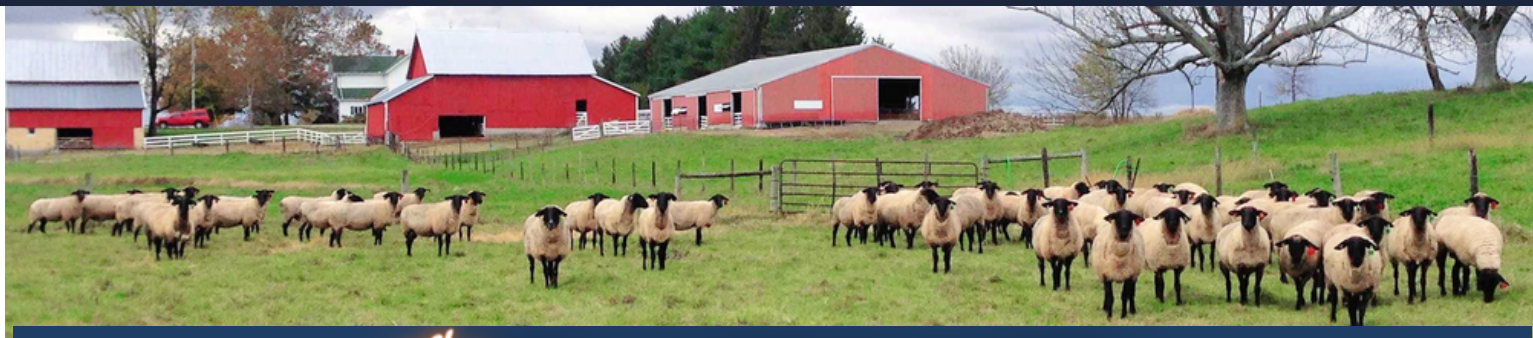




the Rambler

ISSUE 2 • SPRING 2023



The **EVENT** *Suffolk Weekend 2023*
June 9-11 **SUFFOLKS • SOCIALIZING • SEMINARS • SALE • JR SHOW**
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
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United **SUFFOLK** SHEEP ASSOCIATION

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Digital Suffolk 101 • Suffolk Producer Panel - Lessons Learned for a Successful Operation • Direct Marketing of Lamb • Data 101: How to Improve Your Bottom Line • Digital Suffolk: Bells & Whistles • New USDA Livestock Drug Regulations/Off-Label Drug Use • Breed Standard • Using Ultrasound Scanning for Carcass Evaluation • Preventing Losses from Abortion Diseases

YOUTH TRACK

Creepy Crawlers • Skill-a-thon • Sheep Health 101 • Shepardy • Where's the Meat?

Join Us! THE EVENT DEADLINES

April 24

SALE ENTRY

JUST SEEING THIS? NOT TOO LATE TO CONSIGN -
FAX OR EMAIL ENTRIES BY MAY 1!

May 15

REGISTRATION

May 27

JUNIOR SHOW

A PUBLICATION OF
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OTHER UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- May 25 - National Junior Show Entry Deadline - allamericanjuniorshow.com
- June 1 - Suffolk Ambassador, Suffolk Foundation Scholarships, UJSSA Director
- June 16/17 - National Suffolk Sale
- August 1 - Intent to run for USSA Board of Directors



Share your Suffolk photos! Send to info@suffolks.org
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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Educational Sessions (6/9-6/10)

Registration is required for individuals planning to attend the educational sessions. Full registration includes Friday night supper and a reservation for the Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday evening.

Hall of Fame Banquet Only (6/10)

Reservations can be made for the Hall of Fame banquet. For children, there will be a pizza buffet and game room in and adjacent room – reservations for this will be designated as a child reservation.

Sale (6/10)

No registration is required to attend/consign to the sale. Sale entry is separate and found on the USSA website. The sale entry deadline is April 27.

Junior Show (6/11)

No registration is required to participate/attend the junior show. The Junior Show entry is separate and found on the USSA website.

FULL REGISTRATION

Member Individual Registration (includes Friday night meal & Hall of Fame banquet) x \$50 = _____

Child Registration (includes Friday night meal & Hall of Fame banquet) x \$30 = _____

Member Family Registration* (includes Friday night meal & Hall of Fame banquet) \$150 = _____

*Family registration: please indicate the number of adult(s) (____) and children (____)

Non-Member Registration (includes Friday night meal & Hall of Fame banquet) x \$100 = _____

HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Adult Reservation x \$40 = _____

Child Reservation x \$20 = _____

Total: _____

INTEREST INDICATOR (for penning):

____ I/We plan to consign sheep ____ I/We plan to participate in the junior show

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 15

Return Reservations By • Email: info@suffolks.org • Fax: 734-335-7646 • Mail: USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642

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What advice would you give someone looking to purchase a Suffolk ram or ewe?

