

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association



From the USSA Office & Board of Directors!

We need your vote!

Please vote for the 2013 NAILE Fitted and Slick Shorn Suffolk Show Judges!

Due to the timing of the 2012 Annual Meeting and NAILE Open Suffolk Show, the voting process is a little different than years past. Please submit your vote for the 2013 NAILE judges by January 31st. Votes can be submitted by email, mail, phone or fax. Each membership can vote for one judge for each show. The names provided below are recommendations from the USSA membership (nominated during the 2012 NAILE Open Suffolk Show) for the respective shows. Judges will be ranked and provided to NAILE based on the number of votes received.

Slick Shorn Nominations

Paul Kuber
Bill Gergen
Wayne Skartvedt
Jim Heggemeier



Fitted Nominations

Mark Johnson
Mark Chapman
Jim Heggemeier
Steve Paasch

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Welcome!

...new members, returning past members (whom have not been active in recent years) and past UJSSA members who have joined the USSA during November 2012.



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Updated ByLaws

All proposed USSA ByLaw amendments have been approved and passed by a vote of the membership on November 1, 2012. To view updated USSA ByLaws, please visit the USSA website and or view in the 2013 USSA Directory, which will be distributed in April.

Wishing you safe travels this holiday season!



USSA 3-ring Binders and Folders



Binders \$9.50/each*



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*Prices include PSH

Get to Know Your USSA Board of Directors.

BILL MACCAULEY

Atglen, Pennsylvania

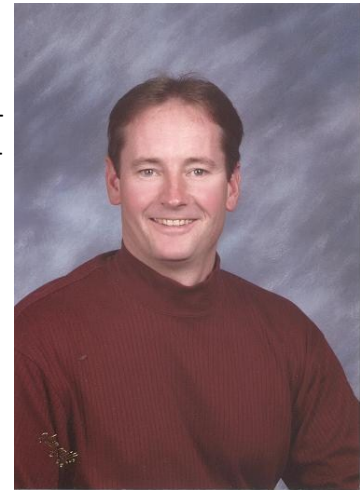
How long have you raised Suffolks? All my Life

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks? My Parents

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. We have Suffolks for everyone. We recognize that there are people whom want to raise big frame sheep and there are others that want a more moderate framed as well as wether type Suffolks. We strive to raise functional Suffolks no matter their use.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? We have over 275 Suffolks today

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? Watching our boys show Suffolks and bonding with other Junior kids. Suffolks are a way of life for the MacCauley family. When we load up the RV and head to a Junior show!



What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? I have had the opportunity to travel all across the US and meet people from all walks of life. I have learned that you never stop learning about people or sheep.

Why did you want to become a USSA Director? My goal is to make sure that we are promoting Suffolks and cultivating Junior kids.

As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on? Numerous, Promotion

Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit it's membership, gain new members and retain it's current members? We need every member to concentrate on bringing kids into our Junior Association. We all need to step back and ask who is going to carry on this great breed and ask ourselves "How do we get them to show Suffolks?"

Discuss any major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed. The number one challenge is to identify the best solution to slow the declining Registration numbers and ask ourselves what needs to be done to get people into our breed.

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? We advertise monthly and have a website www.maccauleysheep.com



Looking for the following to include in the Suffolk Newsletter:

Photos, news, events, recipes, helpful hints & tips, educational opportunities and questions for the question and answer section! Or anything else you would like to share!

USSA Member Spotlight

LARRY LOFINK - 28 YEARS LATER

By Micky Burch

The following article is provided courtesy of *The Banner Sheep Magazine*.

Not all photos from this *Banner* article are included. To view all photos please view the original article in the October/November 2012 issue of *The Banner Sheep Magazine*.

After 28 years in the sheep industry, including more than a quarter century in the Suffolk business, Larry Lofink, Cheyenne, Wyo., just about has his sheep flock where he wants it. "I like a sheep that stays consistent in the breeding program," the Laramie County, Wyoming, sheep producer says. "Just good, sound sheep anyone can use."

