

Suffolk Newsletter



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Season's Greetings Suffolk Enthusiasts!

Hard to believe that NAILE has again come and gone.. there were many wonderful activities during NAILE such as the Suffolk Junior Show, Open Suffolk Show and the Hall of Fame inductions during the Annual Meeting – it was great to see you all and meet many new faces! Congratulations to all the exhibitors. “Welcome” to the new USSA Directors, Greg Ahart and Brenda Reau. “Thank You” to the retiring USSA Directors, Ron Alves, Paul Skartvedt and Joe Emenheiser. During the USSA board meetings in Louisville, the 2018/2019 officer team will again consist of – Matt Beals as President, Randy Hodges as Vice President and Bill Royer as Treasurer.

Before you know it lambing will be well underway... Before that joyous time of year begins, don't forget to register your 2018 born lambs! Also, if you have sold a bred ewe in the last few months and need to transfer ownership, don't forget to include the breeding certificate information on the back of the ewe's registration certificate. And lastly, if you've sold a ram this summer or fall, don't forget to transfer ownership! I'm sure they'll be eager to register their lambs this spring!

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Also, returning this year, the USSA Directory will be published online! Your advertising dollars will go further! Consider an ad in this year's publication. Also, if you have a Facebook page or website, please make sure that information is listed on the return slip – these are linkaways in the online directory – all you have to do is click on the address listed and your site will open in a web browser.

Just a few other reminders:

- **Association Mailing Address-** The office mailing address is PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642.

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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"



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

Arkansas
Karen Chase

Florida
Turkey Creek FFA

Iowa
Askelsen Family
Joshua & Ashley Beeck

Illinois
Jay Harris
Brent Titus

Louisiana
Frazier Club Lambs

Minnesota
Jim Ostlie
Steve & Jennifer Wieczorek

Missouri
Cord Jenkins

Montana
Melanie Beck
Karen Darnell
Gary Heilig
Heidi Klick
J Bar Stenberg Ranch

New Jersey
Jennifer Herbstitt & Brad Updegrove
Tracy Smith

Ohio
Melissa & Rich Boyd
Russ Johnson
Doug McAllister
Peth Family
Lester Yoder

Oklahoma
Charmasson Club Lambs

Oregon
Charles Martin
Alexandria Rosas

Pennsylvania
Joshua & Judy Abernathy
Herbert Lewis

Chris MacCauley
Sandra Schmidt
Jonas Yoder

South Dakota
Mike Bangasser

Tennessee
Jared & Julia Dingus

West Virginia
Bryan Smith

Wyoming
Jody & Abby Ketterling



Expect the next issue of the Suffolk Newsletter...

March 2019

Deadline to submit information, ads, events is March 15th.

- **Advertising your Flock** - When considering your advertising for 2019 please take a look at sending an email blast, placing an ad in the Suffolk Newsletter or purchasing a Banner Ad on the USSA Website. All of these options are very affordable and you're reaching an audience interested in Suffolk sheep! If you feel uncomfortable creating the ad, don't worry, the USSA Office can create the ad for you! Contact the USSA Office for more info or look on the USSA website under programs – media kit/advertising.

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Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a joyous 2019 Lambing Season!

Amanda

Affordable Advertising!!!

Consider advertising on the USSA Website! Your ad will be seen! The USSA website is viewed by current Suffolk breeders and prospective Suffolk buyers. Don't miss out! **Rates are extremely affordable.**

EXAMPLE AD ↓
1 year \$350!



New Advertising Opportunity!

Advertise on the new USSA website!
(Scheduled to go live before June 1st!)



Website Banner Ads

Pricing below is for camera-ready banner ads.
The USSA can design banner ads for \$50 (members) and \$75 non-members.
Banner ads are 400pixel by 110pixel.

MEMBER PRICING

\$20 - week
\$40 - month
\$200 - 6 months
\$350 - year

NON-MEMBER PRICING

\$40 - week
\$80 - month
\$350 - 6 months
\$600 - year

Ads can be created by the USSA Office for small fee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE

Click on the meeting minutes below to view. Please note, the minutes will open in a web browser. To view more USSA Board of Directors meeting minutes [click here.](#)

[August 2018](#)

[October 2018](#)

November meeting minutes will be posted in January.

USSA Office Contact Information

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USSA FUTURITY PROGRAM— FINAL STANDINGS

Ewe Lambs Futurity

DISTRICT 1

40pts – MacCauley 4202 – Theodore Jackson, ID
15pts – South Beckman 1815 – Danielle Barry, CA

DISTRICT 2

29 pts – Kimm 18202 – Raesa Zelinsky, SD

DISTRICT 3

35pts – Quam 7-688ET – Alexiah Thompson, IL
34pts – Arndt Acres 17-052 – Madison Binder, IL

DISTRICT 4

35pts – MacCauley 4105 – Allee Hoover, PA

Yearling Ewe Futurity

50pts – Arndt Acres 16-054 – Madison Binder, IL
39pts – MacCauley 3831 – Theodore Jackson, ID
33pts – Ream 7035 – Danielle Barry, CA
12pts – Breezeview 227 – Ashley Gouge, DE

**Photos of winners will be included
in the next newsletter!**



National Suffolk Queen

Katherine Parsley



Katherine is high school senior from Sheridan, Indiana. She lives with her family on a small, diversified farm that includes sheep, cattle, crops and her beloved Corgi, Rizzo. She is a 9 year 4-H member and sheep exhibitor at the county, state, and national levels. In addition to 4-H, she is a member of the National Honor Society, her high school varsity soccer team, student council and Pursuit church youth group.

As a reminder, applications for the Suffolk Queen are due June 1st. Please visit [Ambassador/Queen](#) information on the USSA website to view more about the positions and application requirements.

New Scholarship Deadline

Beginning in 2019 the USSA and Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship deadlines will be **May 1st**. More information can be found about the scholarships offered on the USSA website.

All eligible youth are encouraged to apply!