"I really think the most important thing is to have goals in mind with what your offspring will be marketed to. A Suffolk can be big tall and lean, short and square or somewhere in between. Be sure you understand what your buyers will want before you invest in a ram or ewe to breed. "

-Jack Blattner, Idaho

"When picking a ram or ewe, identify what traits you want in your next breeding piece, and why you want to select for those traits. Next, go to as many farms and meet as many breeders as possible. Listen to what their production goals are and evaluate if any of their sheep objectively meet your desires."

-Dino Vinci, U of Idaho Shepherd, Idaho

"When considering a Suffolk ewe or ram purchase it is helpful to keep in mind the goals for your investment. There are different traits that are needed to fit each operations needs.

With that in mind search out a breeder that can provide stock along with guidance and support to help further the chance of success. Focus on healthy animals that will thrive in your flock."

-Marlin Subra, Wisconsin

"Know your ewe flock well; it's strengths and weaknesses. Have a predictable goal in mind and know where to find the genetics that you need to improve your ewe's progeny. Do your homework. Study potential purchases carefully. The best ram for you may not be the best one for other flocks. Buy the best quality that you can afford and be sure that he passes a breeding soundness exam and represents the breed well. Make progress where you need it without losing ground in other traits. Make incremental progress and avoid extremes. Avoid the trap of single trait selection."

-Bill Zwyers, Indiana

"Ask questions about longevity, fertility, libido, and udder construction.

Suffolks should live. Ewes should routinely go into 6+ years of age before we start to think about them "aging out". And rams should last that long as well. While ewes may need to be fanned and fed grapes to get them to cycle during the heat of the summer, the ram needs to be ready to work at any point in time and be able to handle some stress and still remain fertile. Not all do.

Udder quality is something that is so underrated to discuss! If you're keeping daughters, you have to think about milk production and udder construction. Teat placement and teat size are such important traits for lamb survival. I'm not in the barn 24 hours a day, nor do I want to be. Lambs need to have every opportunity to find the udder and easily latch on. "

-Greg Ahart, California

"In my opinion purchasing a ram needs to be well researched in order to gather as much information as possible. What positive or negative traits he may pass on to his offspring if retaining female offspring need to be of utmost importance. 1 generation of offspring can play a major role on the projection of your flock for multiple generations in the future. In my opinion less than 10% of rams from a particular contemporary group are true "Stud Rams". Linebred rams tend to breed more true than the outliers within a group. You will truly never realize the true value of a "Stud Ram" until you lamb his daughters & granddaughters. Often times mature rams if offered for sale can be the best investment.

When purchasing females I recommend purchasing a group of like bred ewes from a breeder whom you think will help you with any problems may arise in the future. If only in the market for one I would recommend selecting a female with a proven lineage & one that aligns with your current production goals. From my previous experiences in the last 32 years regardless of where you purchase females only maybe 60% will meet your expectations within 5 years.

I would also recommend on selecting ewes from a breeder who has at least somewhat of a similar feeding & management program as yourself as this will help limit some of the factors that you may encounter. The fewer flocks you use to gather genetics from will most definitely help with biosecurity issues such as footrot, soremouth, parasites, abortion agents & what not."

-Jim Van Dyke, South Dakota

"When buying rams, I prefer to go visit the flock in person, so I can see all the rams, along with the sires, dams and siblings. I generally ask lots of questions about lamb vigor, dam's mothering ability, and other things that you won't know from visual evaluation alone. I want to put my hands on the ram, check the mouth and testicles, evaluate the muscle and top line. I ask to see production data (weights, EBVs) and see how it compares to the contemporary group. And most importantly, I want to study them on the move to really evaluate structural soundness.

The best advice I ever received was to not be afraid to invest in good rams. This is not the place to try to get by on the cheap."

-Jeremy Geske, Minnesota

"That is a hard one depends on what kind of Suffolk you want to raise? For myself I look for level hip good on the feet and legs depth of body good bone and breed characteristics."

-Mike Olsen, Utah



THE EVENT SALE
JUNE 9 - 10
Illinois State Fairgrounds
Springfield, Illinois

The American Cheviot Sheep Society will manage THE EVENT. A brand-new Suffolk event with a sale is being held in conjunction with the Cheviot, Oxford, Tunis & Montadale sales currently held in Springfield, Illinois. All sale entries are due by April 25th. Mail your entries to Jeff Ebert PO Box 231, Wamego, KS 66547.