Growing up on a crop, cattle and hog farm south of Torrington, Wyo., Larry learned early he loved livestock. But it wasn't until 1984 that sheep became a permanent part of the Lofink family life when Theresa, his wife, found a pair of sheep with collars on them in their pasture. "The collars had phone numbers on them just like a dog's would," Larry explains. After calling the number, the Lofink's inherited the sheep because, obviously, the original owners couldn't keep them in. Then, Larry thought "Why just have two sheep?" So he and a neighbor went to Laramie, Wyo., where he bought some Columbia-Rambouillet cross ewes and a Suffolk ram. That first lamb crop was also his kid's – Chad, Melissa and John's – initial trip to the fair; the speckle-faced lambs didn't do too bad for the Lofink kids.



Larry Lofink's
Res. Champ. Suffolk Wether Sire
2012 Crossroads of the West Sale.

As the family learned the sheep showing ropes, Larry incorporated more Suffolk genetics into the flock by picking up bred ewes at the Colorado Sheep Breeders Bred Ewe Sale held in November. "I got involved and learned along with the kids," Larry says. That involvement led to joining the American Suffolk Sheep Society in September of 1985 and registering his first Suffolk in 1986. It was also in '86 that the family showed at their first Wyoming State Fair open sheep show and later moved to a larger acreage east of Cheyenne to accommodate the growing flock. It was about this time that the children's success at showing sheep began to accelerate. "I always told them, though, that it didn't matter how many ribbons they won, it was the education they got from the sheep that was worth a million dollars," Larry says.

Meanwhile, Larry was getting his own education in the Suffolk business. Through his involvement in the American Suffolk Sheep Society, Larry was nominated to serve a term on the newly-formed United Suffolk Sheep Association board when the Society and the National Suffolk Sheep Association merged in 1998. He learned a lot during his three-year term and was honored to have been voted into the position by his sheep-producing peers.

When Larry started showing at open class shows, correspondingly, his reputation began to grow. In 2003, he was president and sales manager of the Wyoming Suffolk Sheep Association. Because of their ability to be used in a variety of specialties, Larry truly believes Suffolk sheep are "The Breed In the Lead." From club lambs to wether sires and dams to big-framed brood ewes to stud-quality ewes and rams to range rams, Suffolks, Larry says, can do it all. And after seeing first-hand the carcass quality and rate of gain from Suffolk sheep, Larry wouldn't have any other breed. "That doesn't just come from the grain bucket," he explains. "It comes from genetics."

After almost a decade observing other Suffolk breeders, Larry developed his idea of a perfect sheep. "It took me nine years to get where I wanted to get," he says. "Then, I wanted to get better." While he certainly didn't want to become too comfortable in what he was doing, he constantly did things to improve his flock, including traveling the country looking for fresh genetics. Seeking particular traits, he frequently travels to the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Mo. "It's like going to the mall," he explains. "I go shopping for what fits and hope I can afford what I want." While he knows he likely can't afford everything he's looking for in one package, he goes after one piece at a time – like the ram with great ears or a classy head. He also incorporates a line breeding

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component to his flock to strengthen genetics; oftentimes he breeds stud sons to half sisters. While he says he'll never be done trying to figure out the right combination of traits, he's doing well with what he breeds and sells club lambs, stud rams and elite ewes. Which part did you want changed?

The Lofink flock boasts a 200% lamb crop and Larry credits Theresa for a lot of that success. Her support at home and in the lambing barn has proven invaluable. "If I was going to hire someone to work in the lambing barn, she'd be my number one pick," he says. Lambing at the Lofink's starts in mid-January and goes through March. Having both worked full time jobs until about five years ago, Larry and Theresa would each take a week of vacation during lambing in order to get the job done right.

For many years, Memorial weekend was reserved for a fitting and showing clinic sponsored by the Wyoming Suffolk Sheep Association and held at the Goshen County Fairgrounds; it was an extension of the fitting and showing classes Larry taught at Laramie County Community College and on his farm during much of the 1990s. Many of the kids that attended his clinics as junior exhibitors are now showing against him in the open class show at the Wyoming State Fair, "but they aren't beating me," Larry points out with a laugh. Still, passing his knowledge on to the next generation is one of his goals.

The next generation incorporates Larry and Theresa's grandchildren, including little Chaisley who picked out a ewe lamb in the jug when she was just three hours old. "Chaisley stuck out her fingers and the lamb started sucking them," Larry says. "Fena," as the ewe lamb would later be named, won the Wyoming State Fair as a yearling. Larry's daughter showed the ewe, he helped set legs and Chaisley got awarded the ribbon.

