

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association

From the USSA Office...

Spring time is here! The office is ready for registrations! Please note these helpful hints for registrations, which will speed up efficiency when processing your registration work.

- Double check your lamb's information – flock number (ear tag), sire & dam registration numbers and flock numbers, birth type and birth date.
- Print legibly – If you want to type your registration applications, there are Excel documents available on the website that you can type in the necessary information, save a copy for your records then email, fax or mail it to the office.
- For percentage sheep, please use an application for percentage registrations or, if you do not have a percentage form, please indicate the animals that are percentage registrations.
- Please include a breeding certificate if needed.
- For transfers, be sure to include a date of sale.
- If you would like to have transfers sent to the new owner, please include that on the submitted documents.
- Please indicate if flock copies are needed (\$1/head).
- All work orders should include \$3 for postage, shipping and handling.
- Please indicate if a rush is needed and the date the registrations are needed by.
- Don't forget a daytime phone number or email that you can be contacted at if there are questions at the time of registration processing.
- If you have not paid your 2012 membership dues, you can submit that with the work you send in.
- Payment is required at the time of submission. Forms of accepted payment include check, credit card or PayPal.

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We would like to welcome the following new members and returning past members (whom have not been active in recent years) who have joined the USSA during March 2012.

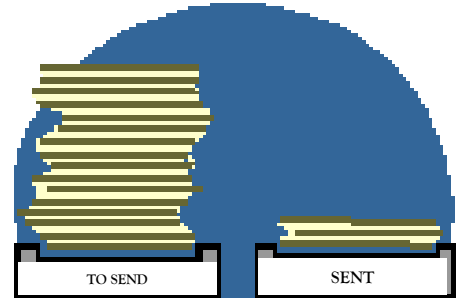
- * Jenny Wren, Wasilla, AK
- * Don & Alicia Wright, Galena, MO
- * Paul F. Davies, West Valley, NY
- * Adam Geteianc, China, MI



The Amnesty Program has been Extended!

For those of you who missed the December 31st deadline for the Amnesty Program, you are in luck! The Amnesty Program has been extended until **June 1, 2012**. Don't wait for the last minute to get your Amnesty registrations in and take the chance of missing the deadline again. If you need any assistance in figuring out any "messes", feel free to call the office and we will help in anyway possible to help you get caught up. The 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!



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Get to Know Your USSA Board of Directors.

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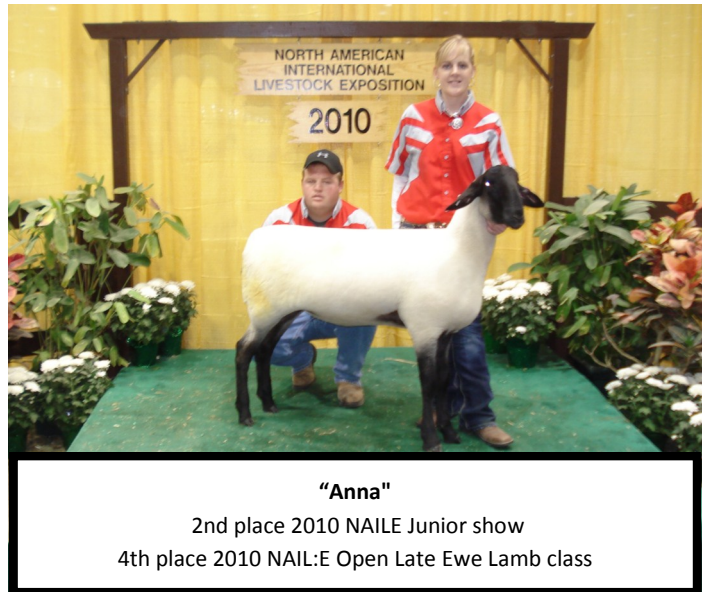
How long have you raised Suffolks? 10 years

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks? A family friend who took me under his wing and helped me start showing sheep and now we have a partnership together.

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. I currently try to market my sheep to local junior showmen.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? I have currently have 25- 30 brood ewes, 7 yearling ewes, 3 rams and of course right now lots of Suffolk lambs.

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? I have a couple fond memories, both involve showing sheep. My brother was showing at the 2008 UJSSA show in Sedalia, I went along to help fit the sheep. He won the Feb ewe lamb bred and owned class. We attended that show for the experience not expecting to actually win a class! It is a great feeling to win a class especially with one that we raised! The second memory goes along with the last thought. My brother and I attended the 2010 NAILE, we only brought one ewe lamb. My brother placed 2nd in the Late Feb ewe lamb class in the Junior show and in the open show we placed 4th! We are proud to have raised "Anna" and are expecting great things from her and her future lambs!



What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? I have gained some great friendships from showing Suffolk sheep, ones that began from a candy bowl full of Tootsie rolls!

Why did you want to become a USSA Director? I wanted to be the voice of the little guy in the Suffolk breed. I may not have 150 head of Suffolk ewes, but love the breed just the same. I am raising my sheep for quality instead of quantity.

As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on? Hospitality Committee

Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit it's membership, gain new members and retain it's current members? As a director and a member, I hope that with the summer conference that we are having in conjunction with our Suffolk social event, we can help show current members along with new members the variety that Suffolk breed can offer.

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Discuss two major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed. The Suffolk breed is a difficult breed to get started in. Not only do we have a breed that has a very high selling average, I also feel that we can be more welcoming to all members, definitely when it comes to the show ring. No matter if you win the class or are last you are important to the breed. If a group of now friends, had not taken me in and supported me and helped me along the way, I wouldn't be where I am today. I encourage you all to do the same and not just think about yourselves, but who we can also help along the way!

Purebred sheep registrations are continuing to decline (within almost all sheep breeds), as a USSA Director, what do you do to promote the association and registered Suffolk sheep? This year my goal has been to educate and target the junior sheep showmen in the local area and counties. Along with promoting my own sheep I am hoping to gain juniors that will enjoy the Suffolk breed as much as I do and become active members of the association.

Hospitality Committee Report

Submitted by Amanda Bergsieker, Chairwoman

Happy Spring Suffolk Breeders!