LOCATION: Illinois State Fairgrounds, North Sheep Barn Springfield, Illinois. All sale sheep will be housed in this facility.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW:

Friday, June 9th at 6:00 PM. Sale Order will be determined by the paid attendees of THE EVENT. Every attendee, including consignors will get one vote. Sheep will be lined up in the ring by age, oldest to youngest. The top 10 rams and top 10 ewes will be determined by the vote and sold in that order. All the rest of the rams and ewes will be sold by birthdate. Oldest to youngest. Sheep can be presented slick or in fleece. Only requirements, as this is a show where the Suffolk breed is on display, the sheep need to be washed within a week of the show and either sheared or cut out in 2023.

SALE: Saturday, June 10th, Following the Cheviot, Tunis, Oxford and Montadale sales at approximately 12:00 PM, with Billy MacCauley as Auctioneer. The Suffolk Sale will not begin before 12:00 PM.

- **ENTRY DEADLINE – APRIL 25th:** Please, be on time! We want to have the catalog out in good time to prospective buyers and we simply cannot wait for late entries. Email entries will be accepted. Emailed and faxed entries will not be cataloged until entry fees are received.
- **ENTRY FEES & COMMISSION–** Entry fees are \$30/head payable at time of entry. In addition to the entry fee, 11% of the final bid will be charged as a sales commission. 10% to ACSS as sale manager and 1% to the USSA. Entry fees are non-refundable on any sheep that are sifted or otherwise fail to make the sale. Please use the enclosed entry form. If you need additional room, simply photocopy the form, or provide the information on a blank sheet of paper. Information Sale Day will be accepted, but you should make every attempt to provide pedigree information to the prospective buyers. **Remember the April 25th deadline, and please be on time!!!**
- **LATE ENTRIES:** For all entries received after the deadline date and before the catalog is printed, we will make every effort to include these in the catalog. All entries that are received after the catalog is printed will be charged a late entry fee of \$60 per head. A consignor who has entries in the catalog and then later adds additional entries will be assessed the normal \$30 per head entry fee.
- **Junior Show:** Sheep sold through the sale are eligible to be shown by the junior on Sunday, June 11th in Springfield, Illinois as part of THE EVENT.

CATALOG: A sale catalog will be sent out a few weeks prior to the sale and it will be posted on the USSA website.

READ THIS To consign a ram, the consignor must consign a ewe. Maximum of two rams can be consigned by a consignor. A consignor may enter as many ewes as they wish.

SCRAPIE IDENTIFICATION: All entries must carry Scrapie ID. You will need to have Scrapie ID on your Health Papers. The State of Illinois now requires out-of-state consignors to obtain an entry permit no more than 72 hours before entering Illinois. The permit may be obtained by calling the Illinois Dept. of Ag. (217-782-4944). More information on health papers and regulations will be sent to all consignors a few weeks prior to the sale.

MINIMUM BID: There will be a minimum bid of \$400 on all entries.

USSA BREED CONTACT: Rob Zelinsky, 605-354-8248, Robert.zelinsky@hubbardfeeds.com

PLEASE SEND ALL ENTRIES BY APRIL 25th & MAKE FEES PAYABLE TO:

American Cheviot Sheep Society MAIL TO: Jeff Ebert PO Box 231 Wamego, KS 66547

ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED WITH NO LATE FEES UNTIL MAY 1. MUST BE FAXED (785-456-8599) OR EMAILED (asregistry@gmail.com)

THE EVENT Suffolk Sale Entry Form

ENTRY DEADLINE APRIL 25th

Did you receive the newsletter
close to the deadline?

Still time to enter!

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ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED WITH NO LATE FEES UNTIL MAY 1. MUST BE FAXED (785-456-8599) OR EMAILED (asregistry@gmail.com)

Consignor _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ / _____ Email Address _____

ALL ENTRIES MUST HAVE SCRAPIE TAGS

Animal's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Birth Date*	Breed	Sex	DNA
Sire's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Dam's Name & Flock Tag			Reg. Number
Comments:					
Animal's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Birth Date*	Breed	Sex	DNA
Sire's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Dam's Name & Flock Tag			Reg. Number
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Animal's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Birth Date*	Breed	Sex	DNA
Sire's Name & Flock Tag	Reg. Number	Dam's Name & Flock Tag			Reg. Number
Comments:					

*Multiple Birth – Single (S), Twin (T), Triplet (Tr), Quadruplet (Qd). Quintuplet (Qt)



National Junior Suffolk Show in conjunction with the All American Junior Show June 29- July 2 • Madison, Wisconsin

**Suffolk Show
Saturday, July 1**

Sheep Classes Offered

Fitted & Slick Shorn Divisions offered!

