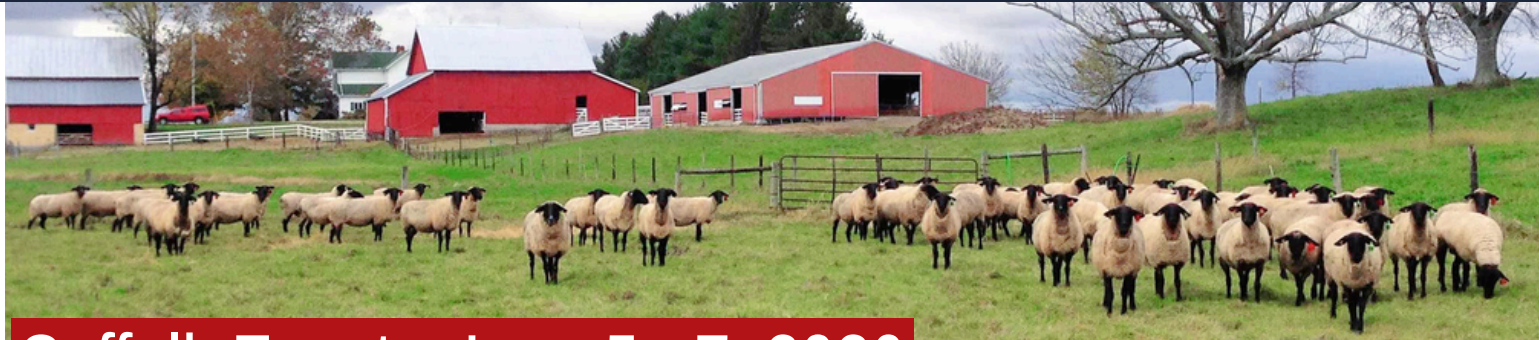




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Suffolk Event - June 5 - 7, 2026

NEW LOCATION

BOONE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - LEBANON, INDIANA

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

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Lebanon Hotels (~5 minute drive)

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\$149/night - [click for booking link](#)

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HAMPTON INN

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765-481-2920

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Baymont Inn - 765-482-9613

Quality Inn - 765-335-2002

HOTELS IN WHITESTOWN/ZIONSVILLE (10 MINUTES)

Home2suits - 463-946-4050

Fairfield Inn - 463-270-0960

Holiday Inn Express - 317-769-0932

Hampton Inn - 317-768-2330

Suffolk Weekend Includes


EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE

BANQUET

JUNIOR SHOW

A Collaborative Publication

Monday, November 24th
7pm central

Join Zoom Meeting (clickable link can also be found at www.suffolks.org)

[Click for Zoom Link](#)

Call-In Number: 16465588656
Meeting ID: 829 6961 2070
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UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- October 15 - Foundation Webinar | Scholarship Application Best Practices, 7pm central (zoom)
- October 20- USSA Online Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale - [@integritylivestocksales.com](#)
- November 14-19 - North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) - livestockexpo.org
- November 24 - USSA Annual Meeting, 7pm central (zoom)



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

Healthy Udders, Healthy Flocks

Presented by Dr. Rosie Busch, Sheep and Goat Extension Veterinarian, UC Davis at The Suffolk Event, June 2025

When we talk about flock productivity, we often focus on genetics, nutrition, or parasite management. But one of the most overlooked drivers of lamb survival and ewe longevity is udder health. A sound udder means more milk for lambs, stronger immunity, and more productive years from the ewe. Conversely, unsound udders or mastitis can wear away at a flock's performance over time.



Research in Australian Merino flocks has underscored just how serious the problem can be. Ewes with faulty udders increased lamb mortality by nearly 50 percent, with starvation deaths several times more common than in ewes with healthy udders. Similar patterns show up here in the U.S., where mastitis and poor udder structure often go unnoticed until lambs fail to thrive.

Mastitis is the condition most producers recognize. In its clinical form, ewes develop painful, swollen udders, and abnormal milk. Severe cases, such as the dreaded "blue bag," can threaten the ewe's life as well as her lambs. Subclinical mastitis, however, is more insidious. The milk may look normal, yet somatic cell counts (an indication of inflammation) are high, milk production is reduced, and over time, the udder tissue hardens and becomes fibrotic.

