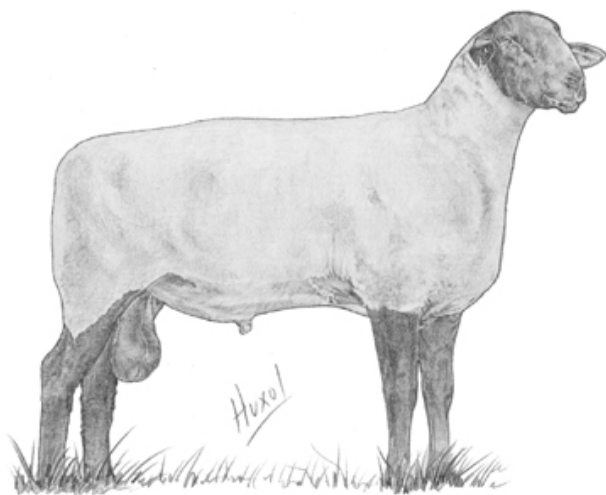


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2022	Bill & Betsy MacCauley
2022	Bill Royer
2020/2021	Marlin Berg & Family
2020/2021	Alan Culham
2020/2021	Jim Peifer / Kurt Birky
2020/2021	William & Susan Shultz, Bunker Hill Farm
2019	John Ascuaga
2019	Spelman B. Collins
2019	Rob Frost
2019	Ken McMillan
2018	Greg Deakin, The Banner Sheep Magazine
2018	Richard & Cindy Jones Family, Five Star 'J' Farms
2018	Larry & Linda Pauly, Double L Livestock
2018	Sam & Pat Wiford, Wiford Suffolks
2018	Bob & Mary Wilson
2017	Johnson Club Lambs, Weldon & Brian Johnson
2017	Alan & Mary Kjedaard
2017	Ansel Luxford
2017	Buckeye Acres, Ron & Carla Young
2016	Clyde & Justina George & George Brothers
2016	Millers Livestock, Brentford & Brenda Miller
2016	Chuck Ream, Windswept Ranch
2016	Duane & Marcia Sickels
2016	John & Pam Sponaugle
2016	Dwight Stone, Stonemark Suffolks
2015	B.B. Burroughs
2015	Bob & Mark Chapman
2015	John Eagle
2015	Dr. Ben Huff
2015	George Hunter
2015	Sherwood Jackson
2015	Donna Mays
2015	Pearce McKinney
2014	Andrus Suffolks, Ken & Jim Andrus
2014	Andy Asberry
2014	Tom Burke
2014	Jim & Jacky Caras
2014	Hawkins Farm Suffolks, Glen "Sadie" Hawkins & Joy Hawkins
2014	Marvin & Sandy Heupel
2014	Joe Holbrook
2014	Bob Kimm
2014	Norman Olsen Family

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2014	Tom Slack, Slack Club Lambs
2013	Wes Azeltine
2013	Betty Biellier & Family
2013	George and Fred Buckham
2013	Fred A. & Marian Coble
2013	Robert Hall
2013	Heggemeier Sheep Farms, Bill & Alice Heggemeier & James & Jody Heggemeier
2013	Dr. Harold A. Henneman
2013	Bill & Helen Hurst
2013	Jarvis Sheep Co.
2013	Allan & VeNeal Jenkins & Annette Benson
2013	Warren Kuhl
2013	Jack Larsen
2013	Pearson Linn
2013	Larry Mead
2013	Roger Nichols
2013	Olsen Brothers, Alden & Snell
2013	Bob & Margie Paasch & Family, Donner Trail Ranch
2013	Richard Roe
2013	Roland (Rollie) & Ruth Rosenboom
2013	Wayne & Mary Skartvedt
2013	DuWayne Swenson
2013	Craig Van Arkel, Van Arkel Suffolks
2013	Harlan & Edwina Wagner
2013	Farrell Wankier
2013	Roy & Joe Warrick
2013	Bud & Julia Westlake & Family

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suffolks.org/hof.html

Bill & Betsy MacCauley

Pennsylvania

Bill MacCauley was born into the Suffolk breed. His mother, Joan Lawrence, raised Suffolks as a 4-H project, and the flock grew from there. Betsy purchased her first Suffolk ewe lamb as a 4-H project from Bill's parents. Their children, Chris and Kyle, grew up raising and showing Suffolks, and both are still involved with the family flock. Today, the MacCauley flock, located in Atglen, Pennsylvania consists of 350 registered ewes and 100 crossbred ewes used as recipis for the embryo transfer program. Evan Snyder is the farm manager who works with their breeding program, and he also judges many shows across the country.

The Suffolk breed has changed dramatically over the years, and their flock has also evolved. They have always wanted their Suffolks to have good breed character, longevity, fertility, and excellent maternal abilities while being structurally sound and easy-keeping. Their perception of these characteristics has changed over time, and as the flock has expanded, they have become even more stringent in their criteria. What they accepted years ago would land in their butcher pen today.

