

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association

President's Message

Dear Fellow Suffolk Producers,

Your BOD recently had a conference-call board meeting to act on business of the association. One of the outcomes of this meeting was to continue the Amnesty program until June 1st. This program has allowed producers to become current with registrations, while bringing business to the association. I am fairly certain this will be the last extension of this program in the foreseeable future, so take advantage of this program while it lasts. Amanda informed me that she has had over 300 Amnesty registrations in the past 30 days.

Your comments are important to the BOD! We want your input. If you have concerns please contact us. All the contact information is on the USSA website. Visit the website to keep up on the latest happenings!!

As we embark on (in my opinion) my favorite production cycle (lambing), I wish you all the very best!! Get'em raised, Get'em registered, and Get'em promoted!!

Happy New Year,

Rob Zelinsky

USSA, President

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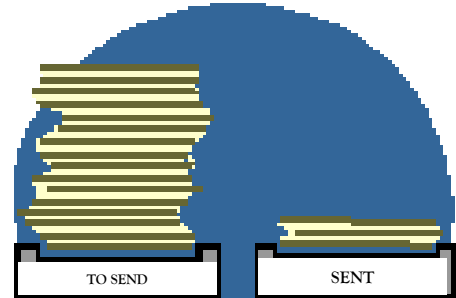
It is that time of year to pay your 2012 Membership Dues if you want to ensure you get the discounted rate or \$35. If you pay your dues by March 1st, you will get the discounted rate of \$35 and your information will also be included in this year's USSA Directory. Dues paid after March 1st are \$50 and your information will not appear in the directory. Please contact the office to pay your dues or don't forget to include your dues if you are sending in work in the near future.



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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Message from the UJSSA President

Seriously...Why not?

Yes I know its January. Yes I know the lambs you'll be showing in July might not even be born yet. But while the cold creeps in and you're busy with school, chores, sports, and everything else you do in the winter time, let's think about the National Junior Suffolk Show. First, if you've never been to a National Junior Suffolk Show, we have to ask "Why Not?" Is it because the word "National" is intimidating? It shouldn't be. The idea is that we want junior exhibitors from all across the country to attend and have fun. This is not a stressful, high stakes, tension-filled show. These are kids that love Suffolks spending the Fourth of July with other kids that love Suffolks. You will make new friends. You will learn more about Suffolks. You will have fun getting there. And you will remember it for years to come.

It might seem like it's far away, but if you want to get there, now is the time to start thinking about it. There will be transportation for sheep coming from all parts of the country. So if you WANT to come, but have transportation concerns, just call any junior director and we will do our best to help you find a way.

Secondly, for those veterans of National Junior Shows, you know how much fun we have. You know about the contests, the awards, the food, the puppies, and the pandemonium that makes a National Junior Suffolk Show. So this year, we are in Brookings, South Dakota. Sounds far? Well, it's the Mid-West and its only 8 hours from Janesville and Sedalia, 5 hours from Spencer, and it's only 23 hours from Reno or New Jersey! So basically, if you've been to Spencer, Sedalia, West Springfield, Harrington, or Janesville... we will be looking for you in Brookings!

The National Junior Suffolk Show enjoys a long and rich history of fantastic showmanship, competition, camaraderie, and fun. This year will undoubtedly be another show to remember. Where there's a will, there's a way... So start your planning now and we'll see you in Brookings!

Sincerely,
Taylor Peck
UJSSA President



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2012 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show - Brookings, SD

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.*

USSA Member News

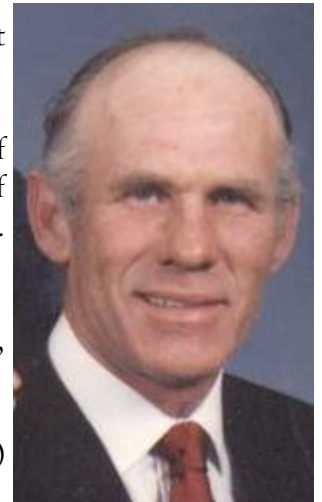
If you have any news to share, please let our office know so we can include it in our newsletter.

Larry L. Becher, 68, of Fort Dodge, IA died Saturday December 17, 2011 at his home.

Funeral services were 10:30 Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in the chapel of the Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Carmody, pastor of New Covenant Christian Church, and family friend Mez Verol, officiating. Burial was in the North Lawn Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Cynthia and his son, Travis of Fort Dodge; cousins, Roberta Becher and Donny Becher both of Fort Dodge.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lorence and Pauline (Delamore) Becher; and his daughter Tiffany Becher.



Larry L. Becher was born on May 18, 1943 in Fort Dodge. He lived in Clare and was in the last graduating class from St. Matthews High School in 1961. He attended Iowa State University and then served with the Iowa National Guard. In 1969, he opened Fort Dodge Carburetor & Electric and was still operating at the time of his death. Larry was also a farmer and raised Suffolk Sheep for many years. On November 6, 1971 he was united in marriage to Cynthia Wood in Rudd, IA; and the couple made their home just west of Fort Dodge. Larry loved to show sheep, build racing engines, and racing.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

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.

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

- 6-7 Illini All-Breeds Spring Sale, Bloomington, Illinois—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs
27-28 National Cornbelt All Breeds Sheep Sale, Des Moines, Iowa—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs

May

- 5 Kimm Suffolks 24th Annual Production Sale, Tippie Beef Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA 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, Nevada -Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs

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 in Brookings, SD @ the SDSU Campus.
20—21 Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale, Tooele, Utah

August

- 18 Iowa Hawkeye Suffolk Sale, Des Moines, Iowa

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



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.

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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Suffolk Scenes

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Suffolk Scenes Wanted!

*Do you have a great "Suffolk Scene" photo?
Please think about sharing it with the USSA membership!*

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.

Wanted: Suffolk Ewes & Ram

Description: Starter Flock

- * 15-20 Suffolk ewes (either registered, percentage or unregistered) prefer 2 - 3 year olds
- * Ram

For More Information: Edwin Troyer (270)427-4934

Wanted: 5-7 Registered Bred Suffolk Ewes

For More Information: Ronald Sprout (660)358-4702