Conformation faults are another hidden challenge. Pendulous udders, poor attachments, asymmetry, or enlarged teats make it harder for lambs to nurse and easier for bacteria to take hold. Even injuries, such as orf lesions or trauma, or systemic diseases like Ovine Progressive Pneumonia can set the stage for udder infections.

Fortunately, producers have practical tools to protect udder health. Regular checks are invaluable. A quick look and feel for lumps, swelling, or asymmetry often tell the story. Stripping milk onto a dark surface can reveal changes in consistency or color, while the California Mastitis Test offers an inexpensive way to detect subclinical infections. Timing also matters. Post-weaning is ideal for identifying chronic problems, while lambing season reveals faults only visible when udders are full.

Flocks that maintain low levels of udder problems tend to follow a consistent routine. Producers "mouth and bag" ewes at weaning, culling thin or unsound ewes before breeding. Clean, dry lambing areas reduce the risk of environmental mastitis, and bonding pens allow closer observation in those critical early days. Above all, having a clear plan for isolating and treating mastitis cases ensures the best outcomes for both ewe and lamb.

The bottom line is simple: a healthy udder is the foundation of a healthy lamb crop. Investing time in prevention and careful observation pays off in stronger lambs, longer-lasting ewes, and more productive flocks.

For additional guidance, reach out to your local veterinarian or extension office.



Follow on Instagram: @ucd.srvr

Suffolk Event presentations posted @ www.suffolks.org!



Entry Deadline is October 7th!

Junior Show Judge: Alex Wolf **Open Show Judge:** Alex Wolf

Sheep Events: November 14 -19

Complete schedule, premium book and entry information can be found at www.livestockexpo.org.

RETURNING FOR 2025! NAILE show programs will be offered by the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation for the junior and open Suffolk shows. The programs can be picked up at the Suffolk booth - free will donation. Programs will include sheep entered. Class splits/updated entries will be posted by NAILE after check-in is complete.

Open Show Exhibitors: As listed in the NAILE premium book, there is a \$10 per head entry fee for open show entries, paid directly to the United Suffolk Sheep Association prior to the show. There is no additional entry fee for the junior show. After NAILE, unpaid open show entries are \$20 per head.

THE SUFFOLK SHEEP



Photo credit: Mike Olsen, UT

Suffolks are found in the western range, farm flocks, purebred operations, commercial operations, feedlots, a part of youth projects, and in the showing. 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.

THE SUFFOLK RAM

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

THE SUFFOLK EWES

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

With the demands of a busy schedule, sheep breeders are looking for ways to manage it all more efficiently. What strategies or tools have you implemented on your operation to streamline your schedule/reduce workload?

"We try to do "team" meeting Sunday evenings to go over everyone's schedules in the coming weeks (put them in our phone calendar!). We figure out who is responsible for what & update to do lists."

Christy Zelinsky, South Dakota

"Our workload is made easier by having ewes that pick up the slack. Our lambing records record the ewes that give us trouble free lambing seasons and raise their own lambs. That includes those triplet born and triplet raised. We value ewes that lamb easily unattended, bond with lambs quickly, get the lambs up and going and let down milk in sound, functional, healthy udders. Selection pressure on functionality pays off as a time saver."

Bill Zwyers, Indiana

"I believe sheep should work for us and not us for them. All our ewes are "graded" at lambing time. A 1 represents no issues or assistance needed. Good milk and mothering ability. A 2 is any ewe that I needed to assist, help lamb. Most will get a second chance as I am not sure if it their issue or mine. A ewe that scores 3 came in 1/2 uddered, had udder issues, showed aggression to her lambs and failed to mother them. These ewes are marked for fiestas and will not have lambs retained or sold as breeding stock. To be successful long term one needs to eliminate problems. It makes raising stock less stressful and more pleasurable."

