

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association

President's Message

Cooler weather is upon us in PA and the crops are finally being harvested. By the time most of you read this we will probably set a new record for annual rainfall in the Philadelphia area. We only need 2 more inches by the end of the year to exceed the record of 55".

2011 has proven to be an exciting and challenging year to be in the Suffolk business. The demand for Suffolk range rams continues to increase and the popularity of Suffolk wethers has created additional excitement in the market lamb sector. However, at the same time input costs such as feed and hay continue to rise. In the east procuring enough quality hay at an affordable price has created an additional challenge. All of this and the extreme hot weather experienced by many have the most enthusiastic shepherds wondering when the good ole days will return.

I can assure you that once you read this the sun will rise again with the promise of your new Suffolk lambs right around the corner!!!

I would also like to thank Amanda and Josie for a tremendous first year! They have truly gone above and beyond our expectations and providing service that is second to none!!!

I encourage everyone to attend the annual meeting on Monday night in Louisville. We will welcome 3 new directors. I would also like to thank everyone who took the time and had the desire to run for the board. The Suffolk industry continues to advance because of the dedication and devotion displayed by these individuals. Hope to see you in Louisville!

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DON'T FORGET TO MAIL THE OFFICE YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE FOR THE NAILE OPEN SHOW.

District Director Election Results

District 1

Donna Mays (51 votes)
Ron Dreher (31 votes)

District 2

Rob Zelinsky (28 votes)

District 3

Rex Quam (43 votes) - fills a 3 year term
Gary Hoskins (38 votes) - fills a 1 year term
Paul Skartvedt (30 votes)
Richard Schambow (write-in, 2 votes)

District 4

Lisa Webster (35 votes)
Randy Hodges (write-in, 10 votes)
Andrew Hukowicz (write-in, 6 votes)

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PLANNING TO ATTEND NAILE?

Be sure to stop by the USSA/UJSSA booth and check out the silent auction items!

Proceeds go to the UJSSA!

Message from the UJSSA President

UJSSA Members—

Just a reminder that you are invited to attend the UJSSA social at NAILE on Saturday, November 12th, at noon. There will be a UJSSA board meeting on Saturday, November 12th at 6:00pm. Please listen for announcements or check at the USSA/UJSSA booth for the location of these events.

Mark your calendar for the 2012 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in Brookings, South Dakota! July 5th thru 8th.

2012 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show—Brookings, South Dakota

Hotel Information: Fairfield Inn & Suites (605) 692-3500
3000 LeFevre Drive · Brookings, South Dakota 57006



Room Block Available from July 4—8, 2012 \$89/night*

***To receive this rate, please call the hotel and say you are with the United
Suffolk Sheep Association**

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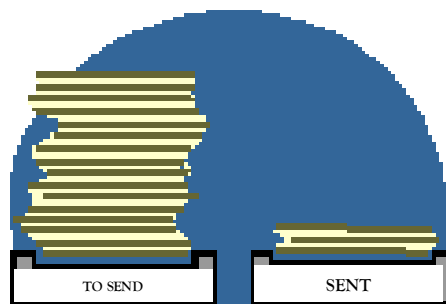
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Don't forget about the Amnesty Program!

The 2011 Amnesty Program includes *late transfers* as well as *late registrations*. Transfers over 60 days and registrations for sheep over 1 year of age are \$6.00/head. If you know of an individual that would like to join the association or has not been active within in the last few years, now is a great time to get flocks current! I have had several phone calls from members who are encouraged the amnesty program is back again this year because they did not take advantage of it last year. *I encourage current USSA members and prospective members to take advantage of the Amnesty Program!*

Do not forget to submit your amnesty registrations and/or transfers by December 31, 2011.

The USSA congratulates Shirley Volkman (Volkman Valley Ranch) of Livermore, CA who now has a completely registered Suffolk flock due to the amnesty program. If you're a member that needs a little motivation to update the status of your flock, Shirley took on a huge project, registering over 200 head dating as far back as 1989!