Several sires changed the direction of their breeding program. "Goldstreak" Donner Trail DTR 04-1503, and "Granite" MacCauley 1757 were highly impactful in their frame breeding program. Since redirecting their breeding program toward more moderate-framed, practical Suffolks, four rams have contributed significant genetics that propelled their breeding program to where it is today. These rams are MacCauley 2510, "Hammer" Slack 1226, "Red" MacCauley 3356, and MacCauley 4350.

MacCauley's advertise in multiple sheep markets and sell at many sales, including their own online production sales. They also utilize social media.

The MacCauley's sell Suffolks to breeders across the US and have exported rams to Canada. They target many of their efforts to enthusiastic young breeders who will stay in the Suffolk business. Additionally, they direct market lamb products to local restaurants. No matter how their Suffolks are marketed, they find it gratifying every time they have a repeat customer or a customer who extols the virtues of their breeding stock.

Bill and Betsy are strong supporters of Suffolk organizations. They lead the US in the number of Suffolks registered and transferred. Bill served several years on the USSA Board and now serves on the Suffolk Foundation Board.

They donate high-quality ewe lambs to the Ewe Lamb Give-a-way program, which has been very popular with young people introducing them to registered Suffolks. They are

outstanding supporters of the Suffolk Foundation and support many junior shows. In 2013 Bill and Betsy were the recipients of the Junior Advocate Award, an award selected and given by the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association board of directors. Outside of the Suffolk Organizations, Bill and Betsy have been heavily involved with 4-H in their local area. Recently inducted to the Pennsylvania Livestock Hall of Fame, Bill and Betsy are advocates for youth, the livestock industry, and the Suffolk breed.

The MacCauley's are working to see the Suffolk breed regain the strength and popularity it once held in the sheep industry. They feel that by focusing on the strengths Suffolks provide as terminal sires and as a fast-growing meat breed, the breed's resurgence is inevitable.

Bill Royer

Illinois

Bill Royer was a ten year 4-H member and grew up on a dairy farm in Indiana. Raising two sons in Illinois in the late 1970's, Bill initially purchased registered sheep for his sons when they reached 4-H age. After their first year with the sheep, non-Suffolks, they moved to Ft. Madison, Iowa and met a great Suffolk promoter by the name of Bob Mapes. Bob took a liking to Bill's sons, Todd and Scott, and sold them some good Suffolks to get started in the breed. J.D. Stucker of Burlington, Iowa became another good Suffolk friend to Bill. These two men were very instrumental in Bill's start with Suffolk breed. After they spent four years in the Ft. Madison, Iowa area they moved to Davenport, Iowa. It was then that they started to upgrade their flock using genetics from VanArkel and George Brothers. Bill's sons showed sheep in the first National Junior Suffolk Show held in Des Moines, Iowa. Bill has missed very few of the National Junior Suffolk Shows since that time. Bill and his family have always been very thankful to Wayne Skartvedt for his work in developing this junior program.

While Bill's early days with Suffolk sheep were with his sons, his daughter, Melissa, is the one who really took an interest in working with and showing Suffolks. She played the role of fitter and show person. Melissa now has a daughter and son, Avery and Brixton Sullivan, who enjoy showing Suffolks.

Bill's registered ewe flock has varied in size from a few ewes in the early years to nearly 30 ewes in some years. Over the years, Bill worked closely with several other breeders and have developed many, many good friendships. Some of these close friendships developed into ram partnerships with Ken McMillan, Bob Goold, Jon Matthews and Kevin Slack.

While Bill and his family had success in showring, winning has never been their primary goal. They raise the type of Suffolks that they like. Having sheep that are correct and that can produce offspring without problems have always been very important. They have had several National division champions and had the high selling ram and 2nd high selling ewe lamb at the Suffolk National Sale in 2022.

The Suffolk sheep provided Bill with an outlet from the stress of work and at times other challenges in life. Bill remembers sleepless nights due to problems at work or from other sources, he would replace those thoughts with how much he was enjoying raising Suffolks and the promise of the upcoming lambing season. Suffolk sheep have also provided many precious hours with his kids and grandkids.

Bill has cited several things that are his greatest accomplishments. While living in Iowa in the 1980's, the Iowa Suffolk Breeders had a great Junior Suffolk Show. After he moved to Illinois, Bill and his wife Debbie met with the Illinois Suffolk Association and convinced them to start a similar junior show. The Illinois Junior Suffolk Show started in 1989 and has continued for 33 years.

Bill served on the United Suffolk Sheep Association board for six years and served as Treasurer for five of those years. Bill helped move the USSA investment fund to a more aggressive status, than was practiced in the prior years. The increase in earnings of this investment is helping the USSA do some things that could not have done if those earnings has not occurred.

Bill absolutely enjoys working with youth and served as the sheep superintendent at the local Woodford County 4-H fair for approximately 20 years. Woodford County has, without question, the best purebred breeding sheep show in the state of Illinois. Serving in a 4-H leadership role in three states (Indiana, Iowa, and Illinois). Bill was recently inducted into the Illinois 4-H Hall-of-Fame in recognition of his outstanding service.

Bill spearheaded the creation of the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation and has served as the President for the last three years. He also created and funded a scholarship within the Foundation.

Bill loves the Suffolk breed and the people in it and has dedicated his life to endeavors in support of the breed.

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