Marlin Subra, Wisconsin

"Many of us must find the best way to care for our livestock while we have a full time off the farm job and other pressures of life. This was true of me, as I would leave home at 6:30 a.m. and not return home until early evening. Often, I would travel out of the county for two or three weeks. I definitely needed my wife to be able to take care of our Suffolks. To enable this, I made sure that we had very good fencing and reliable equipment. Gates on the pens must be easy to use and secure to lock. All sheep have access to automatic water equipment that is freeze proof. Nelson waterers are my choice for their simplicity and reliability. Feeding instructions must be clearly defined. We write them on a white board in the barn. Have the feed and hay as convenient as possible for those who do the work. Whoever is helping you, give them a lot of praise for doing such a great job. :-)"

Bill Royer, Illinois

"With a full-time work schedule, feeding efficiency is key - to maximize, our pens are laid out to minimize steps and avoid accessing pens through pens with feeding bunks/shelters as close to the feed barn as possible. In the lambing barn, we have adopted a similar strategy, all pens/jugs open into the alley to make sorting/moving as straightforward as possible. Careful analysis of the composition of ewe, ram, and lamb pens is helpful as well; the goal is to balance tailored feeding while minimizing the number of pens. Combining like groups can result in a noticeable reduction in the time to complete chores."

John Baglien, Oregon

"Invest in infrastructure for the barn and ease of handling sheep. Think about how to reduce labor hours. For example for equipment, we use lambing jugs from Sydell in a pole barn for lambing. We set them up, and during lambing just keep adding clean bedding, and then when we are done with jugs, we break them down and the space is used for the ewes and lambs. The result is we can clean the barn once a summer with the skid loader, we are never cleaning individual lambing jugs. We also use self-feeders for our feeding our lambs, so we are not handfeeding daily. We also feed the ewes round bales, so I am not feeding small squares daily. I do most of my farm labor on days that are not Monday through Friday. We are looking into automated or controlled feeding systems for all ages of our sheep, including lactating ewes, so that we can reduce the amount of time we spend hand feeding."

John Scott, Minnesota

"Our motto is "Work smarter, not harder." Through the years, we have realized that efficiency is key for us, whether it be through equipment or automation.

We started with automatic waterers years ago. However, we do scrub them twice a day to ensure the water source is clean. Not filling buckets is a huge time savings.

The next big equipment change was when we started feeding large 3' X 3' x 8' hay bales. Not only did we have to use different hay feeders, we also needed bale forks on the tractor, but you can feed a whole lot more sheep in a whole lot less time! We now use Advantage Hay Feeders, which are much more efficient than the old wire compression panels - the sheep waste approximately 20% less hay.

In terms of flock management, a working chute with a turntable is a must. You can work the sheep so much more efficiently.

Data management of the flock is on Herd Boss. All lambs are entered into the system within a few days of birth. Everyone has access to it through the app on their phones. Pedigrees are just a touch away - no more running back to get the lambing chart to find that pedigree info. We also track all buyers, sales, deaths and can enter medication records if necessary.

In regards to the sheep, we have focused on maternal traits, longevity, libido and fertility. Ewes with poor maternal instinct or poor mothering ability are culled. Rams are culled for lack of libido and low fertility. We expect the ewes to have maternal instincts, have milk for at least twins and to maintain their flesh. The rams must be assertive in the breeding pen and must be fertile. Our lambs must be up and nursing and can't need to be coaxed along. We have transformed our flock into sheep that are working for us rather than us working to keep the sheep alive. What a difference that has made!

Regardless of all the changes, it is still hard work and requires passion and dedication! If you don't like what you have in your barn, change it! It may take some time, because as we all know, nothing happens overnight, but in the long run, it's all about those Suffolk Sheep!"