The Lofink family has competed at the Wyoming State Fair open class show for 27 straight years. At 64 years old, Larry says he's the oldest participant in open class sheep barn, "but I still beat 'em," he says of the younger exhibitors. It's true, too. In the last 12 years, he's had either the champion or reserve champion Suffolk Flock 11 times, champion or reserve champion Suffolk Ram 11 times, and Best Four Head 11 times.

A typical show string for the family is a flock—four ewes and a ram—but they've routinely taken as many as a dozen head. In years past, they've even shown wether-type sheep at the Wyoming State Fair open jackpot lamb show. On a more poignant note, this year—the 100th anniversary of the Wyoming State Fair—marked the closing of the Wyoming Suffolk Sheep Association.

In addition to the Wyoming State Fair, Larry consigns to the Crossroads of the West Sale in Tooele, Utah and the Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Mo. Two years ago, he raised the Reserve Grand Champion Suffolk Ram and high-seller at the Crossroads of the West. This year, he took home honors for Reserve Champion Yearling Suffolk Wether Sire at the Crossroads. He's even ventured as far as Reno, Nev., to be a spectator and see what other breeders are doing.



2010 Grand Champion Flock & Supreme Champion Flock at Wyoming State Fair.

But even after his success, Larry says, "I'm my own worst critic; I'm pretty tough on my sheep." He starts his evaluation of the sheep the day they're born and keeps a close eye on them until weaning at 60 days of age. Between day 60 and day 90, he makes his decisions and knows which ones he wants to keep. Usually he keeps two to four ram lambs back for next-year's yearlings. Oftentimes, he uses multiple rams on his flock of 30 ewes "to give rams some production records," he explains.

At the end of the day, Larry likes the style of sheep he's raising and plans to stay consistent with where's he's at. For the most part, he feels he can raise better ewes than he can buy, so he plans on keeping his own genetics, but also keeping an open mind to an outcross—if it offers a trait he's looking for. He concludes by saying that, since his children are grown and raising their own families,

he's raising sheep for himself and has proved to himself—after 28 years—that he can do what he's always wanted to do: raise sheep.

A message from the UJSSA President

Happy December!

Greeting Fellow Suffolk Breeders,

Wow, hard to believe it's December. I hope everyone had the chance to make it Louisville and that they had a wonderful fall. While being at the NAILE I hope that you got a chance to attend some of the Suffolk events. Whether you were able to catch up with an old friend or maybe you were able to attend the Suffolk Social or maybe you found the next breeder that you will be buying a ewe or ram from. I hope that whatever you did in Louisville was successful for you. At Louisville the Junior board members discussed many things but our 2013 Junior Show seemed to be the big topic. As many of you know the Junior Show will be in East Lansing, Michigan where it will be held in conjunction with the All-American. We formed our committee's for the show and are now working hard at getting it all put together. If anybody would like to help or has any idea's for the show feel free to contact one of us. In just a few short weeks many of you will be starting lambing season. I hope that you all have successful season.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you need anything at all.

Happy Holidays!

Taylor Wolff

[View photos of the 2012 National Junior Suffolk Show!](#)

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Get to Know Your Junior Board of Directors.

JACLYNN KNUTSON

Centerville, South Dakota

Where do you go to school? If still in high school, where do you plan to go to college and major. If college, include major. Viborg/Hurley High School, and plan to go to South Dakota State University to major in a agriculture field.

How did you become interested in raising Suffolks? My dad started a 4-H flock as a kid, and has always continued it, and I love them.

Why did you want to be on the UJSSA Board? I would love to get to know more Suffolk and sheep producers.

Outside of sheep activities, what else do you activities do you participate in? Basketball, 4-H, FFA , Pageants, Choir

Favorites:

