

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association

From the USSA Office...

A few important messages to pass along -

- ⇒ There has been a **date and time change** for the Suffolks Today and Tomorrow Conference. The conference will now be held on Friday, June 29th immediately following the Dorset Wether Sires and Dams Sale.
- ⇒ USSA Director Elections—Letter of intent to run for the USSA board - due July 1st. See more details below.

USSA Director Elections

It's time to start thinking about directors elections. There will be a director opening in all four USSA districts. If you or a USSA member you know would like to be a candidate for the upcoming USSA Directors elections, here's a brief overview of your next steps:

1. Submit a letter of intent declaring that you are willing to be a candidate for the 2013 USSA Board of Directors Election. Letters of intent are due in the USSA Office by **July 1, 2012**. The letter must be faxed, emailed or mailed to the USSA Office, PO Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501. Letters of intent submitted through mail must be postmarked by the deadline date. Phone calls are not acceptable.
2. Within one week of the deadline, candidates must submit a brief personal bio as well as a photo to the USSA Office. The personal bio should be approximately one-half of an 8 ½ x 11 page. The content of candidate bios should discuss the candidate's qualifications, reasons they feel they are a good director candidate and any thoughts/ideas they may have on improving the association and Suffolk breed. Candidates who do not submit a personal bio and photo will only have their name listed on the election

Welcome!

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

- *Joel Bobb, Wever, IA
- *Amy Davis, Odell, IL
- *Holly Dickens, Riddleton, TN
- *Robert Evers, Pahrump, NV
- *Gorsett Family Suffolks, Carrollton, MO
- *Jeremiah & Nancy Hammill, Winthrop, NY
- *Molly & Micheal Heintz, New Richland, WI
- *Mike Palmer & Laurrisa Sovinec, New Carlisle, IN

- *Soggy Bottom Farms, Somerset, WI
- *Ron & Carla Young, Van Wert, OH
- *Joesph Zook, Rebersburg, PA

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Plan to Attend : Suffolks Today and Tomorrow Conference!

June 29, 2012, Immediately following the conclusion of the Dorset Wether Sires and Dams Sale

Gerken Dairy Center, Missouri State Fairgrounds

Commercial sheep production • Range Ram Selection • Modern Day Suffolks • Market Lambs

Know Your Market • Production Records • Suffolks—End Product

Thank you!

NOTE DATE & TIME CHANGE

Double L Livestock donated ewe lamb was auctioned at the All-American Nugget Show and Sale with all proceeds going toward UJSSA events. Thank you to all the following buyers; Chuck Ream, Phil and Lisa Webster, MacCauley Suffolks, Alan Batt, Warren Kuhl, Adams Suffolks, Freitas Family and Rodney Bianchi & Family who purchased the lamb and then resold the lamb which was purchased by Blake Duncan. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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Get to Know Your USSA Board of Directors.

REX QUAM

Wanamingo, Minnesota

District 3

How long have you raised Suffolks? 32 years

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks? My dad and brother Bob got me started with the Suffolks in the late 1970's & I started showing in 1980. In the spring of 1992 I took my first trip to the Corn Belt Sale & Sedalia with Bret Oelke and started buying some sheep to make our flock more competitive. In 1997 we entered our first animals for public auction at the Corn Belt Sale and later started going to Sedalia too. Many other things happened through the years for me to end up where I am today, but that may be for a different time. There were many others who assisted in helping us advance to a more competitive level. A few of those are DuWayne Swenson, Larry Baumgardt, and Royce Rueber.

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. I do most of the marketing of them, but we discuss it before we do anything. We utilize our website for our farm sale and our private treaty sales, Banner Sheep Magazine, Hampshire Heartbeat & the Suffolk Directory as our main spots to advertize. We always sell at our Farm Sale, Sedalia & the North Star Sale, & sometimes sell at the Corn Belt Sale, Ohio, Reno, Newell Ram Sale, Louisville, & the Minnesota Bred Ewe Sale.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? We will lamb about 70 Suffolk ewes in the winter, 10 in the fall, generally we grow out about 5 Yearling Rams and 25 Yearling Ewes through the winter. Our Hampshire flock consists of about 25 brood ewes & 5 yearling ewes grown out each year.

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? My fondest memory of raising Suffolks was winning Champion Ewe at the NAILE in 2009 with "Crown Jewel", followed closely by her daughter being the high selling ewe the following year in Louisville.