Betsy MacCauley, Pennsylvania

Hello Suffolk breeders and admirers! My name is Allee Hoover and I am currently serving our junior board as the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association President. With the help of our Junior Coordinator, Isaac Lewis, I am so excited to lead a group of outstanding UJSSA members that make up our board this year! Representing various states throughout the U.S, our junior board is filled with so much knowledge and love for Suffolk sheep. We have so many ideas and hope to continue to showcase the excellence of our breed. At a time of so much enthusiasm surrounding producing Suffolk sheep we are thrilled to have the chance to make an impact on our industry. This year we hope to spark even more excitement within our youth through educational events and webinars, social media campaigns, and social events. Throughout the year please check your email and the UJSSA social media platforms for ways to compete in our virtual contests, or to tune in on our educational webinars put on by professionals in the livestock industry. If you are a young Suffolk breeder, make sure to check our website under our "Foundation" tab for the chance to apply for scholarship awards to continue your education. Up to \$53,000 is offered annually in scholarship awards that are given to our UJSSA members. Each year, we also offer our "Ewe Grant Program" where new junior members can apply to be awarded a grant to buy a Suffolk ewe that will help start their flock. Additionally, within our four districts of the U.S, our juniors have the opportunity to win money based on their show placings with their futurity nominated ewes. Suffolk breeders as a part of our USSA senior board and the Suffolk Foundation help to provide endless opportunities for our youth and we are proud to be able to encourage our fellow members to participate. Don't hesitate to contact any of our board members with input or for information about how to take advantage of our programs. From Maine to California, the Suffolk breed meets the needs of hundreds of producers across the country. Whether our junior members hope to succeed as a showman, a producer, or a leader we strive to support them. Our team hopes to create a Suffolk family this year that connects our junior breeders and creates lasting friendships in the sheep industry. We cannot wait to meet some of our members at our upcoming Suffolk EVENT, regional shows, and the National Junior Suffolk Show held at the All-American this year in Maryland! We will see you there!

Thank you to our members, and keep raising amazing Suffolk sheep!

-Allee Hoover

President's Message



Allee Hoover
Washington, Pennsylvania

2026 All-American Junior Show
July 2-5 - Timonium, Maryland

*Mark
YOUR
Calendar!*



- Boyd Allen
- Megan Bedard
- Bow Britz
- Ellee Jaye Browning
- Brooklyn Bruff
- Jenna Bushong
- Paisley Campbell
- Abel, Lainey & Norah Day
- Josie Dillard
- Tallulah Dunlap
- Lucas Dunn
- Keeley Fishler
- Cora Freidenstine
- Blake Froning
- Harlow Fulton

- Ethan R. Giles
- Lila Graham
- Rowan Geier
- Ian Grubbs
- Janell Heaton
- Allison & Hannah Heegeman
- Marshall Heldberg
- Analyn Herrera
- McCoy Hewitt
- Susannah Hinz
- Isaac & Norah Holeczynski
- Emma Jo & Luke Hunt
- Juliana Imwalle
- Amelia, Estella & Louella Jenkins
- Zoe Johnson
- Bridger Kershner
- Harper & Braun Lashmet
- Henry Lavoie

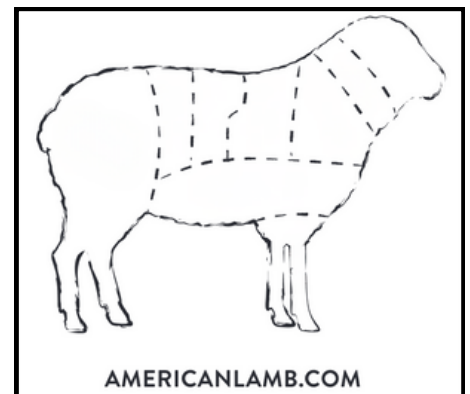
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- Beau Lunning
- Auburn Macy
- Addison Malone
- Bradley Martin
- Cooper Mathers
- Sadie McCrank
- Loreana McMichael
- Madelyn Miller
- Abbie Ming
- Jaden & Miranda Moneyheffer
- LeAnna & Tatum Moore
- Oliver O'Keefe
- Sidney & Weston Paul
- Olivia Petersen
- James Peterson
- Rylie Peth

- Benjamin Prokop
- Karlee Rodgers
- Evelyn Russ
- Devin Sachs
- Alexis Schuebel
- Deacon Shanks
- Alex & Elaina Smith
- Ashby & Jesse Smith
- Chase Sorenson
- Brennan Steinke
- Remington & Stormy Stephens
- Lucas Sterzinger
- Hailey Thoele
- Sophia Thompson
- Ethan Moises Valverde
- William, Ryker & Annabelle Vandenbrink
- Beau Williams
- Jonathan & Julieanne Wright
- Austin & Katie Zettle

Fun in the Creep

Label the cuts of lamb in the image provided. A word bank has been provided.