Classified Ads

USSA Members only. Ads are free. Must be sheep related: animals, vehicles, trailers, equipment, transportation, working dogs, etc. Include your contact information. Email you ad to: news@u-s-s-a.org. The newsletter may not contain all of the classified ads. To find a full listing, please visit our website: www.u-s-s-a.org.

Registered Suffolk Show Ewes For Sale

Description: Two Yearlings—Bred, Two Spring Ewes, One Registered Yearling Ram

For More Information: We have quit raising sheep! ARNOLD & ROMA VAN LUE [574-893-4383](tel:5748934383)

Used Sheep Blankets For Sale

Description: Used sheep blankets - sizes 4 and 6 - available for sale
Will have at Louisville!

Price: Stop by WEG/I-Flocks pens at Louisville to take a look or contact Bill at [402/540-7884](tel:4025407884) for pricing.

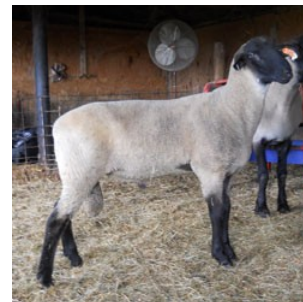
February Ram Lamb For Sale

Description: RRNN

Sire side is Luxford and Dreher, dam side is Van Arkel.

Ewe lambs also available, same breeding. Can be shown fitted or slick shorn.

For More Information: Belle Haven Farm, Osceola, IA [641-414-1979](tel:6414141979)
Fettters_1963@yahoo.com



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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

Wednesday, November 9 -

Open Show Arrival (Until Nov. 11, 6pm)
Junior Show Arrival (Until Nov. 11, Noon)

Friday, November 11 -

Lead Line at 1pm
Market Lamb and Jr. Breeding Showmanship at 5pm

Saturday, November 12 -

Jr. Wether Show at 8am
Suffolk Sale at 3:30pm
UJSSA Board Meeting at 6pm
USSA Board Meetings - immediately following
UJSSA meeting

Sunday, November 13 -

Junior Show - Ring 1 (North) following Dorsets

Monday, November 14 -

USSA Annual Meeting at 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 15 -

Open Suffolk Show at 8am

Friday, November 18 -

Suffolks Released at 3pm

Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show – Scott Greiner, Christiansburg, VA

Junior Breeding Show—Rob Zelinsky, Brookings, SD

Open Show— Slick: Larry Mrozinski, San Pierre, IN

Fitted: Tor Sorenson, Tucson, AZ

Open Show Entry Fees

NAILE Open Show Participants -

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to the USSA prior to the events at NAILE, for those who do not pay, will be prohibited from participating. If the entry fee is collected at NAILE, the entry fee will increase to \$10 per head.

NAILE Market Lamb Show - Suffolk Division

Again this year, but a little revised, the USSA will be providing special monies to UJSSA members showing Suffolk market lambs at the 2011 NAILE Market Lamb Show.

The USSA will award \$1000 to the Champion Suffolk Market Lamb, \$500 to the Reserve Champion Market Lamb, and within each Suffolk Market Lamb Class, \$50 for 1st place and \$25 for 2nd place. To be eli-

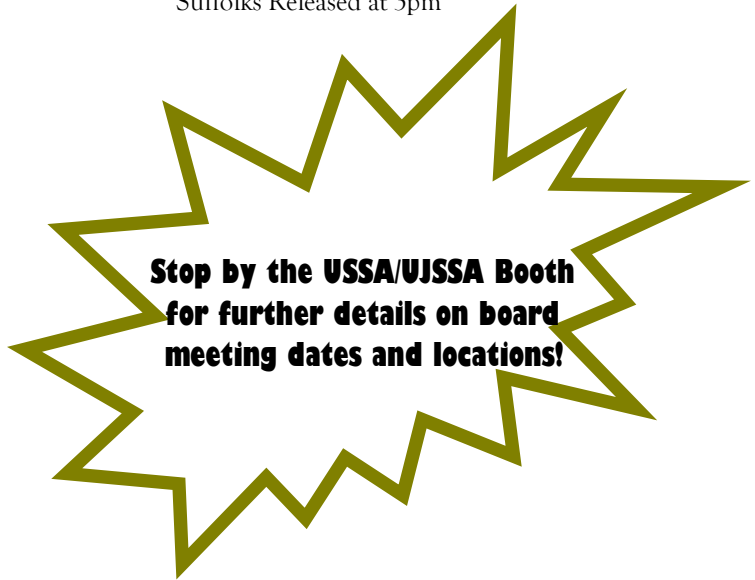
gible for this prize money, each Suffolk market lamb, at the time of weigh-in and classification, will be required to have a Suffolk Market Lamb Certificate. Certificates may be obtained from the USSA office (P.O. Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501) or at the time of classification.