UJSSA FUNDRAISER

T-shirts are \$20 and Sweatshirts are \$30. Pricing includes shipping. Limited availability on sizes. Contact the USSA Office to order.



UJSSA Board of Directors



The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



There were nearly 100 juniors exhibiting over 300 sheep from 12 states!
Hope to see everyone next year in Kansas!



Champion Market Lamb
Slack 43425
Jordyn Leininger



Champion Ewe
Hoskins 17-18
Nora Mowrer



Champion Ram
K Slack 1809
Andrew Slack

Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](#)

Photos • Complete Results • UJSSA Directors

ANNOUNCEMENT

In 2019 the National Jr. Suffolk Show will be a part of the All-American Junior Sheep Show, held in Hutchinson, Kansas. To learn more, [click here](#).

2018 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to the 2018 Scholarship recipient. Juniors are encouraged to apply for the 2019 USSA Scholarship and Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship (deadline is May 1st). To find more information on scholarship offerings, please visit the USSA website.

USSA Scholarship -There was one \$1000 USSA Scholarships awarded:



Lily Skartvedt of Radcliffe, Iowa is currently a senior at South Hamilton High School. After graduation this spring Lily will attend South Dakota State University to study Marketing and Animal Science and play volleyball. She plans to continue to her Grandfather's and Father's Suffolk Flock. Lily attends the National Jr. Suffolk Show every year. She's served on the UJSSA Board of Directors for the past 5 years and is currently the Jr. Board Treasurer. In addition to showing sheep, Lily is very involved with volleyball, Talented and Gifted Program, National Honor Society, FFA, 4-H and youth group.

2018 Suffolk U Webinar Series

The roll out of the Suffolk U Webinar Series is complete! The new program was a huge success and we sincerely thank all of our speakers and audience. If you missed one of the webinars, don't worry, they are all archived on the USSA Facebook Page and website to view at anytime.

2019 brings a new series and new topics—we're looking for ideas! Please share any topics you'd like to see covered with the USSA Office! We hope to finalize the 2019 series in January.

Again, next year, this will be a free webinar series — open to anyone! We encourage you to share the webinar announcements which are posted approximately 10 days prior to the event. This helps boost our audience and spreads the word throughout the USA!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND

SUFFOLK U

WEBINAR SERIES

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SOCIAL MEDIA & YOUR FLOCK
MEGAN HOBBS, HOBBS SHOW LAMBS
MAY 21, 2018, 7PM CENTRAL

MANAGING PARASITES
DR. JOAN BURKE, USDA, ARS, DALE BUMPERS SMALL FARMS RESEARCH CENTER
JULY 17, 2018, 7PM CENTRAL

TECHNOLOGY & YOUR FLOCK
DAVE FICKENSCHER, RIVERWIND SURVEILLANCE SUPPLY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018, 7PM CENTRAL

NUTRITION: LATE GESTATION & LACTATION
ROB ZELINSKY, ACCOUNT MANAGER, HUBBARD FEEDS
NOVEMBER 27, 2018, 7PM CENTRAL

Topics to watch for in 2019

SUFFOLK HISTORY
THE NEW SUFFOLK BREEDER

United SUFFOLK

HOSTED BY THE SUFFOLK ASSOCIATION

Information approx **That's a wrap!** better

Office for more details.

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES BY MARCH 1ST!

⇒ receive the reduced membership rate (\$40)

⇒ be listed in the 2019 breeders directory

NSIP UPDATE



Brenda Reau
NSIP Suffolk
Breed Representative
brendareau@gmail.com

National Sheep Improvement Program News

It has been an exciting year with new Suffolk NSIP members. I have enjoyed meeting many of you at the Center of the Nation and NSIP Eastern Sales and at NAILE.

Interest in sheep with NSIP EBV's is growing with producers beginning to realize that they can select breeding stock that meets the needs of their particular operation and make progress towards their flock priorities by using EBV's. There is great opportunity in the commercial market.

Large producers in the west are seeking out rams with high growth EBV's. THERE IS MORE DEMAND FOR THESE RAMS THAN THERE IS AVAILABLE SUPPLY. This is an opportunity for Suffolk breeders who are interested breeding these rams. There are a few Suffolk breeders within NSIP who are focusing on fecal egg count EBV's. Commercial breeders in the south and east are very interested in purchasing breeding stock that has the ability to increase parasite resistance in their lambs, as it is such a challenging issue in some areas.

I am co-chairing the USSA Breed Improvement Committee with Randy Hodges. We are planning an exciting program for July 26 and 27 to be held in conjunction with the Center of the Nation Sale in Spencer Iowa that will be funded with Let's Grow funds. The program on Friday will be designed for Suffolk breeders interested in utilizing NSIP for improving their flock and how to address the needs of the commercial industry. The program on Saturday morning will target commercial breeders and promote what the Suffolk breed has to offer and explain how to use EBV's for profit. The committee will begin working on this event and more details will be coming out in early 2019.

Please feel free to contact me at 734-755-8285 or brendareau@gmail.com

Brenda Reau
NSIP Suffolk Breed Representative



2018 EWE LAMB GIVEAWAY WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2018 USSA Ewe Lamb Giveaway winners! Winning videos can be viewed by clicking on the links next to the winner's name! Please consider entering the 2019 contest!

District 1 - Raven Edwards, CA

District 2 - Kalena Troupe, OK

District 3 - Lilly Ostlie, MN

District 4 - Hanna Warnecke, OH

[Click Here to View Winning Videos!](#)

2019 Annual Dues & USSA Breeders Directory

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- ◆ Member Access to the New Registration Program. As the USSA Office continues to forward with implementing the new registration program there is a little leg work required by the USSA Office in order for a member to use the program. If you plan to register sheep yourself using the new online program (rather than sending in applications to the office), please let the office know. Further instruction will be mailed the members planning to utilize the online registration program once completed.

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Directory will be included on the USSA Website! Your advertising will be seen by a larger audience!