- BREAST LEG NECK SHOULDER
- FORESHANK LOIN RACK SIRLOIN



👉 Sheep hEWEmer

- 1) What instrument do sheep play?
- 2) Where do sheep watch videos online?



YIELD GRADE (YG)

A numerical carcass grade assigned by the USDA that indicates cutability. Determined from measures of fatness. Ranges from YG 1 (lean) to YG 5 (fat).


NUMEROUS SHEEP RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT SUFFOLKS.ORG!

The USSA's education committee has worked diligently to create numerous sheep resource documents in recent years - now these are available for anyone to easily access! Additionally, this page has association, Suffolk breed, research and other resources. Keep checking back to this page - there will be many more added in the new future!

<https://suffolks.org/resources>


SHEEP RESOURCES

Body Condition Score




Download

Breeding Programs



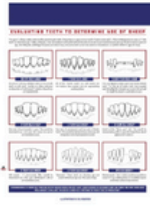
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Carcass Evaluation



Download

Evaluating Teeth for Age



Download



Lambtastic!

By Natasha's Kitchen <https://natashaskitchen.com/lamb-stew-recipe/>

Classic One Pot Lamb Stew

Prep Time: 30min. Cook Time: 2hours 20min. Total Time: 2hours 50min.

- 4 oz bacon, (4 strips, chopped into 1/4" strips)
- 2 lbs boneless leg of lamb or lamb shoulder, trimmed of excess fat, cut into 1 1/2" pieces
- 1/2 Tbsp sea salt for the lamb plus 1 tsp for stew
- 1 tsp black pepper for lamb plus 1/2 tsp for stew
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour or gluten free flour*
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups good red wine
- 1 lb button mushrooms, thickly sliced
- 4 cups low sodium beef broth or stock
- 1 Tbsp tomato paste
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 1/2 lbs small yellow potatoes, halved or quartered into 1" pieces
- 4 medium carrots, 10 oz, peeled and cut into 1/2" thick pieces
- 1/4 cup parsley, finely chopped for garnish

The Clever Cleaver

DIY Lamb Seasoning Blend

- Rosemary
- Thyme
- Garlic
- Salt
- Pepper





classic, one-pot
LAMB STEW

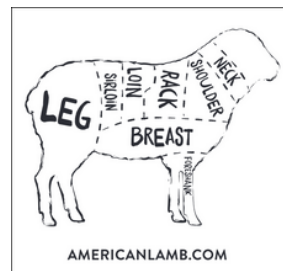


Instructions

1. In a 5Qt dutch oven, saute chopped bacon over medium heat until browned and fat released. With a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a large plate.
2. While bacon cooks, season lamb pieces with 1/2 Tbsp salt and 1 tsp pepper. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup flour and toss to coat. Cook lamb in 2 batches in hot bacon grease over medium heat until browned (3-4 min per side) then transfer to the plate with bacon.
3. Add diced onion and sauté 2 min. Add garlic and cook another minute, stirring constantly. Add 1 1/2 cups wine, scraping the bottom to deglaze. Add sliced mushrooms, bring to simmer then cook uncovered 10 min. Preheat Oven to 325°F.
4. Return bacon and lamb to pot and add 4 cups broth, 1 Tbsp tomato paste, 1 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp pepper, 1/2 tsp dried thyme and 2 bay leaves. Stir in potatoes and carrots, making sure potatoes are mostly submerged in liquid. Bring to a boil then COVER and carefully transfer to preheated oven at 325°F for 1 hr and 45 min. When done, potatoes and lamb will be very tender.**

Have a LAMBTASTIC recipe to share?