This award money will only be available to individuals whom:

- (1) Pay for a United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA) Membership at the rate of \$15 or are a current UJSSA member

AND

- (2) Purchase a wether certificate from the USSA at the rate of \$10 per lamb.



Futurity Points

District 1

Stetson Burgess (CA) - Ream 11TG20 (0626) (9pts)

District 2

Riggen Zelinsky (SD) - Kimm 11089 (23pts)

Rhett Zelinsky (SD) - Kimm 11039 (9pts)

Alison Heitz (TX) - Baumgartner 1184 (9pts)

Raesa Zelinsky (SD) - Kimm 11050 (8pts)

District 3

Molly Jo Woods (IL) - Lyn Lee 11026 (85pts)

Cole Damman (IA) - MacCauley 2391 (34pts)

Cody Damman (IA) - Lyn Lee 11024 (31pts)

Katherine Newhouse (IA) - Damman 11-212

(15pts)

District 4

Ashley Gouge (DE) - Flying G 2102 (37pts)

Marissa Bilyeu (PA) - Quam 982 RRNN (19pts)

Kyle Baubonis (ME) - Lyn Lee 11057 (8pts)

Kyle Baubonis (ME) - Quam 1030 RRNN (8pts)

Futurity Point Record Forms

Don't forget to send your Futurity Point Record Forms to the office.
They are due in the office by *November 30th*.

Thank you to the USSA members who nominated futurity lambs!

California

- Freitas Family, Allan & Norma Freitas
- Neumiller Suffolks, James Newmiller
- Windswept Ranch, Chuck Ream

Iowa

- Damman Suffolks, Chris & Betsy Damman
- Kimm Suffolks, Bob Kimm & Family
- Sandage Farms, Jeff Sandage

Idaho

- Lost River Livestock, Donna Mays

Illinois

- Cahill Suffolks, Pete Cahill
- Corson Suffolks, John N. Corson
- Phantom Hills Fitting & Training, Ethan & Annie Smith

Indiana

- Craft's Suffolks, Don Craft

Minnesota

- Baumgartner Suffolks
- Quam Suffolks, Jerry & Rex Quam

Montana

- Dreher Family Suffolks, Ron Dreher & Family

North Dakota

- Flying G Suffolks, Dave & Becky Gleason

Nevada

- Ruby Mountain Sheep Co. LLC, Cynthia Huckins

Oregon

- Hawkins Farms Suffolks, Joy Hawkins
- Millers Livestock, Brenda Miller
- Mountain High Suffolks, Kendall & Barbara Evans

Pennsylvania

- Lyn Lee Farms, Gerald & Susan Clair

Washington

- Clift Livestock, Kerry, Brigid & Cora Clift
- Ike Maxwell

Wisconsin

- Stoney Patch, Sharon & Sam Thiel

Online Ewe Ration Formulation Course

It has been a great year in the sheep business! Lamb prices have been unbelievably good but have been tempered some by higher feed costs. Profitability is very dependent on the ability to economically feed the ewe flock based on the ewe's nutritional requirement.

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool program launched an online Ewe Ration Formulation course (LWMP 1502) to help individuals economically feed their flock. The goal of this course is to help individuals develop an annual feeding plan with a projected annual feed cost.

Topic areas covered include: Nutritive requirements of sheep, nutritional values of feed ingredients, reading a feed tag, digestive physiology of sheep, nutritional safety, feeder space requirements, forage sampling and interpretation, ewe diet formulation and evaluation, calculating price per pound of nutrient.

