

William & Susan Shultz

Bunker Hill Farm

Ohio

As a high school sophomore, Bill Shultz purchased his first registered Suffolks from Bill Hurst of Indiana. He exhibited his flock at show and sales throughout the Midwest.

After graduating from Ohio State, Bill was recruited by Larry Mead to be a field man for the Sheep Breeder Magazine. This gave Bill the opportunity to visit purebred flocks from coast to coast. The Midwest Stud Ram Sale became a yearly work assignment for over 25 years.

In 1998, Riverwood Farms wanted to add Suffolks to their operation and Run Guenther asked Bill to be a cooperator with registered Suffolks. In 2002, Bill and Susan purchased Riverwood Suffolks and transitioned the flock to a production-oriented focus. The flock was enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) and extensive data was collected on a yearly basis.

For the last 18 years, Bunker Hill Farm has been a leader in using breeding values as a selection tool for their Suffolk flock. Recently Bunker Hill Farm has recognized the need to also collect genomic information in particular, the myostatin gene in their flock.

Bunker Hill Farm focuses on providing genetics to the western range operations.

From the beginning of their marriage, both Bill and Susan have found time to serve as industry leaders at the county, state, and national levels. Bill was elected President of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association (OSIA) in 1979 and Susan served as OSIA President in 2009 and 2010.

Bill was a director to the American Sheep Producers Council and served on the Lamb Council. Both Bill and Susan are now active in the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) with Bill serving on the Genetic Stakeholders committee and Susan serving as ASI President.

In 2004, Bill, Susan and their son Joe were honored to receive the ASI Environmental Stewardship Award for their efforts in enriching and protecting their land for future generations.

Genetic Improvement has been and will continue to be a goal of Bunker Hill Farm as they look towards the future.