Submit a recipe and photo for a chance to be featured in the next issue - email info@suffolks.org!



AMERICANLAMB.COM

Sheep hEWEmers answers: 1) A ewekulele. 2) ewetube.

USSA MESSAGE BOARD

2025 USSA ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

We encourage all members to join us on Monday, November 24th at 7 pm central via Zoom. The meeting agenda and any other informational documents will be posted on the USSA website prior to the meeting. Please note you do not need a computer to join, you can call in!

Join by Computer: ([clickable link](#) found at www.suffolks.org)

Call-In Number: 18465588656

Meeting ID: 829 6961 2070

Passcode: 452234

FALL ONLINE SHEEP, EQUIPMENT & PRIME SUFFOLK SOURCE AD SALE!

An online fall bred ewe, ewe lamb and equipment consignment sale scheduled for Oct. 20 via integritylivestocksales.com. The entry deadline is Oct. 10. Entry information: [//suffolks.org/wp/category/online-sales/](https://suffolks.org/wp/category/online-sales/)

FEE CHANGE - JUNIOR DUES

Effective January 1 2026, United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association membership dues will increase to \$25 a year.

EAST DISTRICT USSA BOARD VACANCY

There is a vacancy in East USSA District as Joe Emenheiser has stepped down. The USSA Board will select an individual to fill that position until the election next fall.

If you are interested in filling this position, we ask that you submit your name and a brief bio to the USSA Office by November 1, 2025. The USSA Board will fill this vacancy in November. Please submit information via email – info@suffolks.org. Qualifications can be found on the [USSA website](#).

SUFFOLK HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Is there a individual / flock / industry ambassador you feel should be considered for the Suffolk Hall of Fame? Members are encouraged to nominate individuals they feel are deserving for consideration into the Suffolk Hall of Fame.

The nomination submission deadline is December 31. Find nomination forms and more info about the Suffolk Hall of Fame, including past inductees at: <https://suffolks.org/hof.html>

BLAST FROM THE PAST



National Suffolk Sheep Association (NSSA) office was a remodeled country schoolhouse on the South side of Columbia, Missouri, and the big ram statue greeted visitors on the beautiful corner lot. The hand carved Big Joe statue in memory of the late Roy Warwick of Beau Geste Farms of Oskaloosa, Iowa. The Beau Geste flock has been carried on by Roy's son, Joe Warrick of Oskaloosa, who's now in his mid-80s.

When NSSA office was damaged by a tornado, Larry Mead opened the doors of the Sheep Breeder Magazine the next day for the NSSA office to operate out of until the merger of the NSSA and American Suffolk Society and the office moved to Newton, Utah.

At its peak in the late 1980s to early 1990s, the NSSA employed up to 22 people both in full, part-time and temporary staff who converted more than one million Suffolk sheep registrations all typed on paper cards to an efficient computerized operation, cutting staff needs to two people once pedigrees were input into electronic records and billing systems. At the time, NSSA registered more than 50,000 Suffolks each year.

Breed Secretaries Betty Biellier, Kathy Krafka and David Kloostrra and their staff all worked from the NSSA office.

NEW
INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP

CURRENT MEMBERS CAN NOW PURCHASE AN INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR **\$20**

ELIGIBILITY
MEMBER MUST TRANSFER AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED SHEEP TO NEW OWNER

Suffolk Connections

Now available in your Digital Suffolk account!

Interested in supporting other members?

Please email Amanda (info@suffolks.org) if you are willing to be listed in any of the categories below:

- Nutrition
- Health
- Lambing
- Parasite
- Exhibition
- Ram Development
- General
- Emergency (willing to take a call any time or day)
- Breeding & Genetics
- Commerical Production
- Marketing & Advertising
- National Sheep Improvement Program
- Recordkeeping
- Digital Suffolk
- Direct Marketing



SPREADING THE WORD



Hurry! First Flock-Herd Grant Application Deadline Near

Interested youth now have until **October 1st** to submit grant applications for the First Flock-Herd program. The RSG Foundation is dedicated to providing grants for young individuals and their families to purchase breeding animals, services, equipment, animal health and nutritional products to help them establish their First Flock-Herd. The goal is to provide a sustainable program that leads to more youth getting involved in raising sheep or goats.