Food: Steak & Sweet Corn

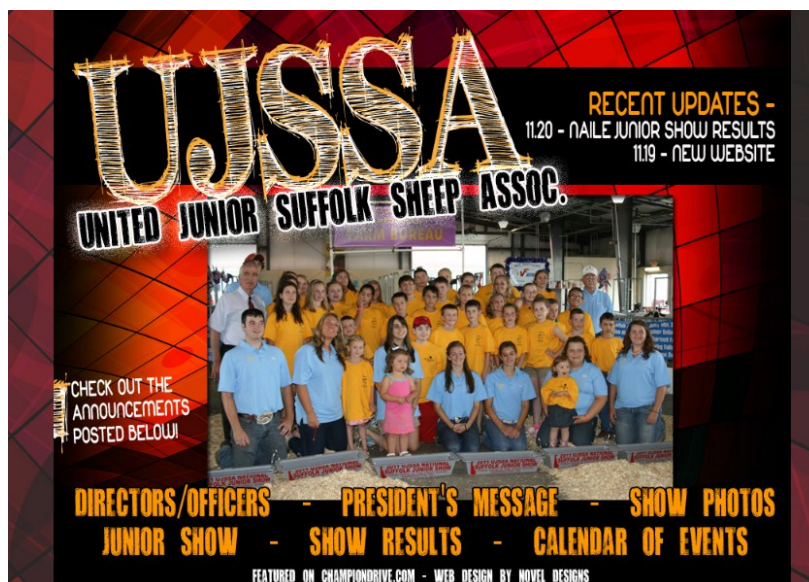
Tv Show: Criminal Minds

Sheep event: Jr. Show/ SD State Fair

Best Suffolk Memory: Showing my first year in 4-H with a ewe lamb I took care of and winning with her for my first time in 2007.



Check out the new UJSSA website!



Suffolks Today And Tomorrow Conference Commemorative Print



This commemorative print was created by well known livestock artist CJ Brown, during the Suffolks Today and Tomorrow Conference held on June 29, 2012 in Sedalia Missouri. Prints can be ordered with or without conference information included on print.

Prints are only available for purchase through the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Prints are \$80 each (price includes shipping). To order prints, please contact the USSA Office by phone (641.684.5291) or email (info@u-s-s-a.org). If print is needed for the holidays, please order through the USSA Office by Monday, December 10th to insure a timely arrival.

FUTURITY STANDINGS

Futurity Point Record Forms were due to the office on December 1st. The winners will be announced in the January Newsletter.

Thank you to the USSA members who nominated futurity lambs!

California

Mike & Alison Mann
Neumiller Suffolks

Colorado

Wagner Suffolks

Iowa

Cheryl Bierle
Damman Suffolks
Kimm Suffolks
Sandage Farms
Wayne Skartvedt Family

Idaho

Whispering Hills Suffolks - Matt Wolf & Family

Illinois

Phantom Hills Fitting & Training, Ethan, Annie & Ty Smith

Indiana

Five Star 'J' Farms, Richard & Cindy Jones
Silver Dollar Farms, Tad Thompson

Michigan

Renn-View Farms

Minnesota

Arndt Acres
Baumgartner Family Suffolks
Quam Suffolks

Montana

Dreher Family Suffolks

Nevada

Ruby Mountain Sheep Co., Cynthia Huckins

Oklahoma

Annuschat Suffolks

Oregon

Hawkins Farms Suffolks

Pennsylvania

Lyn Lee Farms, Gerald & Susan Clair
MacCauley Suffolks

Utah

Double L Livestock, Larry & Linda Pauly
Mayo Suffolk/Double L Livestock

Washington

Clift Livestock



2012 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Junior Breeding Show Results



Champion Ram
MacCauley 2576 RR
Christopher MacCauley



Reserve Champion Ram
Harder Suffolks 204
Rhett Zelinsky



Grand Champion Ewe
MacCauley 2422 RR
Christopher MacCauley



Reserve Grand Champion Ewe
5 Star J 1191
Jacinda & Raelynn Thompson and Avery Jones-Taylor

Champion Senior Ewe— MacCauley 2422 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Reserve Champion Senior Ewe—5 Star J 1191, Jacinda & Raelynn Thompson and Avery Jones-Taylor
Champion Junior Ewe—5 Star J 2123, Jacinda & Raelynn Thompson and Avery Jones-Taylor
Reserve Champion Junior Ewe—North Star Farms Blk 0178, Christopher MacCauley
Champion Slick Shorn Ewe—VIP 1860, Joel Flanders
Reserve Champion Slick Shorn Ewe— DDJ Suffolk 712, Jacen Wilinski
State Flock—Pennsylvania



2012 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Open Show Results - Slick Shorn Show



Champion Slick Shorn Ram
MacCauley 2510
Christopher MacCauley



Res. Champion Slick Shorn Ram
PHFT 1240
Phantom Hills Fitting & Training, Ethan, Annie & Ty Smith