In addition to the directory being printed, the USSA Breeders Directory will be available electronically! This will be a wonderful way to advertise Suffolk Breeders from coast to coast! Please make sure you've included or updated your websites and Facebook pages on your membership listing!

ATTENTION SUFFOLK BREEDERS

Plan to be part of the 2019 Breeders Membership Directory

The Directory will be published by THE BANNER in glossy magazine format. All members of the United Suffolk Sheep Association will be mailed a directory. Directories will be distributed at every major show and sale in 2019, and will also be published online!



**Breeders
& Commercial
Advertisers
Deadline is
March 1**

**BE PART
OF IT!**

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**2017 National
Champion
Fitted Ram
Reserve
Overall
Champion**

**2018 Reserve
Champion
Fitted Ram
Reserve
Overall
Champion**

Mil-Sid 1704



**Champion Ewe
2018 Ohio State Fair**
Sire: Mil-Sid 1003 "Trip-Bute"
Dam: Mil-Sid 1310

Mil-Sid 1709
"Thunderstruck"



**1st Yearling Ram
2018 BIG E & KILE**
Sire: Mil-Sid 1606
Dam: Mil-Sid 1299 By "Trip-Bute"

Mil-Sid 1702
"The Beast from
the East"



**1st Yearling Ewe Res. Champion Ewe
2018 BIG E**
Sire: Bunkerhill 1631
Dam: Mil-Sid 1201 By "Trip-Bute"

**A Big Thank
You To:**
Ethan, Annie &
the Phantom
Hills Fitting and
Training Crew
No One Does It
Better!!

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Thanks to our 2018 customers

Bill Spore & Family, NJ
James Klamforth, OH
Chris Mallett, MO
Nicole Dittbrenner, WI
Mary Musser, OH
Emma Chandler, MO



2018 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ~JUNIOR SHOW~



MacCauley 4107
Overall Champion Suffolk Ram
Champion Slick Shorn Ram
Chloe Schumaker, OH



Knutson Suffolks 18-50
Res. Overall Champ Suffolk Ram
Champion Fitted Ram
Jaclynn & Alison Knutson, SD



Slack Z8205
Overall Champion Suffolk Ewe
Champion Slick Shorn Ewe
Jordan Leininger, IN



K Slack 1446
Res. Overall Champ Suffolk Ewe
Champion Fitted Ewe
Joey Slack, WI

2018 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION ~OPEN SHOW~



"Final Drive" WEG 17-C-15
Overall Champion Suffolk Ram
Champion Fitted Ram
Exhibited by: WEG & I-80 Flocks



KJ Lansing 7757 RRNN
Res. Overall Champion Suffolk Ram
Res. Champion Fitted Ram
Exhibited by: Twin Peaks Suffolks, MO



"Big Pink" Ruby Mountain Sheep 1707
Overall Champion Suffolk Ewe
Champion Fitted Ewe
Exhibited by: Ruby Mountain Sheep Co., NV



KJ Lansing 7758
Overall Champion Suffolk Ewe
Res. Champion Fitted Ewe
Exhibited by: Twin Peaks Suffolks, MO

[Click Here to view more NAILE Winner Photos!](#)

To see complete NAILE results visit: www.livestockexpo.org

2018 National Suffolk Sale



Champion Ram
Ruby Mountain Sheep Co.



Champion Ewe
Annuschat Suffolks



Champion Wether Sire
McLaughlin/Griffin



Champion Wether Dam
McLaughlin/Griffin

[Click Here to View Sale Results!](#)

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Year End Semen Sale!

Offering semen for sale at reduced prices on several Stud Rams including...



I have decided that since we only have 13 ewes left and a lot of semen in storage that we will never use it all so were are offering most of it at reduced prices. The majority of it is stored at the Iowa State University vet school with limited amounts at RSG in Indiana. We are offering semen from 8 stud rams including "Survivor", Champion Ram at both the Iowa and Missouri State Fairs and SJ sire of 4 fitted ewes shown in Louisville in 2013 all placing in the top 4 of their classes. The storage is paid until December 31. Shipping information is included with further details on our website.

See our website for details: skartvedtsuffolks.com

Wayne Skartvedt: 515-291-8551



USSA News



Arnold L. VanLue, 84, of rural Roann, Indiana passed at 3:45 am, Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 at Timbercrest Senior Living Community of North Manchester, Indiana.

He was born on Oct. 15, 1933 in Fulton County, Indiana, Henry Township to Myron J. and Ruth (Ratliff) Vanlue.

He married on May 17, 1953 in the Emmanuel United Methodist Church near Gilead, Indiana to Roma V. Bahney, she survives.

Arnold was an auctioneer for many years as well as a farmer and a general contractor. Together with his wife, they raised and showed Suffolk Sheep in many states. Over the years of showing sheep they won many notable awards. He was also a wood worker and has proudly displayed his craftsmanship since 1976 at the Indiana State Fair.

He was a 1951 graduate of Akron High School. He also graduated from the Reppert Auction School of Decatur, Ind. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Korean War. He was a member of the Emmanuel Church of Gilead, Ind. as well as the National Suffolk Sheep Association and the Indiana Auctioneer Association.

Survivors and place of residence: Wife – Roma VanLue, Roann, IN. Son – Roland W. and wife Sara VanLue – Kokomo, IN. Daughter – Lila and husband Steven Hammer – North Manchester, IN. Grandchildren – Jared and wife Kristy VanLue – Las Vegas, Nevada Amber and husband Eddie Johnston – Bloomington, IN. Step Grandchildren – Kelly A. and husband David Keim – Berne, IN. Brian and wife Krista Lord – Franklin, Tenn. Frank Lord and Christine Kennedy – Kokomo, IN. Eddy Lord – Hollywood, CA. 15 Great Grandchildren Sister – Nancy S. Vanlue – Ft. Wayne, IN. Brother-in-law – William Bahney – Boise, ID.

Preceded in Death By: Parents Sister – Alice and husband Tom Caudill.