Youth Genetics Grant Application

Grants are provided to youth under the age of 21 for the acquisition of semen and/ or embryos from the RSG Foundation Gene Bank. The purpose of these grants is to provide genetics to help further advance a young person's sheep or goat breeding program. Grants are awarded quarterly to qualified grant applicants. To receive a grant please fill out the form below and click submit when finished. You will receive a confirmation email that your grant request has been received. Grant recipients will be notified via email with instructions on how to redeem your genetics. Grant recipients are required to have RSG or an RSG approved veterinarian perform LAI and embryo transfer work.

[Learn More on the RSG Foundation website!](#)

American Lamb Board Now Accepting Cooperative Funding Program Applications

The American Lamb Board (ALB) allocates funds to assist efforts by state/local industry groups and American Lamb suppliers, as budget allows. This program is intended for those who are prepared to share costs and resources to the funded project.

ALB is funded by the Mandatory American Lamb Checkoff. No projects which influence local, state or government policy or action will be funded, as required by law.

Funds are for activities which align with the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan goals:

- Marketing: Grow consumer demand for American Lamb
- Research, Education and Innovation: Optimize/prioritize research and education efforts to improve product quality and consistency, increase productivity and grow the year-round supply of American Lamb
- Industry Services: Expand awareness, understanding, engagement and involvement of stakeholders in the American Lamb Checkoff

[Learn more at https://lambboard.com/funding-program.](https://lambboard.com/funding-program)



Premier Sheep-Goats

Have a question about sheep or goats? Premier has partnered with Windy Ridge Veterinary Clinic to offer advice from our combined group of experts. From fencing, grazing, feeding, lambing, health, genetics or general sheep care, we are here to help you and your animals. Information will be provided by our well-trained staff, including Windy Ridge veterinarians, during regular office hours.

If your concern is urgent, go to your nearest emergency clinic or call your local veterinarian.

[Search Facebook for @sheep.goat.advice.premier](#)

Entry Deadline Oct 10



Wouldn't it be fun to go on a sheep vacation...without the sheep?

JOIN US IN 2026!

2025 was a success!
Trip of a lifetime!
Bucket list opportunity!

With the help of our friends at the Suffolk Sheep Society we're considering a 2026 trip to Scotland - June 17-26! We recently had an interest meeting - did you miss it? Contact Amanda TODAY to learn more - reach out by October 5th!

- Commercial flocks utilizing Suffolk genetics
- Ram Performance Test Station
- Lamb Processor
- Pedigreed flock visit
- Performance flock visit
- Highland Show
- Stirling Castle
- Lochs
- Edinburgh



Welcome

New USSA Members!

Ethan Addington
 Rocky Barton
 Amy & Megan Bedard
 Tony Bryan
 Nick Day
 Brent Dreyer
 Dannille Dombrowski
 Ray Dudley
 Grit and Gratitude Farm
 Gary Figgins
 Fischer Family
 Chad & Taylor Foxworthy
 Sharon Friedman
 Noah Hartley
 Travis Hinkel
 Paul Hochstedler
 Leslie Hulett
 Jodi Hunt

Bradley Scott Johnson
 Sarah Kennedy
 Chelsea Lavoie
 Michael Maierhofer
 Larry Mastine
 Shane Mueller
 Trevor & Taylor Renner
 Mark & Ann Robinson
 Chad & Emily Russ
 Nicole Soliz
 Lonn Stadlman
 Chris Steele
 Brianna Strixrud
 Stacy Thur
 George Wagner
 Matthew Wagner
 Phillip & Lisa Webster
 Jeff & Joanne Wright

FREE WEBINARS OFFERED

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BEST PRACTICES



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
7pm central



RUMEN ACIDOSIS IN SHEEP

Causes, Consequences, and Control



Date
September 16

Time
7:30pm Central



Katherine Purvis (Parsley)
 University of Kentucky
 Animal Science Master's Student



Archived at www.suffolks.org!