To register for the Ewe Ration Formulation Course (LWMP 1502) contact Sue Lovell [\(507\) 847-7929](tel:507-847-7929), sue.lovell@mnwest.edu. The cost for the Ewe Ration Formulation Course is \$189.31

Other online course offerings include:

Introduction to Sheep Management (LWMP 1001) No required text book.

Equipment and Facilities (LWMP 1202) required text book is the SID Sheep Industry Handbook;

Introduction to Sheep Health (LWMP 1300) required text book is Gates' Practical Guide to Sheep Disease Management, third edition;

Wool Characteristics and Properties (LWMP 1701) required text book is the SID Sheep Industry Handbook

Lambing Time Management (LWMP 2009) Webinar - no required text book

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program is a sheep management education/consulting program offered by Minnesota West Community and Technical College located at Pipestone, Minnesota. The purpose of the program is to help sheep producers increase income and profit through the production of quality lamb and wool. To maximize the profit per ewe and realize the full potential of all sheep through use of modern management practices, new technologies and new approaches to marketing of both lamb and wool.

For more information on the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program educational offerings visit our web page www.pipestonesheep.com or contact one of the Lamb and Wool instructors, Philip Berg, philip.berg@mnwest.edu , [\(507\) 825-6799](tel:507-825-6799) or Mike Caskey, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, [\(507\) 825-6808](tel:507-825-6808)

State Suffolk Associations

We would like contact information for all the State Suffolk Associations. If members could please send us the contact information including the website, we would like to put a link on our website to the state associations. Also if the state associations have any news or changes they would like us to include in our newsletter, please send those to us as well.

USSA Member News

Congratulations to UJSSA and USSA Members Jeremy, Diane & Paul Russell from Eaton, IN for being featured in Sheep Industry News article [“Young Producer and Parents Expanding into the Future”](#) (October 2011 issue).

If you have any news to share, please let our office know so we can include it in our newsletter.

First Leadership School on the East Coast

For the first time, the annual Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School will be held on the East Coast, in proximity to the major metropolitan areas of New York City, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. and the large eastern ethnic markets. Dates for the 2012 School are July 8-11, and applications to attend must be submitted by **April 16, 2012**.

Laurie Hubbard, Shepherd for Penn State University, and Joanne Evans, President of the Pennsylvania Sheep & Wool Growers, are the 2012 coordinators. Said Hubbard, “The focus will be on educating the participants about the non-traditional marketing of lamb. Tour sites will include New Holland Sales Stables, which is a hub for the non-traditional ethnic trade.” Attendees will also visit an ethnic custom harvesting facility, two traditional lamb packers, and a sheep dairy that utilizes their lambs for the meat industry, plus meet with other private, non-traditional marketers.

The school will discuss customs of various countries to help explain certain aspects of raising lambs for the non-traditional lamb market. This information would be of assistance to any sheep ranch or lamb feedlot operation, regardless of location, in planning alternative marketing options to increase profitability.

Interested individuals may apply by completing a brief application and short essay. A group of 26 participants, age 20 or older, will be selected to attend. The registration fee is \$200 per person and participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. NLFA covers the cost of food, lodging and tour-related expenses during the school. No fee is required until after the applicant is selected. Applicants will be notified in early May.

Applications may be submitted online: www.nlfa-sheep.org or requested from NLFA: (503) 364-5462 or info@nlfa-sheep.org. Organizations with an upcoming meeting or other opportunity to distribute information about the Leadership School are encouraged to contact NLFA for flyers or registration forms.