Slick Shorn Ram Senior Champion - MacCauley 2510, Christopher MacCauley
Slick Shorn Ram Reserve Senior Champion - MacCauley 2533 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Slick Shorn Ram Junior Champion - PHFT 1240, Phantom Hills Fitting & Training, Ethan, Annie & Ty Smith
Slick Shorn Ram Reserve Junior Champion - MacCauley 2551 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Pair of Slick Shorn Ram Lambs - Martin & Chris Auville



Champion Slick Shorn Ewe
PHFT Bangn Beauty
Phantom Hills Fitting & Training,
Ethan, Annie & Ty Smith



Res. Champion Slick Shorn Ewe
MacCauley 2604 RR
Christopher MacCauley

Senior Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - PHFT Bangn Beauty, Phantom Hills Fitting & Training, Ethan, Annie & Ty Smith
Reserve Senior Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - Kimm 04098-12007, Christopher MacCauley
Junior Champion Slick Shorn Ewe - MacCauley 2604 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Reserve Junior Champion Slick Shorn Ewe- Wiford 286, Wiford Suffolks
Pair of Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes - Christopher MacCauley
Pair of Slick Shorn Ewe Lambs - Christopher MacCauley
Slick Shorn Flock - MacCauley Suffolks



2012 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Open Show Results - Fitted Show



SUPREME CHAMPION SUFFOLK RAM
Champion Fitted Ram
Mil Sid Farm 1003 Trip-Bute
Mil-Sid Farm (Josh Miller)/Burke Suffolks



RES SUPREME CHAMPION RAM
Res. Champion Fitted Ram
MacCauley 2479 RR
Christopher MacCauley

Senior Champion Ram—Mil Sid Farm 1003 Trip-Bute, Mil-Sid Farm (Josh Miller)/Burke Suffolks
Reserve Senior Champion Ram - MacCauley 2479 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Junior Champion Ram— Schambow 3227, Tom & Rachel Schambow
Reserve Junior Champion Ram - MacCauley 2576, Christopher MacCauley
Pair of Ram Lambs, Christopher MacCauley



SUPREME CHAMPION SUFFOLK EWE
Champion Fitted Ewe
MacCauley 2422 RR
Christopher MacCauley



RES SUPREME CHAMPION SUFFOLK EWE
Res. Champion Fitted Ewe
Ream 11TG26
Chuck Ream

Senior Champion Ewe—MacCauley 2422 RR, Christopher MacCauley
Reserve Senior Champion Ewe - Ream 11TG26, Chuck Ream
Junior Champion Ewe - Schambow 3205, Tom & Rachel Schambow
Reserve Junior Champion Ewe - Five Star J 2123, Jacinda & Raelynn Thompson & Avery Jones-Taylor
Pair of Yearling Ewes - Christopher MacCauley
Pair of Ewe Lambs - Jacinda & Raelynn Thompson & Avery Jones-Taylor
Fitted Flock - Christopher MacCauley



2012 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

Best Headed Suffolk Winners

Best Headed Ram - MacCauley 2576, Christopher MacCauley

Best Headed Ewe - Silver Dollar, Tad Thompson

NAILE Guys & Gals Lead

Congratulations to the following UJSSA members who participated in the 2012 NAILE Lead Line with a Suffolk!



Raesa Zelinsky, SD
2nd place, Ages 8 to 10 yrs old



Congrats to all the Suffolk Winners!

14 to 16 years old division (Not Pictured)

2nd place: Connor Vincent, DE

NAILE Market Lamb



Champion Suffolk Market Lamb
Jessica Burson, NM

Reserve Champion Suffolk Market Lamb, Garrett Goodwin, OK

American Lamb Board is now soliciting Sponsorship Proposals

The American Lamb Board (ALB) has allocated \$20,000 in FY 2013 to sponsor local lamb events including fairs, festivals, cooking demonstrations, seminars etc. The sponsorship dollars are intended to help offset the cost of lamb for sampling and demonstrations, event advertising and publicity, promotional materials, etc.

All sponsorship proposals are due no later than January 15, 2013. For more information [click here](#) and for questions or to discuss promotional ideas, please contact Rae Maestas at [866-327-5262 Ext.3](tel:866-327-5262)

As a reminder, ALB also has a variety of tools available to support local American Lamb promotions, including a new Lamb Jam how to kit, and much more! Please contact Courtney Quinn at [866-327-5262 Ext.5](tel:866-327-5262) or Courtney@americanlambboard.org for a complete description of tools available.