Hope all of you had a successful lambing season. As that comes to an end for most of us, we all know what comes next....Shows and sales!

As chairwoman of the USSA Hospitality committee, I would like to invite you to attend the several social events that we have planned this summer at the sales held in Ohio, Reno, and Sedalia.

The Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association will again host an event along with sponsorship from the USSA during the sale in May.

At the beginning of June in Reno, NV, Jake Falleson, a USSA Director and member of the hospitality committee will be planning our social event for that sale. Look for further information regarding that sale's gregarious affair.

Over the past years, those of you that have attended the Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia know how hot it can get in Missouri. I do not want that to discourage you from attending our social event at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale that will be held in conjunction with Summer Suffolk Conference. The Suffolk conference will cover all aspects of the Suffolk breed noting that "There is room for all types of Suffolks!" Our event will be held Thursday, June 28, 2012 on the Missouri State fairgrounds at 6 p.m. We are still waiting on the confirmation of the place, but with the summer heat in Missouri we are rooting for an air conditioned building so all that attend can enjoy a light supper, drinks and be cool! There will also be a hot breakfast served the morning of the Suffolk Sale. Please look for more information regarding these events at Sedalia.

Whether you are looking for Suffolk sheep to improve your herd, selling sheep or just coming to look around and visit at these sales this summer, please attend our social occasions to meet new members and reminisce with old buddies that you may not see but once a year! Looking forward to seeing you at Sedalia!

Best of luck to you throughout the year!

Notes for the UJSSA

MJPS Searching for Suffolk Youth Breed Director

This year's Midwest Junior Preview Show will be held on June 16, 2012 again in Chillicothe, MO. The Litton Agri-science Learning center provides an indoor, air-conditioned show ring as well as on site camping for exhibitors!

This year's show will be on target to again hand out over \$5,000 in cash awards including a \$300 cash award to both Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe, provided by Larry Mead. All showmanship winners earn \$100 also.

The MJPS is searching for a motivated youth Suffolk breeder to become the Suffolk Breed Director at the MJPS. This individual will be responsible for assisting with fundraising, promotion, and organization of the Suffolk show at the MJPS. Youth Suffolk breeders between the ages of 14 and 21 can visit www.MidwestJuniorPreviewShow.com for more information.

Online entry for the show opens April 1. All entries received by June 1 will receive a free t-shirt and goody bag donated by Ketcham's Sheep Equipment and Missouri Sheep Producers. Please visit the website or contact Kate Lambert at 660-541-0468 if you have questions.

North East Youth Sheep Show

The 2012 North East Youth Sheep Show will be taking place July 19-22, 2012, is held in the Mallary Complex at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The youth show is open to all youth 21 years old and younger as of January 1st with all breeds of sheep being eligible. The sheep and exhibitors should arrive by Thursday, July 19th; with animals being penned by 11:00 p.m. Activities begin on Thursday evening and continue right through the weekend with the finale being the selection of the Supreme Champions on Sunday afternoon. Anyone interested in sponsoring a t-shirt please visit our website to download the form; they are due by May 1, 2012. The youth show also needs items and volunteers for the food booth and the Fiber Nook at The Big E please visit our website for more information. Donations are also appreciated and help fund the show for the youth. For more information please visit the NES&WG website (www.nesheep.org).

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The UJSSA is on facebook!



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Get to Know Your Junior Board of Directors.



ELIZABETH NIEDZIELA

UJSSA Position: Secretary

Age: 17

Hometown: Hadley, MA

School: Will be attending Westfield State University

In 10 years I think I will be: Hopefully out of school and have a job

Dream Car: Black F250

Ever meet anyone famous? I met Sig Hansen, Jonathan and Andy Hillstrand from Deadliest Catch. I also met Tom Brady.

Favorite Football Team: New England Patriots

Favorite meal: Steak with green beans and mashed potatoes

Favorite Musician: Toby Keith

Favorite Color: Purple

My favorite Sport to play: Soccer

Interesting fact: I play alto saxophone and the piano

If ewe have a little free time . . .

(for the kid in everyone!)

Can ewe find the hidden words?

T N N J M P T Z S B L W P N S
 N P O V E A I T S S A R G F A
 K F I I F A O L Q B P L A N T
 V S T N T R R X U I C D A M L
 N X A A M A K T H T H V T O S
 X Y R B A R C S A A O U E W P
 B I T N Y L R I N G R O S R H
 Z G S S I E W Y F C E Z K K N
 R N I E B A B E Q I S D E C Q
 I R G M Y D G Y I F T C Q O W
 E X E C J J K Y D G H N E L E
 D M R P R O G E N Y H C E F A
 E L A S F X K I J L N A H D N
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CHORES
 DAM
 SIRE
 EARTAG
 FEED
 FENCE
 FLOCK
 GAIN
 GRASS
 HAY
 IDENTIFICATION

MEMBERSHIP
 MOW
 PLANT
 PROGENY
 RAIN
 REGISTRATION
 SALE
 STORM
 TULIP
 WEAN
 WEIGH

Suffolk Scrambler

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

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2012 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show

Hope you plan to attend the 2012 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show!

The 2012 National Junior Suffolk Show will be held in Brookings, South Dakota on the South Dakota State University Campus July 5 –8.

ATTENTION ALL 2012 SPONSORS

If you are interested in having a banner made to advertise your farm, we are offering all of this year's sponsors a discounted price of \$50! If you have helped sponsor in the past and already have a banner, we will hang it at this year's Junior Show in Brookings, SD for only \$25! If interested, please contact our Jr. Coordinator, Andy Asberry, by April 15th!



Need to make hotel reservations for the 2012 Junior Suffolk Show?