The Member Connection

Births

Royal Wayne to Jeff & Megan Baumann, August 2025
 Miller to Andrew & Kiah Berg, May 2025

Weddings

Lily (Skartvedt) & Grant Treiber, May 2025
 Emily & Ty Schoelerman, July 2025
 Carla & Mike Taylor, August 2025

Deaths

(click to link to obituary)

Bill Gergen, Nebraska (September 2025)
Lee Jarvis, Utah (July 2025)
Lucy Kimble, West Virginia (April 2025)

Please share member connection updates by email: info@suffolks.org.

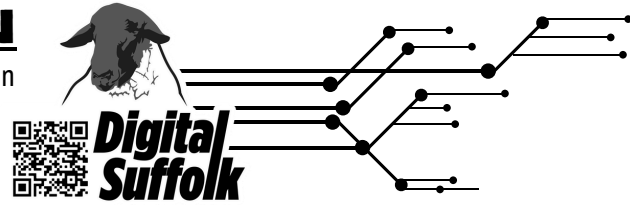
CONTENT HERDER

We're looking to Ewe! Do you have content you'd like to see us include? Or, if you think it needs to be included, write it up and send it over and we'll take a look at it! This publication is for you, help us customize for Suffolk Breeders!

DIGITAL BY DESIGN

BENEFITS

Just a snippet of what Digital Suffolk has to offer...it's more than just a registration program! All USSA and UJSSA members have access to Digital Suffolk at no extra cost. Contact the Suffolk Office to get your login!



SENDING HOLIDAY MAIL?

Use Digital Suffolk for quick access to customers!

CREATING A CUSTOMER LIST

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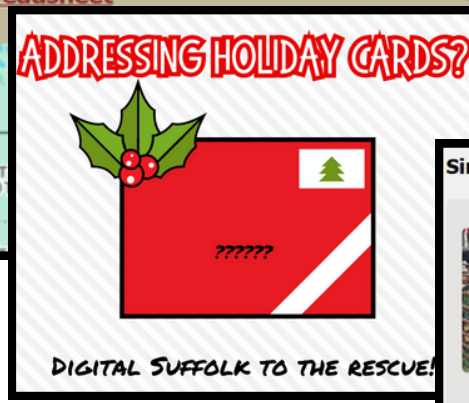
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1. Left-hand menu click CUSTOMERS
2. Reporting Length (right-hand side) select preferred range
3. Click MAILING LIST
4. Click DOWNLOAD SPREADSHEET
5. File will be available in your download file



-Helpful Hint -

Have Suffolk friends you'd like to send to?
Use the home search screen!

Simple Search Tools

Farm Search

Member ID

Flock Name

or

Name
use an asterix (*) as a wildcard

City

Search Location

REGISTRY PROGRAMS

The United Suffolk Sheep Association offers several registry programs in addition to its purebred registry. Some of these programs support or tie into the purebred registry through continual registry. For more details on any of these programs, please contact the USSA Office.



PUREBRED

BOTH PARENTS ARE 100% AND REGISTERED THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION, ALL OFFSPRING ARE PUREBRED

PERCENTAGE

BREED UP PROGRAM TO MAINTAIN RECORDS FOR SHEEP THAT HAVE NON-SUFFOLK DECENDENTS. ONE PARENT MUST BE REGISTERED.

GAP

BREED UP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO RECONNECT SUFFOLK FLOCKS TO THE REGISTRY

Program application required.

AMNESTY

CATCH UP ON THE REGISTRATIONS OF YOUR REGISTERED SUFFOLK FLOCK AT REDUCED RATE

Program application required.

Learn More @ www.suffolks.org
Programs • Registry Programs

Did you know?



As of January 31, 2025 the state of Texas leads the US in sheep numbers. Texas ranks #1 for total number of sheep and lambs (670,000) and #1 in total sheep operations (12,344).

Source:
American Sheep Industry Association via USDA, NASS, Sheep & Goats