Rams • Ewes • Ewe Group Classes • Young Flock • Market Lamb • Fleece • Leadline • Dress-A-Sheep

Non-Sheep Classes Offered

Power Point Contest* • Logo Contest* • Ad Layout Contest* • Poster Contest* • Essay Contest* • T-Shirt Logo Contest*
Skill-a-thon • Virtual Shearing

*Eligible for Suffolk Foundation cash prizes if entries promote Suffolks and the exhibitor declares Suffolk as breed at the AAJS.

To learn more visit (include a Facebook logo)

www.allamericanjuniorshow.org

Entry • Schedule • Lodging

UJSSA Suffolk Gathering - Saturday, July 1, 30 minutes following the Suffolk Show

Location: Same Location as Opening Ceremonies



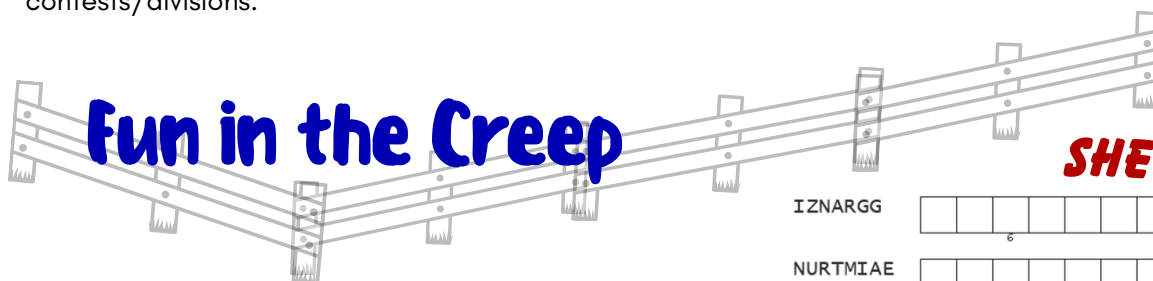
- Recognition of top placing UJSSA Suffolk exhibitors in AAJS contests
- Auction
- UJSSA Exhibitor photo
- Giveaways for 1st time exhibitors
- Meet the UJSSA Board!
- UJSSA Exhibitor photo
- Show memento for each Suffolk exhibitor!

UJSSA Membership Dues

To be recognized as part of the UJSSA National Junior Show you must be a current member of the UJSSA. UJSSA membership must be paid by June 25. Send \$15 to UJSSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642 or contact 641.684.5291.

Suffolk Foundation Support

The United Suffolk Sheep Foundation will provide cash prizes to any first, second or third placing Suffolk exhibitor in the AAJS leadership events. Entries must promote Suffolk sheep and the exhibitor must declare Suffolks as their breed. Cash prizes will be awarded - \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place. These awards are in addition to the awards given by the UJSSA to the top placing UJSSA exhibitor in each of the leadership contests/divisions.



Sheep hEWEmer

Answers on page 8

Q1. What did the polite sheep say while holding the barn door?

Q2. What did the sheep musicians decide to do?

SHEEP RULES

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Ruminant



A herbivorous, even-toed, hoofed mammal that has a complex 4-chambered stomach that chews its cud. Sheep are commonly classified as small ruminants.



Lambtastic!

LAMB CHISLIC

Submitted by Gwen Kitzan, South Dakota

2 pounds American mutton / lamb, cubed

1 tablespoon garlic salt

Oil for frying

Hot sauce to taste

Blue cheese sauce to taste (optional)



The Clever Cleaver

Chislic is a dish consisting of skewered cubes of red meat, usually mutton or lamb, native to South Dakota.

Learn More: sdchislicfestival.com

1. Be sure to remove any silverskin from the mutton/lamb, and make the cubes about an inch across. Dust with the garlic salt.
2. Fill enough oil in a heavy pot or a deep fryer to be able to submerge the mutton/lamb -- you'll be cooking it in batches, so it doesn't need to be huge. Bring it to 350°F. Set out some paper towels to let the finished chislic drain.
3. Pat the meat dry with paper towels and carefully drop about 1/2 pound into the fryer. It will roil violently. Let the mutton/lamb fry for about 2 minutes, then move it to the paper towels to drain. Repeat with the remaining mutton/lamb, a 1/2 pound at a time.
4. Serve with toothpicks, hot sauce, blue cheese sauce, and fries or Saltines.