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



Room Block Available from July 4-8, 2012 for \$89.00/night*

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

2012 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday

- 8:00 am Entries may begin to arrive on fairgrounds
- 8:00 am Enter for Fitting Contest & drawing of animals
- 2:00pm Water Park (Optional)
- 4:30pm Meat Evaluation/Carcass Short Course (Optional)
- 7:00 pm Judging Contest
- 10:00 pm DEADLINE for Sheep Arrival

Friday

- 7:30-9:00 am Market Lamb and Production Weigh-In
- 8:00 am Breakfast Social
- 9:00 am Market Lamb Show Followed by Market Lamb Showmanship
- 10:00 am DEADLINE for BREEDING SHEEP CHECK-IN
- 10:00 am Public Speaking Contest & UJSSA Director Interviews
- 12:00 pm Quiz Bowl
- 12:30 pm DEADLINE for LEADERSHIP CONTESTS MATERIAL
- 3:00 pm Fitting Contest
- 6:00pm Pizza Party & Games

Saturday

- 8:00 am Breeding Sheep (EWES) Show including Production Classes
Selection of Champion Ewe
- 3:00 pm Breeding Sheep Showmanship (or immediately following ewe show)
- 3:30 pm "Ewe" Lead with Wool Contest
- 7:00 pm Banquet

Sunday

- 8:30 am Breeding Sheep (RAMS) Show including Production Classes
Selection of Champion Ram
- 12:00 Sub Lunch
- 1:30 pm State Flock
- 1:45 pm Team Showmanship Contest
- 2:15 pm Adult Showmanship
- 2:30 pm Good Shepherd Award Presentation
- Release

UJSSA Membership Application And 2012 National Junior Suffolk Show Entry Form

**National Junior Suffolk Show
July 5 – July 8, 2012
Brookings, South Dakota**

Office Use

Entries must be postmarked by **June 6, 2012**, to avoid the double entry fee. Use a separate form for each exhibitor. All exhibitors must be a current member of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association: Annual dues are \$15.00.

Name: _____ T-Shirt Size: **Child S M, Adult S M L XL XXL XXXL**
 Address: _____ Daytime Telephone Number _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Birthday: _____ Age on Day of the Show (7/7/2012) _____
 Flock Name _____ Email Address _____

Leadership Contests

Indicate age classification (age as of 7/7/2012) for the leadership contest(s) you plan to enter.
There are no additional entry fees for leadership contests.

Public Speaking (option of Powerpoint)
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Suffolk Quiz Bowl
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

"Ewe" Lead with Wool
 ___ Youth (8 & under)
 ___ Junior (9-14)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Fitting Contest
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Judging Contest
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Advertising Contest*
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Essay Contest*
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Scrapbook Contest *
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)
 ___ Family

Photography Contest *
 ___ Junior (14 & under)
 ___ Senior (15-21)

Dress a Sheep Contest
 ___ Junior
 ___ Senior

*UJSSA members do not have to be present at the Junior Show to enter these contests.

Number of people planning to attend the Banquet Saturday Evening. _____

UJSSA annual membership dues (\$15.00 per year) _____

Mail your payment and entry form to:
United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association
PO Box 995
Ottumwa, IA 52501-0995

Number of people attending banquet _____ **FREE** _____

Total sheep entries: _____ x \$12.00 _____

Thursday: Hillcrest Aquatic Center (Water Park) _____

Meat Evaluation/Carcass Short Course (Thursday 4:30pm) _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Division 1-6: Market Lambs & Wether Dams

Division List

- Division 1- Suffolk Market Lambs
- Division 2- Suffolk-Cross Market Lambs
- Division 3- Suffolk Yearling Wether Dams
- Division 4- Suffolk Ewe Lamb Wether Dams
- Division 5- Suffolk-Cross Yrling Wether Dams
- Division 6- Suffolk-Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dams

Division	Private Flock Number or Ear Tag	Division	Private Flock Number or Ear Tag

- Division 7- a. Slick Shorn Yrlg Rams
b. Production Yrlg Rams
- Division 8-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ram
- Division 9- Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)
- Division 10-a.Slick Shorn Jr Ram Lambs
b. Pofduction Ram Lambs
- Division 11-Jr Champion Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)
- Division 12-Grand Champion Slick Shorn Ram
- Division 13- Yearling Rams
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 14-Senior (Fall) Rams
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 15-Sr Champion Ram (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

- Division 16- Junior Ram Lambs
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 17- Jr Champion Ram (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 18-Gr Champion Ram (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 19-a. Slick Shorn Yrlg Ewes
b. Production Yrlg Ewes
- Division 20-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ewes
- Division 21-Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)
- Division 22- a. Slick Shorn Jr Ewe Lambs
b. Production Ewe Lambs
- Division 23-Jr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)
- Division 24-Gr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

- Division 25-Yrlg Ewes/Weaned a Lamb
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 26- Yearling Ewes
a. Owned b. bred & Owned
- Division 27- Senior (Fall) Ewes
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 28-Sr Champion Ewe (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 29-Junior Ewe Lambs
a. Owned b. bred & Owned
- Division 30-Jr Champion Ewe (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
- Division 31- Gr Champion Ewe (no entry)
a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Divisions 7 through 31: Breeding Sheep

Maximum – 2 entries per division per exhibitor. Entry fee is \$12 per head.

Division	Private Flock Name & Number	Registration Number	Birth date	Sire Flock Name & Number	Dam Flock Name & Number

OFFICIAL CONSENT FORM

As an exhibitor of the National Junior Suffolk Show, I fully understand and agree to comply with all the rules listed on the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Assn web site. Failure to do so will disqualify me and forfeit my premiums.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian must also sign if exhibitor is under 18 years of age

*This statement must be signed, by the exhibitor listed on the application of this form, in order to participate in the show.

USSA Member Spotlight

JOHN SPONAUGLE – SPONAUGLE SUFFOLKS

Grottoes, VA

I had a few registered Suffolks in the late 1960's while in high school. My prospect flock began in 1978 with a purchase of 10 ewe lambs from Ansel Luxford and a ram from Bill McClure. Both of these men were very helpful and encouraging to me as a new Suffolk breeder. We worked very close with Ansel until he moved to Wyoming. I have continued to breed and promote Suffolk sheep primarily in the Mid-Atlantic area. During the 1980's I served two terms as director and one year as President of the NSSA. In 1987 I helped to create the Virginia Junior Suffolk Association which continues today as the Virginia Junior Sheep Breeders Association. Currently I am involved in many youth market lamb programs and am a leader of the Port Republic 4-H Club.