Memorial Contributions to: Emmanuel United Methodist Church or to the Wounded Warrior Project.



John Eldon Jacoby, 72, passed away in his home on August 27, 2018. John was born on September 27, 1945 to Earl "Jack" Jacoby and Mary Catherine Frisch of Melmore, Ohio who both preceded him in death. He married his high school sweetheart and love of his life, Judith C. Lininger on August 12, 1967. She survives, recently having celebrated 51 years of marriage with John. He has one brother, James Allen Jacoby (Jackie) of Melmore. He also survives.

The Jacoby's raised three children in the New Washington and McComb communities: Tamara Wallace (Mike) of Findlay, John F. Jacoby (Callie) and Dr. Jessica Miller (Ric) both of Wauseon. John loved his seven grandchildren dearly – Michaela Bridenstine, Mara and Caleb Wallace; Graeme and Cayden Jacoby; Ellory and Madilyn Miller. A great-grandson is expected in October.

John graduated from Mohawk High School in 1963 and from The Ohio State University in 1967 with a BS in Vocational Agriculture Education. John was a life-long teacher serving several districts including Buckeye Central, Pioneer Joint Vocational, Delaware Joint Vocational, Columbiana, McComb, Fayette, Riverdale and Upper Scioto Valley as a Vo-Ag teacher, FFA advisor, adult program coordinator or science teacher for over 35 years. Upon retirement from teaching, John also worked as a security guard for Securitas at Marathon Oil Company.

Along with watching his grandchildren in music performances or basketball games, John was a farmer, a breeder and trainer of standard-bred race horses, and a breeder of Suffolk Sheep for over 40 years. John served as a board member of the Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association. He was also a little league coach, 4-H advisor and member of the Senior Fair Board in Hancock County.

John was a member of the Tiro United Methodist Church, New Washington United Methodist Church, McComb United Methodist Church, St. Marks United Methodist Church of Findlay and recently attended Tedrow United Methodist Church.



Grace Standish, of Frenchtown, New Jersey passed away on Sunday, May 20th. Grace quietly battled cancer and arthritis for the past 7 years.

Grace choose to donate her body to science; no services will be held.

Grace was an advocate of the Suffolk Association and its juniors. She's pictured here at 2013 National Junior Suffolk Show participating in the adult showmanship contest along with her husband John.



The auction gavel for Harold McIlrath, lifelong resident of Laurel, hammered for the final time on the night of August 3rd. God said "Well done good and faithful servant." Harold was in the peace of his home, with family by his side. Just three days prior he was able to celebrate his 78th birthday with his family.

Harold was born on July 31st, 1940, in Marshalltown. He was the son of Hazen and Vera (Weissenburger) McIlrath. Harold graduated from Laurel High School in 1958. A born auctioneer, he was the youngster on the front porch of the family home imagining he was the man with the gavel. Actually, he was even much younger sucking his thumb while sitting on

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dad's lap at the Marshalltown livestock auctions when the passion struck. After graduation, he followed his passion and attended auctioneering school in Ames. His first auction was held on Saturday after graduating that Friday.

Harold sold for five livestock auctions a week and logged 50,000 to 75,000 miles a year (not including air miles). He loved what he did and it showed. Harold sold his farming operation in 1965 and focused on auctioning full time. He was the recipient of numerous professional acknowledgements and earned the respect of countless colleagues and friends. In 1976, he sold over 100 horses at a single auction. His career took him from Laurel to selling horses in 30 states including Alaska and three Canadian provinces, gaining a reputation of one of the best auctioneers going.

Harold was a partner of the Blue Ribbon Sale in Des Moines, won the Iowa Livestock Auctioneer Award and was named Iowa Champion Auctioneer for the Iowa Auctioneers Association. He was a member of the Laurel United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, and the Iowa Auctioneers Association (serving as former president). He would be the first to admit he was the luckiest man alive doing what he loved breaking into the auction business. Harold also had a love of border collies.

The first love of his life was Jolene Mairs, the daughter of Raymond and Dorothy Mairs of Gilman. The two were united in marriage on January 23rd, 1959 in her hometown. The couple were blessed with three children- Sara, Shelly and Sam. Once the children were old enough to show competitively, they followed dad's love of showing farm animals - sheep, horses and hogs, also earning numerous awards. His love for his family was unconditional.

Left to cherish his memory are Jolene, his loving wife of 59 1/2 years, his children: Sara Wattonville of Collins, Shelly (Scott) Schmitz of Baxter and Sam (Marci) McIlrath of Laurel; grandchildren: Cody Schmitz of Colfax, Riley Wattonville of Great Falls, Montana, MacKenzie Schmitz of Ankeny, Saylor and Sofie, Wattonville of Collins, and Reagan and Rayne McIlrath of Laurel. Also surviving are his sisters-in-law Ardith (Terry) Housman of Marengo, Mary Conner of Des Moines, and Pam Long of Le Grand; cousin Sammy Wilson of Belfast, Northern Ireland and numerous friends and contemporaries.

In death, Harold rejoined his parents, Hazen and Vera, uncle and aunt Hugh and Sylvia McCleery, uncle John Wilson and in-laws Raymond and Dorothy Mairs.



Curtis A. Overcash, 66, formerly of Canton and Dixon, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018, at his home in Ottawa. He was born on April 15, 1952, in Canton to George W. and RosaLee (Harris) Overcash.

Surviving are his mother; two children, Camille M. Overcash of Bloomington Illinois, and Cameron W. Overcash of Des Moines, Iowa; one brother, Larry (Susan) Overcash of East Peoria; five sisters, Terry (John) Lowe of Farmington, Gloria (John) Davis of Canton, Brenda (John) Baylor of Cuba, Laura (Richard) Sharpshair of Canton and Karla Hulvey of Canton; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, George.

Curtis graduated from Farmington High School in 1970. He then graduated from Spoon River College in 1972, and later from the University of Illinois in Agriculture Education and was a member of the Farm House Fraternity. He began his career as an agriculture teacher at Princeville High School. He started as a salesman for FS, and grew within the company through multiple transitions, reaching the level of Credit Manager.

