](mailto:wmfha-zen@gmail.com) or [pathazen20@gmail.com](mailto:pathazen20@gmail.com)

**FOR SALE: 2 Suffolk Ram Lambs.** Reasonably priced. Placed 2nd and 3rd in class and 2nd pair of rams at the Illinois State Fair. John Corson, Corson Suffolks, Illinois; 309-255-4606, [corsonre@yahoo.com](mailto:corsonre@yahoo.com)

**\*February RR/NN Ram Lambs For Sale.** Sired by MacCauley 3482 RR/ NN who was the champion ram at the 2017 PA Farm Show junior show and by Tom Slack 5203 RR/NN champion Suffolk wether ram at sedalia in 2016 & reserve champion ram in the open show @ the 2017 PA Farm Show. Prices start at \$400. Please visit our website for more pictures of the ram lambs and their sires. [bluesprucesuffolks.com](http://bluesprucesuffolks.com)  
Please contact us at: 717-484-4762 or [jrbollinger@dejazzd.com](mailto:jrbollinger@dejazzd.com)

**\*Rams For Sale.** \$750 - Ram born a twin on 1/2015. Serviced my ewes well last season. Breeder was Macqueen. Has MacCauley and Slack genetics. March 2017 Ram Lamb - \$250 Genetics include Kimm, Macqueen and MacCauley. Contact: Ted Williams, Abel's Legacy Farm, Dickson, TN; 615-347-1692, [AbelsLegacy@gmail.com](mailto:AbelsLegacy@gmail.com)

*\*Denotes photos are included along with classified ad posted on the USSA website.*

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# SUFFOLK ITEMS FOR SALE

Prices include the cost of shipping. Please contact the USSA office to order!



**Suffolk Sculpture \$190**



**Suffolk Print \$80**



**T-shirts \$20  
Sweatshirts \$30**

## 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](mailto: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©

A Guide to All Things Sheep© is a new resource for sheep breeders and producers by Premier 1 that offers information on several topics from educational guides, how to's, photos, recipes, an events calendar, view points and industry spotlights. To visit A Guide to All Things Sheep© please visit: [www.premier1supplies.com/sheep-guide/](http://www.premier1supplies.com/sheep-guide/)

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