My marketing philosophy has always been based on the idea that if they are useful and desirable then the customers will find them without so much aggressive pressures. We were a regular consignor to Eastern Stud Ram Sale and the Midwest Stud Ram Sale for at least 20 years. We still consign several sheep each year to the West Virginia Stud Ram Sale. We always have a blast visiting with our friends!

Our sheep flock presently consists of approximately 50 Suffolk ewes and about 80 crossbred ewes. We are attempting to produce a good middle of the road sheep, "tweeners".

One of my favorite memories of Suffolks occurred on my first visit to Louisville in 1980. We showed a yearling ram owned jointly with Ansel Luxford and finished 15th in the yearling ram class. We were on the top of the world with our ram doing so well! How many years recently has there even been 15 yearling rams in the show? At that time, Suffolks showed on the first Saturday and used the entire show ring. It was a beautiful sight to see that huge show ring completely circled with Suffolk yearling ewes. At that time it was an honor just to have your ewe pulled to be placed.

Raising Suffolk sheep has taught me a lot about people. It certainly has been rewarding to watch youth and their families come and go over all these years. We have been fortunate to always work with at least one family in developing good sheep management skills and how to develop a breeding program. We defiantly have developed lifelong friendships with lots of wonderful Suffolk enthusiasts.

I will admit that I have been concerned about the USSA for several years. My personal feeling is that the folks in "charge" have completely lost the concept of a good solid Suffolk sheep. Structural correctness and enough dimension to be productive must be addressed. I was disappointed to be a Suffolk breeder a few years back when I went to Sedalia and observed the sale of the slick shorn Suffolks. There probably was not a good sheep in the whole group. Also, when I returned to Sedalia in 2011, I observed that in the wether sire division there was only seventy some Suffolks but around five hundred Hampshires. I would like to strongly encourage the Board of Directors to put aside all their personal agendas and get busy returning Suffolks to truly the "Breed in the Lead." If we don't soon create some enthusiasm and become true promoters of Suffolks we are going to lose our position as the number one annual registry. Suffolk people are the best group of breeders in the industry and if everyone comes together we can maintain Suffolks as number one!



John Sponaugle and daughter, Laura Sponaugle, being awarded the Townsend Premier Exhibitor

Growing up on a farm directly affects regulation of the immune system

Press Release

Immunological diseases, such as eczema and asthma, are on the increase in westernized society and represent a major challenge for 21st century medicine.

A new study has shown, for the first time, that growing up on a farm directly affects the regulation of the immune system and causes a reduction in the immunological responses to food proteins.

The research, led by the University of Bristol's [School of Veterinary Sciences](#), found that spending early life in a complex farm environment increased the number of regulatory T-lymphocytes, the cells that damp down the immune system and limit immune responses.

Dr Marie Lewis, Research Associate in Infection and Immunity at the School of Veterinary Sciences, who led the research, said: "Many large-scale epidemiological studies have suggested that growing up on a farm is linked to a reduced likelihood of developing allergic disease. However, until now, it has not been possible to demonstrate direct cause and effect: does the farm environment actively protect against allergies, or are allergy-prone families unlikely to live on farms?"

In the study, piglets were nursed by their mothers on a farm while their siblings spent their early life (from one day onwards) in an isolator unit under very hygienic conditions and were fed formula milk, therefore, reflecting the extremes of environment human babies are raised in.

The work was carried out in piglets as they are valuable translational models for humans since they share many aspects of physiology, metabolism, genetics and immunity.

The researchers demonstrated that compared to their brothers and sisters in the isolator, the farm-reared piglets had reduced overall numbers of T-lymphocytes, the immune cells which drive immune responses, in their intestinal tissues. Importantly, these dirty piglets also had significantly increased numbers of a subset of these cells, the regulatory T-lymphocytes, which pacify immune responses and limit inflammation.

This shift in the ratio of stimulatory and regulatory cells appeared to have functional effects since the farm-reared piglets also exhibited decreased antibody responses to novel food proteins when they were weaned.

Regulatory T-cells have been identified in many mammalian species, including humans, and appear to be universal regulators of immune systems and a reduction in their numbers is often associated with the development of allergies, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

Dr Lewis explained: "At this point it is not clear exactly what caused the increased capacity for immune regulation in our farm-reared piglets. Our previous work suggests that intestinal bacteria play a pivotal role in the development of a competent immune system and these bacteria are obtained from the environment during early life."

The researchers suggest additional work is required to determine the extent to which other farm-associated factors, such as social and maternal interactions, aerial contaminants, antigens from bedding and early nutrition, contributed to the impact of the environment on increased local and systemic immune regulation.

Further clarification of the mechanisms underlying these interactions could lead to methods of intervention during infancy to prevent the development of immune diseases in later life.

Paper: [*Direct experimental evidence that early-life farm environment influences regulation of immune responses*](#), Marie C. Lewis, Charlotte F. Inman, Dilip Patel, Bettina Schmidt, Imke Mulder, Bevis Miller, Bhupinder P. Gill, John Pluske, Denise Kelly, Christopher R. Stokes & Michael Bailey, [*Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*](#), published online ahead of print 03 February 2012.

Making sense of carcass ultrasound information in sheep

By Whit Stewart

From Barnyards & Backyards, a publication of the University of Wyoming Extension Service

Record slaughter lamb prices signal a great time for sheep producers to improve their flocks' genetics.

Lamb represents 85 percent of gross income, and wool represents approximately 15 percent of the gross income on typical operations. Understanding that wool is an important part of the product, I will focus on using carcass ultrasound technology as a tool for genetic selection.

Without slaughter of the animal, loin-eye area (LEA) is the best measurement of carcass merit; that is why we have seen LEA measurements in ram sales in recent years. Recent research has determined that LEA is the best quantitative measure of overall carcass merit. In fact, a 2008 study determined that a 0.8-square inch increase in LEA will lead to a 1-percent increase in dressing percentage or approximately a \$4.06 increase in gross carcass value.