Together with Greg Deakin, he founded a national purebred sheep magazine called "The Suffolk Banner" in 1978. He was a graduate of the Kenneth Gregg School of Auctioneering in Texas. He was an active partner and auctioneer for Heartland Livestock Services at purebred sheep auctions throughout the country. He retired from GRAINCO FS Inc. in January of 2018 to a full-time job of farming and auctioneering.

Curtis was baptized in the Fairview Reformed Church and was a faithful Christian.

Throughout his life, Curt remained faithful to his agricultural roots. He enjoyed participation in 4-H, FFA, charity auctions, including the Friendship Festival livestock auctions, and he was a longtime MC at the Fulton County Fair. He will be remembered for his engaging personality, his keen sense of humor and his rolling chuckle that lit up the room. He felt blessed and honored to farm alongside his dad, but most of all, Curt cherished his children.

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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



The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project

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

Rustic Lamb Pie



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 info@suffolks.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Ingredients

2 lbs American Lamb, ground
2 tbsp olive oil
2 celery ribs, finely diced
2 carrots, finely diced
3 cups leeks, cut into thin rings (4 small leeks or sub out for 1 large onion)
4 cloves garlic, minced
3 russet potatoes, peeled & diced into ½" pieces
3 cups beef stock
1 cup peas
1 tbsp curry powder
2 tsp salt
½ cup water
¼ cup corn starch
1 sheet puff pastry
1 egg, whisked

Directions

Heat oven to 400°F.
In a large cast iron skillet heat 1 tablespoon olive oil

over medium heat.

Add ground lamb to the skillet and cook until browned, breaking it up with a wood spoon as it cooks. Remove from skillet and set aside.

Using the same skillet heat remaining olive oil. Add in celery, carrots and leeks. Cook until vegetables start to soften, stirring often. Add in garlic and continue cooking for 1 more minute. Add cooked lamb, potatoes, beef stock, curry and salt and stir until all ingredients are combine.

Bring mixture to a simmer and cook until potatoes are tender. Add in peas and cook for another minute.

In a small bowl whisk together cornstarch and water until a murky liquid is achieved. This is your slurry. Add it to the prepared lamb mixture and stir over medium low heat until everything thickens. About 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

On a well flowered cutting board roll out puff pastry until it's large enough to cover the skillet. Set pastry over the skillet pressing it down on edges. Give the pastry 3 or 4 slits in the top with a sharp knife. Using a pastry brush, brush the top of the pastry with the egg.

Set prepared pie on a large rimmed baking sheet and place in center of the oven. Bake for 20 minutes, or until pastry is golden brown. Serve warm.

Courtesy: www.americanlamb.com



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January

23-26 American Sheep Industry Assn. Convention, New Orleans, LA [Click to view info.](#)



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Have something to share?

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USSA GENETIC RECOVERY PROGRAM (SUFFOLK GAP)

By: Ron Alves

The United Suffolk Board in its retreat during the spring of 2015 proposed a goal of establishing a Suffolk genetic recovery program under the breed improvement plan. It became apparent to the Board that a number of Suffolk breeders had not registered their Suffolks for many years. These sheep were not eligible for the percentage registration program even though they were of Suffolk origins. The Board decided to explore the ramifications of allowing these breeders to register their sheep by appointing a committee to further investigate the issue. The Board adopted a Suffolk genetic recovery proposal after much research and numerous meetings. The parameters of the program are as follows.

Eligibility for Suffolk GAP registrations

- Must be a member in good standing of the U.S.S.A. or U.J.S.S.A
- Certify to the best of your knowledge that the sheep being considered for GAP are of Suffolk descent by signing the application for registration.
- Offspring of these ewes are only eligible for registration if sired by a registered (fullblood) Suffolk ram.

Instructions for GAP Registrations

- Own 1 or more blackface ewes that are Suffolk in their phenotype
- Papers have not been maintained on these ewes for generations
- Records have been maintained on the ewes and you are confident that they are Suffolk in their genetic makeup
- Fill out a background questionnaire the sheep being proposed for registration
- An inspection, either physically or photographically, will validate their phenotype and determine their eligibility for registration
- Physical inspection will be by a USSA director or designee of the USSA Board

Two photos per ewe will be required

- One picture of the animals head (front view)
- One picture of the animal's profile (side view)
- Photos should be of reasonable quality and clear

Once the ewes have been approved for registration, complete an application for Suffolk GAP registration

If you are interested contact the USSA Office. The program is for 2 years only and will be terminated December 31, 2020.



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Wanted: Bred Ewes, Open Ewes and/or Ewe Lambs. Looking for around 12 bred ewes, open ewes or ewe lambs. Kenneth McClusky, Pleasant Hill, Oregon. Phone: 541 7477501 Email: kpmcc1@yahoo.com

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***For Sale:** Ram Lambs & Yearling Ram

Suffolk ram lamb for sale -Born Jan 1/19/18, RR/NN twin. Sire: Slack 5203. Dam: MacCauley 3553. Thick made, structurally correct ram lamb \$300

Suffolk yearling ram for sale – proven breeder born 2/20/17. RR/NN. Sire: Slack 5203. Dam: MacCauley 3374. Big boned, heavily muscled ram with lots of thickness

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Contact: Bollinger Family, Blue Spruce Suffolks, PA. 717-484-4762 or email jrbollinger@dejazzd.com

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Newborn Lamb Management

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At no other time during the year are the investment of time and sound management practices more important for a sheep producer than during lambing. The financial success of a sheep operation largely depends upon maximizing the pounds of lamb weaned per ewe exposed while minimizing costs of production. In turn, pounds of lamb weaned per ewe depend on saving the lambs that are born. The largest percentage of lamb deaths occurs at or shortly after birth.

The three primary causes of death of lambs around lambing time are:

- Difficulty during the birthing process
- Starvation
- Hypothermia

Therefore, solid management practices at lambing time are essential for the economic viability of the sheep operation.