2013 USSA Breeders Directory

2012 United Suffolk Sheep Association Directory

It's that time of year again to start thinking about 2013 USSA Breeders Directory and 2013 USSA Membership Dues. Once again this year USSA is partnering with Greg Deakin and Banner Publications to create the 2013 Breeders Directory. As always, this will be a magazine-quality, informational listing of USSA members that you can count on to keep in touch with other breeders within the association. In addition, the directory will contain up-to-date news, show results, pictures, sale information, breed standards and more. If you are interested in advertising in this year's directory, please contact Casey by phone at 309.785.5058 or by email at ads.banner@sybertech.net.

ATTENTION SUFFOLK BREEDERS

Plan to be part of the 2013 Breeders Membership Directory

All United Suffolk Sheep Association Members will be listed in the 2013 Directory. Complete addresses, phone numbers, email addresses & websites will be listed for all new or renewed memberships paid to the USSA office by February 28. The Banner Sheep Magazine will publish the directory in a colorful magazine format which will be mailed to all paid members of the USSA. Additional copies will be distributed throughout the year at major Suffolk functions by the USSA.

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Get on the right track. Get Suffolks!

Holiday Lamb Recipe Contest

From now through Dec. 14, fans of lamb are invited to post their ewe-nique family recipes along with a quote about why they love American lamb on the American Lamb Board's (ALB) Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/AmericanLamb, or on Twitter or Pinterest using the hashtag #AmericanLambFamilyRecipe. Weekly winners, chosen at random, will receive a lamb cut of their choice for a family feast. A panel of lamb-lovin' chefs will review all entries and choose a grand prize winner, who will receive a \$500 gift certificate to a restaurant in their hometown that serves American lamb. Winners will be announced each week, as well as the grand prize winner on Dec. 17, via Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.

ALB can be found on Twitter at twitter.com/FANofLAMB or on Pinterest at pinterest.com/americanlamb.

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!



Pacific Rim Mushrooms Stuffed with Lamb

Recipe and image from the American Lamb Board. To see more recipes from the American Lamb Board, visit www.americanlamb.com.

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

- 12 large mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/3 pound ground American Lamb
- 1/2 teaspoon each garlic salt and ground pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons prepared Plum Sauce
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped peanuts, divided

Wipe off mushrooms with a damp paper towel. Snap out mushroom stems and chop; set aside.

In large skillet, heat oil. Add lamb and chopped mushroom stems. Season with garlic salt and pepper. Cook and crumble lamb until browned. Drain well and stir in bell pepper and onions.

Stir in Plum Sauce and 2 tablespoons peanuts. Stuff lamb mixture into mushroom caps and sprinkle with remaining peanuts.

Place mushroom caps on baking sheet. Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes.



2013 Scholarship Winners Announced!

Congratulations to Rachel Schambow and John Curley, recipients of the USSA Scholarships and congratulations to Taylor Peck, recipient of the Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship. Each recipient will receive a \$1000 scholarship, paid directly towards the institution they attend.

Rachel Schambow of Janesville, Wisconsin, is a freshman at the University of Wyoming where she is working towards a degree in Biology and upon completion plans to pursue further education to become DVM for use in wild-life research with a veterinary emphasis. Rachel plans to stay involved in 4-H and help other young members get started in the Suffolk sheep project. Rachel is the daughter of Richard and Judy Schambow.

John Curley of Windom, Minnesota, is a sophomore at North Dakota State University where he is enrolled in the Pre-Pharmacy program. Upon graduation with a Pharmacy D Degree, John plans to live in the upper Midwest and own and raise Suffolk sheep. John is the son of Mike and Susan Curley.

Taylor Peck of Pittstown, New Jersey, is a senior at Penn State and will graduate this May with a degree in Animal Science and a minor in Agribusiness Management. Taylor hopes to find a position that relates to agriculture and/or animal health and will continue to raise Suffolk sheep in the future. Taylor is the daughter of John and Lisa Peck.

UJSSA members are encouraged to apply for the 2013 scholarships!
Details will be posted in upcoming newsletters.