Heritable Traits

Carcass traits in sheep are highly heritable. For example, heritability of rib-eye area is 35 percent, fat thickness is 30 percent, carcass weight is 40 percent, and weight of trimmed retail cuts is 45 percent.

Compare these heritable traits to other traits we strive to select for, such as ewe fertility – 5 percent, number of lambs born – 10 percent, 60-day weight – 10 percent, and 120-day weight – 20 percent, and it is easy to see improvement can be made with moderate effort. A balanced approach toward ram selection that includes LEA information can rapidly yield carcass-related improvements.

How do you get started? Collecting LEA data requires a 5- by 12- inch strip of wool be sheared off the animal's back between the 12th and 13th rib for good contact with the probe. Once the loin-eye image is captured on the ultrasound screen, the image is analyzed for loin-eye depth, LEA, and external back fat.

When is Best Test Time?

Understanding that weight and ultrasound go hand-in-hand is important. Most of the variation amongst animals at scanning time is attributed to weight and stage of development.

Finding a group of lambs exactly the same age and weight is difficult; therefore, ultrasound measurements need to be adjusted to a common body weight to accurately measure genetic merit. According to the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) recommendations, the time frame to ultrasound terminal breeds, i.e., Suffolk, Hampshire, Dorset, should be in the time frame closest to target market weight. Generally, the recommendation is 91 to 150 days targeting a weight of 150 pounds for terminal breeds.

In contrast, recommendations for Western range breeds, i.e., Rambouillet, Targhee, Columbia, that develop slower should have ultrasound scans collected from 151-304 days targeting a weight of 190 pounds.

Research at Montana State University found scanning Targhee yearling rams in a typical Western range development program at 190 pounds (approximately 12 months of age) is comparable to scanning intensively managed Suffolk ram lambs at 150 pounds (5 to 7 months of age). I realize holding replacement animals until a target scanning weight is difficult. Often, selection decisions are made at weaning and sorting and, consequently, collecting ultrasound information at such periods may be more convenient.

Although LEA scans of younger, lighter lambs may not be as precise as scans collected at target weights, identifying the upper and lower extremes in LEA in these groups of lambs is still very effective at improving the carcass characteristics within flocks.

As we look ahead to increasing demand for American lamb, increasing the LEA will continue to improve consumer acceptance of American lamb and may put us at a competitive advantage over imported lamb.

Ultrasound Technology Can Add Value

Carcass ultrasound technology in the sheep industry is in its fledgling stages in terms of acceptance but will only continue to add value to the industry at both the ranch and retail level.

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Rams that participate in the University of Wyoming Ram Test have this important information collected. Additionally, in certain areas of the state, UW extension educators are helping producers improve this important trait in their flocks by collecting ultrasound information at ranches.

For more information on how to utilize this resource, contact me at (307) 682-7281 or wstewar2@uwyo.edu.

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It's time to register 2012 lambs!

Need Lamb Registration Applications?

Print applications off the USSA Website *or* Call the USSA Office

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

2012 National Suffolk Show and Sale

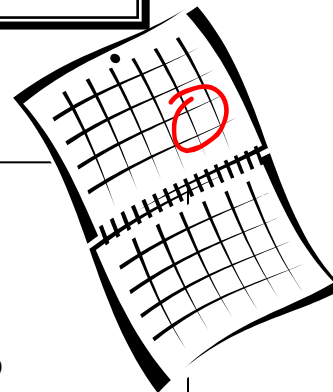
June 27 - 30

Held during the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, MO

2012 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show

July 5-8

On the South Dakota State University Campus in Brookings, SD



Question & Answer



Do you have a question for the USSA or Board of Directors? If so, please email it to news@u-s-s-a.org!

Question: "Our sheep are registered in Sally Smith and Family. Can my Grandkids show at the National Junior Show without having the papers transferred?"

Answer: Sheep eligible to be shown at the National Junior Suffolk Show need to be registered in the child's name, the child's immediate family's name or the farm name to be shown as bred and owned. Sheep need to be transferred into nieces, nephews and grandchildren's names and are eligible to show those sheep as owned.

Total Sheep and Lamb Inventory Down 2 Percent

From USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service



This is an excerpt from The USDA's Report. To view full report [click here](#).

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2012, totaled 5.35 million head, down 2 percent from 2011. Breeding sheep inventory decreased to 3.98 million head on January 1, 2012, down 3 percent from 4.08 million head on January 1, 2011. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.16 million head, were 2 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2012, totaled 1.37 million head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2011. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total market inventory. Twenty-two percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 22 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total market inventory.

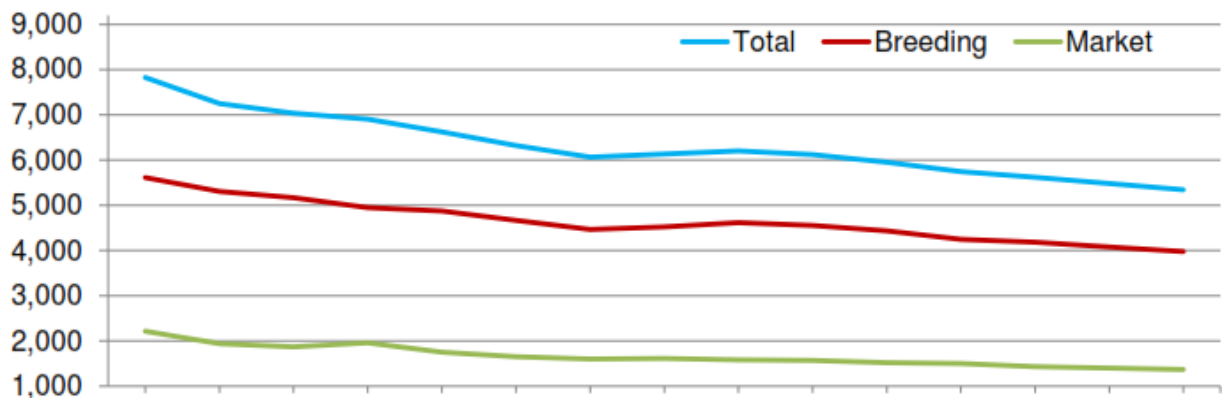
Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012