Lambing Time Procedures

1) Frequent visits to the lambing barn

Dystocia (lambing problems) can be a significant cause of lamb mortality. Losses due to stillbirths and dystocia can be reduced by frequent visits to the lambing barn and timely assistance to ewes. Pregnant ewes should be checked every three to four hours. If ewes are checked at 11:00 p.m. or midnight it is not necessary to check again before 5:00 or 6:00 a.m. Ewes that will lamb between these times usually show signs at the late-night observation.

Ewes close to lambing will be restless and may try to claim other newborn lambs. Ewes in labor will normally separate themselves and frequently choose a corner or area along a wall or feedbunk to nest and deliver. The lambing area should be dry, well-bedded, and free of cold drafts that will chill newborn lambs. A heated lambing barn is not necessary; a dry, draft-free area is more important.

The lambing process can vary considerably between ewes. Ewes in labor should be left undisturbed. However, once the ewe begins forceful straining and the water bags are passed, delivery should normally take place within 45 to 60 minutes. Once the front legs are visible, lambs should be born within 30 to 45 minutes. After the first lamb is born, subsequent lambs are normally delivered within 30 minutes.

Prolonged delivery beyond these times may indicate lambing difficulty, and the ewe should be examined and assisted if necessary. Prior to assisting the ewe, the examiner should wash the ewe's vulva with mild soap and water. Likewise, the shepherd should thoroughly wash his or her hands and arms and wear an OB sleeve when assisting or examining a ewe. When assistance is required to deliver one lamb, the uterus should be examined for additional lambs. For lambs that are pulled, a piece of straw may be gently inserted into the nostril as an irritant to help stimulate breathing. Lambs that are delivered rear legs first should be gently shaken upside-down by holding the rear legs to allow fluid to drain from the lungs.

2) Move ewes to a jug after lambing

When possible, allow ewes to give birth where they initially bed down. Moving ewes to individual pens when they start lambing may prolong the birthing process and cause other complications. Additionally, allowing ewes to complete the lambing process before moving them to jugs helps keep the jugs drier and prevent injury to lambs in multiple-birth situations.

Lambing jugs should measure at least 5 feet x 5 feet, with a maximum slat spacing of 3 inches. Large breeds and multiple births may require larger jugs. The environment of the jug is critical to newborn lamb health and survival. The jugs should be kept well-bedded, dry, and free of drafts. Facilities with concrete floors should have a base of lime or sawdust/shavings under the straw. Concrete floors can be cold and damp, causing chilling and pneumonia in newborn lambs. When feasible, clean the lambing jugs between ewes. Feed troughs and water buckets should be suspended out of the reach of newborn lambs.

The first 24 to 48 hours after birth are a critical time for the ewe and her lambs. During this time, bonding occurs and the ewe as well as her lambs learn to identify each other. The jugs also assist the shepherd in keeping a close eye on the ewe and lambs.

When moving the ewe into the jug, clip the lambs' navels and immerse in a 7% iodine solution. Many navels (less than 2 inch-

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es) will not need to be clipped. Iodine helps prevent infection and promotes drying of the navel.

3) Ensure lambs receive adequate colostrum intake

Colostrum is the milk produced by the ewe for up to 18 hours after birth. It has important nutritional value for the newborn lamb. Colostrum contains essential antibodies that provide protection against certain diseases for the newborn lamb and provides energy to keep the lamb warm. Newborn lambs are susceptible to hypothermia due to their relatively low energy reserves and their large body surface area relative to body weight.

Lambs should receive adequate colostrum within 30 to 60 minutes after birth. To help ensure this, strip the ewe's teats to remove the wax plugs that frequently obstruct the teats. In some cases, lambs that appear to be nursing may not be getting milk due to these plugs. Stripping the teats will also confirm the ewe has milk. Lambs should be monitored closely to make sure they nurse. Lambs that have nursed will have a full stomach upon palpation. Crotching ewes prior to lambing will enhance the lambs' ability to access the udders, particularly with long-fleeced ewes. Lambs that have not nursed should be assisted. Most lambs have a strong suckling reflex shortly after birth, and will nurse when presented a teat. It may be necessary to close the lamb's mouth on the teat and/or squirt milk in the lamb's mouth to initiate suckling. An effort should be made to help the lamb nurse the ewe before other methods are used to get colostrum into the lamb.

In some cases, the lamb is unable to nurse the ewe even with assistance. These lambs may be small, weak, chilled, rejected by the ewe, or injured. In these cases, stomach tube feeding is necessary to get colostrum into the lamb. Lamb stomach tubes that attach to syringes are available commercially and should be on hand for all shepherds. With the lamb's head in a natural position, insert the tube in the side of the lamb's mouth, following the roof of the mouth down into the throat. Don't force the tube down; rather allow the lamb to swallow as the tube goes down the esophagus. The tube can be felt on the outside of the neck as it is inserted down into the stomach, and will go in about 12 inches. Although it is difficult to get the tube down the trachea (windpipe), the tube can be checked to see if air is being expelled (listen or moisten end of tube to see if bubble forms). After inserting of the tube, give the colostrum slowly. Lambs should receive 20 cc colostrum per pound of body weight. As a reference, 30 cc equals approximately 1 ounce. Therefore, a 10-pound lamb should receive 200 cc or about 7 ounces of colostrum in the first 30 minutes after birth. After the initial tube feeding, many lambs will respond and begin to nurse on their own. If not, the lamb may need to be tube fed every two to three hours after the initial feeding.

The source of colostrum for these cases is another important consideration. The first choice would be from the lamb's mother. If colostrum is not available from the ewe, another ewe that has just lambed may be a source. It is a good idea to freeze colostrum for future use from ewes that lose their lambs or ewes with singles that are heavy milkers. Colostrum should be pre-measured and frozen using ice cube trays or freezer bags. Frozen colostrum should be thawed with indirect heat (water bath), and not a microwave or direct heat as these can produce enough heat to destroy the antibodies. In an emergency, goat or cow colostrum may be used. There are also commercially available artificial colostrum substitutes.