American Lamb Board Announces Changes To 2013 Grant Programs

The American Lamb Board (ALB) kicks off its new fiscal year with changes to its fiscal year 2013 industry outreach cooperative funding programs. The board's Industry Matching Grant Program has been replaced by an Annual Sponsorship Program. \$20,000 will be available annually to support local lamb events, fairs and festivals to help offset the cost of lamb for sampling and demonstrations, event advertising and publicity, promotional materials, etc. Applications will be due in January 2013.

ALB has also approved an increase to the Supplier Co-op Program budget from \$60,000 to \$80,000 to help American lamb suppliers and direct marketers develop and implement branded retail, foodservice or consumer promotions. The funding cycle will remain the same for this program with applications due for the first round on Oct. 31 (\$40,000 available), and the second round on April 30, 2013 (\$40,000 available). This program requires a dollar for dollar match.

"Both programs are designed to expand ALB's efforts to promote American lamb and further the goals and objectives of ALB's strategic plan," said ALB Chairman Nick Forrest. "We look forward to working with industry partners in 2013 to support promotions and events that help the industry build demand for American lamb."

For more information about the programs and for a copy of the ALB's Strategic Plan, visit www.lambcheckoff.com.

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 upcoming events. To find a full listing, please visit our website: www.u-s-s-a.org and ujssa.org.

January

23-26 American Sheep Industry Association/National Lamb Feeders Assn Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX. www.sheepusa.org

March

1 Last day to take advantage of the reduced rate for 2012 Membership Dues and to be listed in the 2012 USSA Directory.

April

30 - May 1 Stars of the North Online Ewe and Stud Ram Sale, www.wlivestock.com



July

4-7 2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

August

1 2013 Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fair - 5:30 PM

Census Countdown Begins for America's Farmers and Ranchers

From ASI Weekly Newsletter

America's farmers and ranchers will have the opportunity to make a positive impact on their communities by taking part in the Census of Agriculture. Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the census captures a complete count of all U.S. farms, ranches and those who operate them.

Census data is used by all those who serve farmers and rural communities from federal, state and local governments to agribusinesses and trade associations. Companies and cooperatives can use the information to determine the locations of facilities that will serve agricultural producers. Often legislators use the information when shaping farm policies and programs.

As preparations continue for this year's Census of Agriculture, farmers and ranchers are asked to share their stories, ask questions and talk to fellow producers about this critical effort. Answers to the census help grow your farm future, shape farm programs and boost services for you, your community and your industry.

NASS will mail out census forms in late December, and responses are due by Feb. 4, 2013. Producers also have the option to complete the forms online. The census is your voice, your future and your responsibility. For more information about the census, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov.

ATTENTION STATE AND REGIONAL SUFFOLK ASSOCIATIONS!

Do you have news, events, meetings, etc. that you would like to share with other Suffolk Enthusiasts?

Information can be shared in the next newsletter — please email the information to news@u-s-s-a.org !



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Suffolk Scenes



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 or include photos that are posted with the classified ad. To find a full listing, please visit our website: www.u-s-s-a.org.

FOR SALE: 2 Rams

1 Lyn- Lee ram born 1/17/11 and 1 Ewe and Me Acres ram born 2/6/10. Price: \$300 each. Call Wayne (716-358-4188) or Brandon (716-708-8563) At Ewe and Me Acres, or email mcguire2@windstream.net.

**Have a sheep related item to sell?
It could be listed here!**

There are many more ads posted on the USSA website!

Check out the USSA Facebook page!



Office Notes

USSA /UJSSA Membership Drive



The goal of this program is to recruit new members or encourage past members who have been inactive to rejoin the USSA or UJSSA.

Details for USSA members: Any senior member of the USSA is eligible to participate in the Membership Drive. If a senior member signs up 5 new senior members, they will receive a \$35 account credit through the USSA. If a senior member signs up 10 new senior members, they will receive an \$85 account credit through the USSA.

Details for UJSSA members: Any junior member of the UJSSA is eligible to participate in the Membership Drive. If a junior member signs up 5 new junior members, they will receive a \$15 account credit through the USSA. If a junior member signs up 10 new junior members, they will receive a \$40 account credit through the USSA.

To insure you get credit, remind your recruits to communicate to the office who encouraged them to join the USSA or UJSSA. For more details, please contact the USSA Office. Let's promote the USSA and UJSSA and registered Suffolks!

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 be emailed to: news@u-s-s-a.org

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!

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.

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

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

Both prices include shipping!

Contact the office if you are interested in purchasing .