Class	2011 (1,000 head)	2012 (1,000 head)	2012 as percent of 2011 (percent)
All sheep and lambs	5,480.0	5,345.0	98
Breeding sheep and lambs	4,080.0	3,975.0	97
Replacement lambs under one year old	665.0	650.0	98
Ewes - one year old and older	3,225.0	3,155.0	98
Rams - one year old and older	190.0	170.0	89
Market	1,400.0	1,370.0	98

The 2011 lamb crop of 3.51 million head, was down 2 percent from 2010. The 2011 lambing rate was 109 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2011, an increase of 2 percent from 2010.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory – United States: January 1

Thousand head



Shorn wool production in the United States during 2011 was 29.3 million pounds, down 4 percent from 2010. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.03 million head, also down 4 percent from 2010. The average price paid for wool sold in 2011 was a record high \$1.67 per pound for a total value of 48.9 million dollars, up 40 percent from 35.0 million dollars in 2010.

Wool Production, Price, and Value – United States: 2010 and 2011

Year	Sheep shorn ¹	Weight per fleece	Shorn wool production	Price per pound	Value
	(1,000 head)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
2010	4,180	7.3	30,370	1.15	35,018
2011	4,030	7.3	29,290	1.67	48,925

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feeding yards.

Sheep death loss during 2011 totaled 240 thousand head, an increase of 4 percent from 2010. Lamb death loss increased 3 percent from 370 thousand head in 2010 to 380 thousand head in 2011.

Sheep and Lamb Inventory by Class – States and United States: January 1, 2011 and 2012

State	All sheep and lambs			Total breeding		Total market	
	2011	2012	2012 as percent of 2011	2011	2012	2011	2012
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)
Arizona	150.0	140.0	93	100.0	97.0	50.0	43.0
California	600.0	570.0	95	330.0	320.0	270.0	250.0
Colorado	370.0	460.0	124	175.0	190.0	195.0	270.0
Idaho	235.0	240.0	102	183.0	199.0	52.0	41.0
Illinois	56.0	57.0	102	47.0	48.0	9.0	9.0
Indiana	50.0	55.0	110	44.0	48.0	6.0	7.0
Iowa	200.0	195.0	98	127.0	143.0	73.0	52.0
Kansas	70.0	70.0	100	43.0	44.0	27.0	26.0
Kentucky	34.0	40.0	118	28.0	34.0	6.0	6.0
Michigan	74.0	79.0	107	58.0	58.0	16.0	21.0
Minnesota	130.0	150.0	115	95.0	106.0	35.0	44.0
Missouri	81.0	83.0	102	72.0	73.0	9.0	10.0
Montana	230.0	225.0	98	215.0	210.0	15.0	15.0
Nebraska	74.0	77.0	104	57.0	62.0	17.0	15.0
Nevada	68.0	70.0	103	58.0	63.0	10.0	7.0
New England ¹	51.0	45.0	88	43.0	38.0	8.0	7.0
New Mexico	110.0	100.0	91	95.0	89.0	15.0	11.0
New York	70.0	62.0	89	56.0	51.0	14.0	11.0
North Carolina	27.0	26.0	96	22.0	21.0	5.0	5.0
North Dakota	78.0	73.0	94	61.0	57.0	17.0	16.0
Ohio	129.0	126.0	98	102.0	102.0	27.0	24.0
Oklahoma	75.0	70.0	93	60.0	56.0	15.0	14.0
Oregon	215.0	200.0	93	148.0	140.0	67.0	60.0
Pennsylvania	98.0	89.0	91	84.0	75.0	14.0	14.0
South Dakota	265.0	285.0	108	210.0	225.0	55.0	60.0
Tennessee	35.0	35.0	100	29.0	28.0	6.0	7.0
Texas	850.0	650.0	76	680.0	520.0	170.0	130.0
Utah	280.0	305.0	109	255.0	280.0	25.0	25.0
Virginia	90.0	84.0	93	67.0	74.0	23.0	10.0
Washington	56.0	52.0	93	46.0	42.0	10.0	10.0
West Virginia	34.0	33.0	97	29.0	28.0	5.0	5.0
Wisconsin	90.0	84.0	93	76.0	69.0	14.0	15.0
Wyoming	365.0	370.0	101	275.0	270.0	90.0	100.0
Other States ²	140.0	145.0	104	110.0	115.0	30.0	30.0
United States	5,480.0	5,345.0	98	4,080.0	3,975.0	1,400.0	1,370.0

¹ New England includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

² Unpublished states.

2012 USSA Futurity Rules

CONSIGNOR RULES

1. Entries open to any ewe lamb born after September 1, 2011. Ewe lambs will compete in their specific age divisions.
2. Nomination fee is \$25.00 per head payable to the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Breeders may nominate all of their ewe lamb consignments during the 2012 sale season for a flat fee of \$250. Ewe lambs must be nominated and designated prior to entering the show ring of their class at a futurity sale. Payment of nomination fee is to be made prior to the sale of the ewe lambs or, for consignment sales, the nomination fee can be deducted from the consignor's check (done by sale management). Breeders wanting to take advantage of the group rate must make the USSA aware of their intention before the first sale at which they intend to sell futurity lambs. For all ewe lambs nominated, the consignor will be billed for the nomination even if the lamb is not purchased by a junior.
3. Each ewe lamb must bear the proper identification corresponding to the registration certificate. The official identifying tag for each lamb is the lamb's scrapie tag. The scrapie tag number must be recorded prior to selling and either (1) submitted to the USSA Office or (2) must be recorded by a USSA Board of Directors Representative.
4. Each ewe lamb must conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the sale to which it is consigned. All normal entry fees and commissions apply.
5. The USSA will not be held responsible for any dispute and/or disagreement between buyers and sellers.
6. Sale Options for Nomination:

Consignment Sales. Lambs can be consigned at the following sales: Oklahoma Black and White Sale, Illini All Breeds Sale, Ohio Suffolk Sale, Nugget All American, Cornbelt Suffolk Sale, Midwest Stud Ram Sale, New England Sale, Crossroads of the West Sale and Keystone Ram & Ewe Sale. For any other sale please contact the USSA Office for eligibility.