Post-Lambing Management

The ewe and her lambs need to be monitored closely for the first few days after birth. Healthy lambs are content, and will stretch when getting up and wag their tails when nursing. A gaunt and weak appearance may be indicative of starvation. Check the ewe to be sure she has milk. In the case of multiple births, the smallest lamb may not be able to compete for the milk supply. Constipation can be a problem in newborn lambs if feces dry and mat down on the tail. Cleaning the area with a damp rag will alleviate this problem.

Time spent in the jug will depend largely on the number of jugs available and rate at which ewes are lambing. Strong, healthy singles may be removed from the jugs in 24 to 36 hours after birth and twins after 48 hours. Triplets and ewes with weak lambs may need to stay in the jug for three or more days. Remove ewes and lambs from the jug as quickly as possible, as the longer they are confined, the greater the chances of them contracting pneumonia and diarrhea. Labor requirements are also much greater when ewes are confined to the jugs.

Before turning ewes and lambs out of the jugs, record pertinent information on the ewes and lambs. Appropriately identify the lambs (ear tags, paint brands, ear notches, etc.) at this time as well. The ability to match a ewe with her lambs can be a very helpful management tool. Thin, poor-doing lambs may indicate a health problem in the ewe (mastitis) or inferior milking ability.

Most of Virginia is deficient in selenium. Selenium and/or vitamin E deficiency causes white muscle disease in lambs. To prevent this disease and for all-around flock health and performance, provide the ewe flock with a high-selenium complete miner-

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al mix specifically formulated for sheep during gestation (fed free-choice). Additionally, lambs should receive 0.5 cc Bo-Se a day or two after birth. Bo-Se is a combination of vitamin E and selenium.

For systems in which ewes and lambs will be going to pasture immediately after lambing, ewes should be dewormed either two to three weeks prior to lambing or upon leaving the jug. Ewes shed an increased number of worm eggs during the last weeks of gestation and continue through just after lambing.

Upon removal from the jugs, ewes and lambs should be put into a mixing pen with three or four other ewes and their lambs. This will help acclimate them, and they should be closely observed to identify abandoned and rejected lambs. After a day or two, the ewes can then be put into larger groups.

Lambing jugs should be cleaned and rebedded after each ewe and her lambs are removed. Even though the area may look clean, urine and manure in the pen will release ammonia, which is harmful to the newborn lamb's lungs and can lead to pneumonia.

Complications with Newborn Lambs

Hypothermia and Starvation

Hypothermia is defined as low body temperature. This condition may result from a variety of factors including exposure, weakness, trauma, and starvation. Lambs with hypothermia appear weak, gaunt, and hunched up. In severe cases, the lamb may be unable to hold its head up and may even be unconscious. The ears and mouth may feel cold, and the lamb may lack a suckling response. The normal body temperature for lambs is 102° to 103°F. Lambs with temperatures below 100° are considered hypothermic. Use a rectal thermometer to measure body temperature.

In newborn lambs, true hypothermia may result from exposure. In these cases, it is necessary to get warm colostrum into the lamb immediately to bring its body temperature up. Tube feeding is an effective means to administer this colostrum. It may also be necessary to move the lamb into a warmer environment to elevate its body temperature. If wet, the lamb should be dried off and wrapped in a towel. A cardboard box can be used to confine the lamb, with jugs of warm water used as a heat source. This method is similar to the heating boxes that are sold commercially. Heat lamps may also be effective. However, heat lamps should not be used routinely in the lambing barn. They are expensive to operate, and do not supply enough heat to prevent hypothermia. They also are a fire risk. Healthy lambs are adaptable to very cold temperatures, provided the environment is dry and free of cold drafts. As the lamb warms up, monitor its body temperature. Water baths have also been used to warm lambs, although care should be exercised not to use very hot water (>105°F), which will warm the lamb too quickly and cause shock.

For lambs that are older than 24 hours, hypothermia usually is a result of starvation. Without energy from milk, lambs become hypoglycemic, then hypothermic and may die. Treatment for these situations is similar to that used for the newborn, with the exception that older lambs need not receive colostrum. Milk replacer can be fed with a bottle or feeding tube. The milk should be warm, but not hot when a drop is placed on the inside of your wrist. As a guideline, these older lambs should receive 6 to 8 ounces of milk per feeding.

Orphan Lambs

Orphan lambs may result from abandonment, rejection, or the death of the ewe. Options to consider are grafting the lambs on another ewe, artificial rearing with milk replacer, or selling the lambs if an outlet is available.

Many methods are used to graft orphan lambs to other ewes. The largest, most aggressive lamb is usually the best candidate to graft. Grafting works best when the lambs to be grafted are similar in age to the ewes' own lambs. Grafting a triplet lamb to a ewe with a single is the usual case. The grafting process should be initiated as soon after birth as possible. The longer the ewe and her lambs are together, the stronger the bond to each other becomes. Older lambs are difficult to graft not only due to rejection by the adopting ewe, but also rejection of the ewe by the orphan lamb. In all cases, as described previously, colostrum intake by the orphan lamb in the first 24 hours is important.

To get a ewe to accept an orphan lamb, the ewe must think the lamb is her own. Some ewes are easier to fool than others. If grafting to a ewe that has just given birth to her own lamb, rub the orphan lamb in the birthing fluids and afterbirth to give the orphan lamb the smell of her own lamb. Another method involves a stocking that is worn by the adoptive ewe's own lamb for a day or two, and then placed on the orphan lamb. In all cases, place the ewe's head in a stanchion so she can eat and drink but not turn to smell and fight the lambs. This forces the ewe to allow the orphan lamb to nurse. The length of time required for

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successful grafting varies. Over a period of three to seven days, most ewes will accept the new lamb. Ewes with grafted lambs should be monitored closely once they are turned out.