Note: Enjoy with your favorite beverage and raise your glass to the American Sheep Producer!

Do you have a LAMBTASTIC recipe to share?

Submit to recipe and photo to info@suffolks.org to be featured in the next issue!

Sheep hEWEmer: Q1 A. After Ewe. Q2: Join a band.

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR VACANCY

There is director vacancy in District 4 as Tom Begg has stepped down. The USSA Board will select an individual in May to fill the position until the election next fall. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, submit your name and a brief bio to the USSA Office by May 5th. Please submit information via email - info@suffolks.org or fax - 734.335.7646

If you are unsure if you meet the qualifications to serve as a director, please review the following.

1. A member in good standing. (Article III. Membership. Section 1. General Qualifications)
2. A member must have registered sheep with the Association in the 12 months preceding the declaration of their candidacy and in the immediate prior 24 months (Article V. Directors. Section 2. Number and Qualifications)

For questions regarding eligibility, please contact a the USSA Office.

www.midwestsale.com



Grand Champion Ram
Yearling Ram
from Oak Hill Farm
sold to Reid Merrill and Family at \$4500

VIEW THE NEW SCHEDULE ONLINE
www.midwestsale.com

June 12-17, 2023

Follow us: **Midwest Stud Ram Sale**

All Shows & Sales Live Streamed on www.dvauction.com

ENTRIES DUE MAY 1

SEDALIA
MISSOURI STATE FAIR GROUNDS

Grand Champion Ewe
1st Yearling Ewe
from Riverview Livestock
sold to Hoskins Stock Farm, IA at \$3750

Heartland
LIVESTOCK SERVICES, LLC

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The One and Only
MIDWEST
STUD RAM SALE
NORTH AMERICA'S GREATEST SHEEP SALE...

SUFFOLK SHOW
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

SUFFOLK SALE
Friday, June 16, 2023



NEW

BREEDER LISTINGS

The Suffolk Rambler is a quarterly newsletter mailed to USSA and UJSSA members. Breeders can have their name, flock/farm name, location, phone, email and website listed for \$100 per year or prorated at \$25 per month. Contact the USSA Office to be added!

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FOUNDATION NEWS

 @suffolksuffolkfoundation

The United Suffolk Sheep Foundation has several upcoming fundraising events:

- May 1 - Suffolk Foundation Online Semen Benefit Fundraiser Auction, wlivestock.com
- June 10 - Suffolk Hall of Fame Recognition Evening, Springfield, Illinois

Suffolk Enthusiasts can support to the Suffolk Foundation anytime by contributing stocks/bonds, IRA, 401K, land, sheep/semen, or Suffolk memorabilia. Contact the USSA Office to learn more!



A 501 (c)(3) charitable non-profit organization supporting the Suffolk breed through:

- Youth Development
- Education
- Research

SPOTLIGHT: EMPLOYER MATCHING FUNDS

Some employers will match a contribution to a charitable organization. Check with your employer to find out if they offer this benefit!

To-date Caterpillar Foundation has contributed over \$5,000 to the Foundation through donor matched funds!

CATERPILLAR
FOUNDATION

CATERPILLAR

Foundation Fundraiser Items

Keychain - Bottle Opener - Charm - Pin/Tie Tack



All items \$20/each

Contact the Suffolk Office to order!

SUFFOLK

2023 Hall of Fame



Martin & Chris Anville
VIRGINIA



Stan & Sharon Heitz
ILLINOIS

HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION

Saturday, June 10 - 6pm - Springfield, Illinois

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EVENT: SUFFOLK WEEKEND 2023



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Po Box 121
Holland, IA 50642

A Collaborative Publication



REFLECTION



Photo credit: Mike Olsen, UT

THE SUFFOLK RAM

BIG, GROWTHY, MUSCULAR, 3-DIMENSIONAL, POWERFUL TERMINAL SIRE

THE SUFFOLK EWE

ENCOMPASSES MATERNAL MOTHERING AND MILKING ABILITY TO GET GROWTHY SUFFOLK LAMBS OFF TO GREAT START

Suffolks are found in the western range, farm flocks, purebred operations, commercial operations, feedlots, a part of youth projects and in the showing. Reflect on the fact that Suffolks are the essential terminal sire and demanded in the US Sheep Industry. Nearly 60% of American lamb is genetically influenced by black faced rams; progress of the Suffolk breed is not only impactful in your flock but essential to the US Sheep Industry.