Organized Production Sales. An individual who desires to nominate ewe lambs sold in their production sale must submit their information to the USSA office prior to the sale for approval. Once a production sale is approved, that sale does not need to be reapproved the following years, if they would like to continue to participate in the USSA Futurity. In order for lambs to be eligible, the consignor/seller must submit a list of the sheep with each animal's respective scrapie tag number, which are being nominated 24 hours prior to the sale. Then, within 48 hours following the sale the consignor must provide complete information for the buyer of the ewe lamb(s). For production sales, the consignor must pay the \$25 nomination fee per head prior to the sale or inform the USSA office and a bill will be sent to the consignor.

Organized Internet Sales. For individuals who would like to nominate ewe lambs through an organized internet sale, must submit a list of the sheep with each animal's respective scrapie tag number, which are being nominated 24 hours prior to the sale. Then, within 48 hours following the sale the consignor must provide complete information for the buyer of the ewe lamb(s). For internet sales, the consignor must pay the \$25 nomination fee per head prior to the sale or inform the USSA office and a bill will be sent to the consignor.

Ewe lambs that were not nominated prior to the sale are not eligible for the futurity points or premiums. Sales management shall send in nominations and do not have the right after the sale to put a ewe lamb in for a breeder or junior member after the lamb has been sold.

EXHIBITOR RULES

1. All juniors who meet the requirements for the Junior Show at the North American International Livestock Exposition are eligible. Rules for the NAILE are:
 - a. The participant must be 21 years old or younger as of January 1st. There is no lower age limit but the exhibitor must be physically able to show their own sheep.
 - b. Junior members must be present to show their own sheep unless physically impaired.
 - c. Animals ownership must be registered with the USSA office by September 1, 2012. Ownership must be in the exhibitor's name. Youth partnerships, farm names or family ownerships are not permitted.
 - d. Exhibitors must have current youth or lifetime membership in the USSA.
2. Ewe lambs are to be registered in the INDIVIDUAL NAME ONLY. No partnerships, farm, family, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter names accepted in the futurity program.

3. The junior exhibitor of a futurity ewe lamb may not be a family member or employee of the breeder as listed on the registration paper. For purposes of the USSA Ewe Lamb Futurity, family members shall include children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.
4. Ewe lambs and points earned in the futurity are not transferable to any other person, nor are points transferable from one lamb to another.
5. Ewe lambs must be shown in a Suffolk class.
6. No futurity entrant may compete with more than two ewe lambs. Total points earned by two ewe lambs cannot be combined.
7. If registration papers are not received by the first show, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to show the lamb in the proper age category and have sales receipt to prove ownership.
8. The registered owner of the lamb must exhibit the lamb. However, if an exhibitor has two ewe lambs in the same class, another junior member may exhibit the second ewe lamb.
9. Premiums for 1st thru 3rd place are shown below; the rest of the premiums will be paid based on a percentage of futurity monies taken in by nominations. Premiums will be paid out by December 31, 2012.

First	\$500 + Trophy
Second	\$400
Third	\$300

The participant with the most points at the end of the exhibiting year will receive a trophy given by Quam Suffolks.

POINT SCORING

1. A point record form must be filled out for each showing and forward to the USSA office within 21 days of the show. The form must be signed by the superintendent of the appropriate show. These forms, along with the rules and regulations, will be sent to futurity participants upon purchase of a futurity ewe lamb.
2. At each individual show the ewe lamb may earn futurity points from a Suffolk class in both open division and/or the junior division.
3. Ewe lambs may compete at an unlimited number of shows. However, only the top five (5) point awards go towards their total. Points earned at the National Junior Suffolk Show or the NAILE Junior Suffolk Show are worth double. However, if an exhibitor participates in the National Junior Suffolk Show and NAILE Junior Suffolk Show, the exhibitor can only earn double points at one of these events. If an exhibitor attends both shows, the office will determine which show will earn the exhibitor double points.
4. The period for eligible shows will be from the Oklahoma Black and White Sale in April until the NAILE in November of the current year.
5. Although both fall and spring ewe lambs are eligible for the futurity, only one set of premiums will be paid for the USSA Futurity. The lambs are to be shown in their proper age division at the shows and the point totals combined for the futurity placing. Wether and market ewe lamb classes are not eligible for futurity points.

Futurity points will be awarded according to the following scale*:

# In Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
1 - 5	5	4	3	2	1																					
6 - 10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1																
11 - 15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1											
16 - 20	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1						
21+	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

* The Futurity points scale is based on a combination of the ewes placing in class and the number of participants in the class.

An individual, who purchases a nominated ewe lamb and chooses to participate in the futurity, should contact the USSA office to obtain copies of the rules and regulations and point record forms. This information and point record form appearing here may also be used.

Learning Opportunities

Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School

July 8-11, 2012, Philadelphia, PA

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. 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.

[2012 Tentative Agenda \(pdf\)](#)

How to Apply

There is no fee to apply. Complete your [application form \(pdf\)](#) and submit it electronically no later than April 16, 2012. For question or more information, call the NLFA office at 503.364.5462 or email us at info@nlfa-sheep.org.



Learning Opportunities



Grazing Workshop for Small Ruminant Producers

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Greg Judy of Green Pastures Farm
Thursday - Saturday, June 14 - 16, 2012

Cost: \$175 per person or \$250 per couple (couples will receive only one copy of proceedings)
Vendors will be charged registration fee plus a vendor fee.

- Presentations by grazing specialists, veterinarians and researchers
- Topics include forages, forage management, stockpiling, soils, fencing and more
- Field exercises, demonstrations and vendors
- Sessions on grazing system design and layout and grazing plans are scheduled
- Registration includes conference proceedings and meals

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A Great Recipe for Ewe to Try!

Do you have a lamb recipe that is absolutely delicious and you want to share?
Do you have a child or junior that loves to cook? We'll feature their recipes, too!
Please email it to news@u-s-s-a.org and it may be featured in an upcoming newsletter!