Calendar of Events

- **November 5-18** - North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE). For an expanded listing of events, see page 4 of the Newsletter.
- **November 12** - UJSSA Board Meeting @ 6:00pm
- **November 12** - USSA Board Meetings (Old & New) - Immediately following the UJSSA Board Meeting
- **November 14** - USSA Annual Meeting @ 6:00pm
- **December 31** - Last day to take advantage of the Amnesty Program!
- **March 1** - Last day to take advantage of the reduced rate for 2012 Membership Dues and be listed in the 2012 USSA Directory

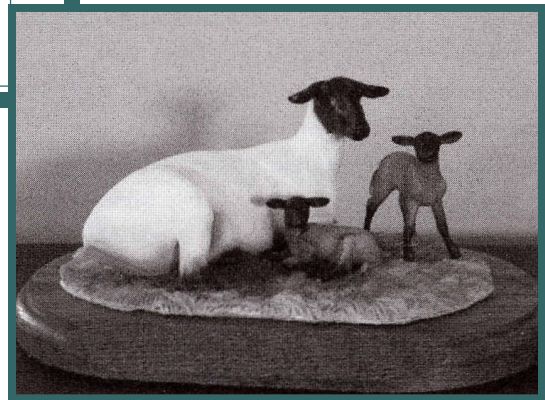


2011 USSA Annual Meeting

Members are encouraged to attend the 2011 United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting held at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky on Monday, November 14th at 6:30 pm. For meeting location, please stop by the USSA booth in Louisville for further details.

**Limited Edition Suffolk Sculptures
are still available!**

**Contact the office if you are interested
in purchasing one.**



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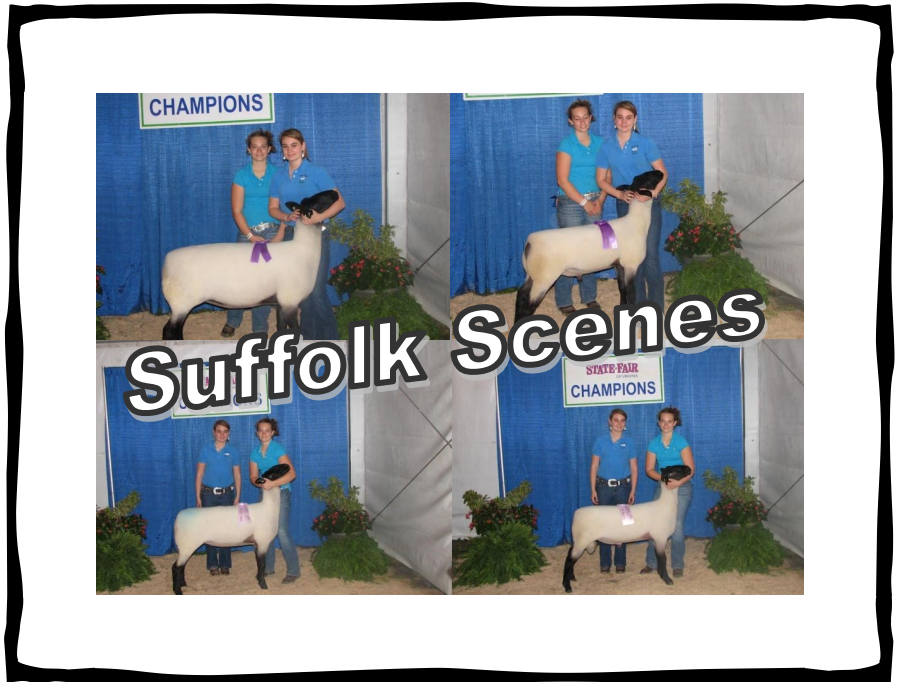
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"The Breed in the Lead"

We're on the Web!

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Submitted by Lisa Kanney, M&M Suffolks, McGaheysville, VA. Lisa's daughters were very successful at the Virginia State fair winning, Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk Ewes and Rams!

Office Notes



We Want Your Photos!

We would like to feature some photos in each of our newsletters of our members and their Suffolks! Whether you have old or new photos, all are welcome. We would also like to use some member photos for promotional materials. If you would like to submit photos, you can mail them to the office address, P.O. Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501, and then we can return them to you after we scan them. You can also email any photos to

What would you like to see in this publication?

If you have any ideas or items you would like to see in this newsletter, send us your input! Or, if you have any news stories, results, photos you would like to share with the rest of the United Suffolk Sheep Association let us know!

Items you would like to submit to the newsletter can emailed to: news@u-s-s-a.org

Website

If you have any information you would like included on our website, please let us know. We also welcome any ideas you may have to improve our website.