Lambs may also be raised artificially on milk replacer. The milk replacer should be specifically formulated and labeled for lambs. Again, lambs require colostrum within the first 24 hours after birth and then may be placed on milk replacer. The best candidate for artificial rearing in a multiple birth situation is the smallest, weakest lamb. The sooner the lamb is taken off the ewe, the easier it is to train to the bottle. It frequently takes several feedings to train the lamb to the bottle. Starting with a hungry lamb (five to six hours since last feeding) will assist in training. It may be necessary to force-feed the bottle. Lambs will consume around 20 percent of their body weight in milk per day. This would equate to about 38 ounces per day for a 12-pound lamb (12 pounds x 16 ounces per pound x .20 = 38 ounces). This amount should be divided according to how many times the lamb will be fed per day. One- to two-day-old lambs should be fed a minimum of four times a day, while older lambs can be fed only twice. Initially, the milk should be fed warm to stimulate intake. Once lambs are acclimated to the bottle, time and labor are saved if the lambs are fed cold milk in a bucket feeder. It is important to thoroughly clean the nipple bucket at least twice daily and to keep the milk fresh to avoid spoiling. When putting lambs on the self-feeding bucket, group them by age and size to avoid competition. A warm, dry pen is important for the health of artificially reared lambs. Another important aspect of bottle feeding is to get the lambs started on dry feed and water as soon as possible. Have fresh lamb creep feed (20 percent protein) available to these lambs at one week of age. Artificially reared lambs can be weaned as early as three weeks of age (minimum weight of 20 pounds). Research at Virginia Tech has indicated lambs can be artificially reared for around \$25 per head. For more information on this subject, refer to Profitable Artificial Rearing of Lambs, Virginia Cooperative Extension publication 410-023.

Docking and Castration

There are several tools available for docking and castration, including:

- Knife
- Emasculator
- Elastrator
- All-in-one Castrator
- Burdizzo Emasculatome

Your choice of instrument depends on your management practices and the lamb's age at docking and castration. All of these tools, when used correctly with proper sanitation, are effective.

Lambs that are docked stay cleaner and are less likely to have fly strike. Mature sheep with intact tails may have problems at breeding and lambing time. Intact males are frequently discounted at marketing. Feeding ram lambs and ewe lambs together may result in decreased weight gains and unwanted pregnancies.

Docking and castration are best when performed at the same time, usually two to five days after birth. At a young age, there will be less stress on the lambs. Additionally, these practices are faster and simpler to perform for the producer when the lambs are young. Lambs should be docked before they reach two weeks of age, and castrated by six weeks of age.

Vaccination of ewes with *Clostridium perfringens* type C and D with tetanus approximately three weeks before lambing will provide protection for lambs against tetanus (via colostrum), provided docking and castration are done a few days after birth. If ewes have not been vaccinated with tetanus prior to lambing, lambs should receive 300 IU of tetanus antitoxin as well as tetanus toxoid. Do not mix the antitoxin and toxoid in the same syringe or give in the same location (use opposite sides of neck). The toxoid produces an immune response in the lamb, while the antitoxin provides antibodies. For lambs that are three to four weeks old at docking and/or castration, vaccinate with tetanus toxoid. The antitoxin may be used in high-risk situations.

As a guideline, the tail should be docked at the point in which the caudal skin folds join into the tail. These skin folds are found on the underneath side of the tail, just above the anus, and terminate about 1 inch down the tail. Exercise care to avoid docking tails extremely short. Excessively short tail docks, in combination with other factors, contribute to an increased incidence of rectal prolapses.

An emasculator is frequently used for docking. The emasculator has both a crushing and cutting mechanism. The crushing mechanism seals the blood vessels on the tail remaining on the lamb, while the cutting edge effectively removes the tail. The burdizzo works in a similar fashion to crush the tissue on the end of the tail. A knife is used to cut off the long end of the tail (inside the burdizzo). With the emasculator and burdizzo, each device should be left on the tail for approximately 30 seconds

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to help prevent bleeding. Application of elastrator bands is also quite common, especially for producers with sheep that will be exhibited at shows. Since tail removal with the elastrator bands is a two- to three-week process, fly strike can be a problem. The tail can be cut off below the band after two or three days to speed the removal process.

Before castration, it is important to confirm both testicles are descended. The most popular choice for castration is the knife. With the lamb held in a sitting position, cut the bottom third of the scrotum off with a knife or the scissors portion of the all-in-one tool. Push the cut end of the scrotum towards the body to expose one testicle. Use your fingers, or all-in-one tool to grab the testicle firmly. With your free hand use your thumb and index finger to grab the neck of the scrotum and hold it firmly against the lamb's body. Between your fingers you should feel the cord of the testicle. Slowly and gently pull the testicle out until the cord breaks, allowing the cord to slip between your thumb and index finger while maintaining pressure on the scrotum against the body wall. This procedure will help prevent hernias. Repeat the procedure for the second testicle. Cutting or severing the testicle cord with a knife will cause bleeding and should be avoided.

An elastrator band may also be used for castration. The band is placed around the neck of the scrotum, just below the teats. Be sure to have both testicles in the scrotum when the band is released. In two to three weeks the scrotum will fall off. As with the tail, the scrotum may be removed below the elastrator band after a few days, which will leave a small cut that will heal quickly.

After docking and castration, wounds should be treated with iodine or wound dressing. Docking and castration should be delayed for lambs that are small, weak, thin, or unhealthy. These lambs should be allowed to regain strength before processing.

Checklist of Supplies and Equipment for Lambing Time

OB sleeves	frozen colostrum
OB lube	lamb milk replacer
thermometer	18 and 20 gauge needles (1 inch)
ear tags and tagger	3, 6, and 12 cc syringes
vaginal retainer	7% iodine solution
lamb warming box	injectable selenium/vitamin E
heat lamps	tetanus antitoxin
scissors	fly spray
docking and castration tools	propylene glycol
stomach tube with 60 cc syringe	antibiotics
bottle with lamb nipples	electrolytes

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