Lamb Spread

1lb ground lamb, add fresh, minced garlic (as desired), brown & drain well
16 oz cream cheese
1/2 c. mayonnaise
1 pkg Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing Mix

Mix all together. Refrigerate several hours. Serve with wheat crackers or Triscuts.

This recipe is from Christy Zelinsky, which Christy had gotten from Mary Held. This is a quick item that can be made for family gatherings and is always a big hit! Can substitute light cream cheese and mayonnaise and the spread still takes great!

Submitted by : Amanda Everts

Hints and Tips from one Suffolk Enthusiast to Another!



Please share your hints and tips with others! Email hints and tips to: news@u-s-s-a.org.

Inexpensive Warming Jug for Chilled Lambs

Take a 55 gallon drum, cut out the inside top of the heavy rim (leave rim for support). Stand drum upright, with open top facing down, and cut a 12" hole for a heat lamp. Above the bottom, open rim, cut an opening up, vertically, large enough for a lamb to fit in. This is an ideal warmer in cold winters for chilled lambs. This warmer can be placed into the lambing jug. Most lambs only need a day to a day and a half in the warmer. The polypropylene drum can be purchased for \$5 or less. A saber saw can be used to make cuts into the drum. A very inexpensive way to make a warmer for a chilled lamb.

Bucket Stabilizer

Cut the center out of an old ATV wheel so that a 5 gallon bucket fits into it. Cut 3 large drainage holes in the side wall of the tire that is facing downward towards the ground. Old ATV wheels can be found many places for free. This works as a great way to stabilize 5 gallon buckets so that they do not get knocked over.

2011 NSIP SUFFOLK SIRE SUMMARY

The 2011 NSIP Suffolk Sire Summary has been posted on the USSA website!

Calendar of Events

Have a Suffolk related event you would like to add to the calendar of events? Email your event to: news@u-s-s-a.org. The newsletter may not contain all events. To find a full listing, please visit our website: www.u-s-s-a.org.

April

- 6-7 Illini All-Breeds Spring Sale - Bloomington, Illinois—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs
- 7 Slack's 34th Formula for Champions Club Lamb Sale - Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds, Columbia City, Indiana, 1:30pm until 4:30pm
- 14 California Ram Sale - Tulare County Fairgrounds, Tulare, California
- 21 Quam Suffolks & Hampshires Sale, At the Farm - Wanamingo, Minnesota, Sale - 1PM
- 21 Bakersfield Ram Sale, Western Stockman Market, Famoso, CA 1pm
- 27-28 National Cornbelt All Breeds Sheep Sale - Des Moines, Iowa—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs
- 30 -1 Minnesota Suffolk Spring Spectacular Online Stud Ram, Ewe & Club Lamb Sale (April 30-May 1)

May

- 5 Kimm Suffolks 24th Annual Production Sale - Tippie Beef Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 6:30pm, www.breedingsheepage.com/kimm
- 10-12 Big Ohio Sale Weekend - Eaton, Ohio—Ohio Suffolk Sale, Classic Wether Sire & Dam Sale
- 26-27 Great Lakes All-Breeds Sheep Show & Sale - Wooster, Ohio
- 31-2 Nugget All-American Invitational All Breeds Sheep & Boer Goat Sale - John Ascuaga's Nugget Casino - Spark, NV—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs (May 31-June 2)

June

- 1 Last day to take advantage of the Amnesty Program!
- 25-30 Midwest Stud Ram Sale—Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, Missouri
- 27—National Suffolk Sale, 7am
- 28—Blackface Wether Sire & Dams Show, 7am - Suffolks Show Second
- 29—National Suffolk Sale, Approximately Noon
- 30—Blackface Wether Sire & Dam Sale, 10 am

July

- 5—8 National Junior Suffolk Show - Brookings, South Dakota @ the SDSU Campus
- 20—21 Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale - Tooele, Utah

August

- 18 Iowa Hawkeye Suffolk Sale - Des Moines, Iowa

September

- 8 28th Annual CHOTEAU SHEEP EXPO, Weatherbeater Barn in Choteau, Montana www.choteausheepexpo.com

October

- 6 Keystone International Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale - Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- 19—20 New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale - Rhinebeck, New York

November

- 10 N.A.I.L.E. Suffolk Sale - Louisville, Kentucky
- 24 Illini Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale - Bloomington, Illinois—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams



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 news@u-s-s-a.org. We look forward to seeing all your photos!

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.

It's a girl!

Josie and her husband, Jason, welcomed Nola Irene Ford into their family on March 7th at 7:18am. Nola weighed 7lbs 6oz and was 20 inches long.

For those of you who do not know Josie, she works in the USSA office part-time and keeps busy working on registrations, the newsletter and the new registration program.



USSA Suffolk Window Clings and Limited Edition Suffolk Sculptures are available for purchase!

Window Clings are \$1 a piece and sculptures are \$195 per sculpture.

Both prices include shipping!

Contact the office if you are interested in purchasing any.



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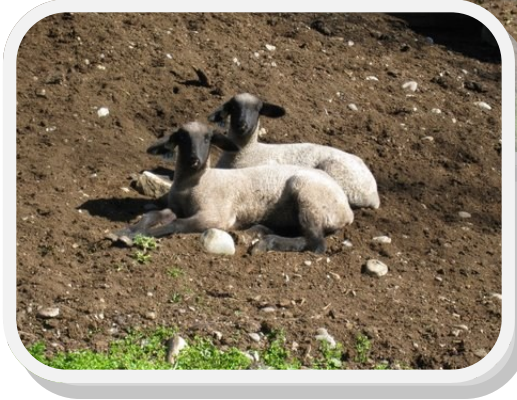


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Suffolk Scenes



"Twins Looking Like Twins"

Submitted by: Chuck Ream, Windswept Ranch

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.

FOR SALE: 1 Year Old Registered Suffolk Ram

Asking \$300.00 but willing to take reasonable offer.

Contact Ellyssa or Trixia Grant for more information after 4pm central time.

[715-258-7852](tel:715-258-7852) or email tlgrantlovescats@hughes.net

**If you have lambs to sell this spring, post a classified ad!
Prospective buyers check them!**

Check out the USSA Facebook page!