What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? I have been blessed to have gained so many great friends that I am very close with from coast to coast.

Why did you want to become a USSA Director? Sometimes I ask myself that same question & the answers I come up with is to promote the raising of Suffolk Sheep & to see if I can make a difference in how the board comes to agreement on a decision. My goal I have in promoting Suffolks is to get 1-2 new flocks started each year. This takes some time because they do have more questions than the person who has been in the breed for the past 20 years, but it is worth it in the end. My goal with the other directors is to see if they can vote on the topic or question they are asked and not base their vote on who is involved in the question.

As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on? Futurity Committee. We are trying to get more people aware of it, so more lambs are nominated for the futurity.

Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit its membership, gain new members and retain its current members? We need to be able to work with the youth to help get them more involved in raising & taking care of Suffolk Sheep. Let them show animals how they like to, either fitted or slicked. In Minnesota we have a great youth show combined with our State Suffolk Show that helps get the younger members to have their own show, rub shoulders with the adults &



"Crown Jewel" Champion Ewe
2009 NAILE

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also get some tips from the adults on preparation of their animals & animal husbandry skills needed to improve. The more youth we have, the more sheep people can sell, the more likely people will stay involved in the breed.

Discuss any major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed. I think one of the main challenges we face in the USSA is the dissension of the board. Some people on the board are making decisions or votes on a topic differently depending on who are involved, not based off of their belief of the question being asked. That negativity is draining, non productive and doesn't help anyone out.

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? I continue to work with the youth on more than just selling them a sheep. Try to teach them how to take care of them at birth to breeding. Teach them the reason for different feeds for them depending on age and goal of the animal. Teach them how to cut out, shear, and get them presented for a show or sale. Teach them the different vaccines and drugs they are going to need and when they are needed. If they can be successful there is a better chance they continue to raise and register sheep.

Any other general comments you would like to share? I feel the Suffolk breed has many great attributes for the entire sheep industry from the range producer, whether industry, youth, frame industry to the man making the range rams. I feel it important as a seed stock producer who raises Suffolk & Hampshire sheep to do as many of those as we possibly can to make our farm more viable in the industry down the road.

One last topic in closing is in order for you to improve you must do a SWOT analysis on yourself, your sheep, and your facilities. A SWOT analysis helps you determine your Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of your business. You need to be honest with yourself on this or maybe have someone you know and they know you well, to help you with this. Find out what you are good at and do that. Find out what your weaknesses are and either improve them or that may be something you need to have hired done. See what opportunities are available and if you are able to penetrate that market. Also what threats are there that would cause you to not be as profitable or make you not want to raise sheep anymore.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to be a director and also to share some information with you.

Want to see the 2012 National Suffolk Show and Sale Entries?

If so, [click here](#) and select the entries you would like to view.

ATTENTION UJSSA MEMBERS:

ARE YOU BUYING A EWE LAMB AT AN UPCOMING SALE?

Consider purchasing a **futurity nominated** ewe lamb in 2012!

To view the complete 2012 USSA Futurity Rules visit u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

Notes for UJSSA Members

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).

Midwest Regional Suffolk Show

The Midwest Regional Suffolk Show will be held on August 2, 2012 during the Ohio State Fair in Columbus, Ohio. The show is open to exhibitors who are 21 years of age or younger as of August 2, 2012. Entries are due July 10, 2012. To get more information about the show visit the USSA website. The show entry form and rules are posted in the "Events/Results" tab within the calendar of events. For more information please contact either Pat or Sam Wiford (sampat@watchtv.net) or Dustin Knapke (dustin.knapke@gmail.com).

Juniors— Check out these upcoming Junior Suffolk Shows!

If you have a junior show that you would like to add to this list, please email the event to news@u-s-s-a.org.

June 9	Illinois Junior Preview Show, Woodford County Fairgrounds, Eureka, IL
June 15 – 17	Eastern Regional Suffolk Jr. Show, held during the Keystone Classic Jr, Show in University Park, PA
June 16	3rd Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show, Litton Agri-Science Learning Center, Chillicothe, MO
July 5-8	UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show, South Dakota State University Campus, Brookings, SD
July 20 – 22	28th Annual NorthEast Youth Sheep Show, Mallary Complex, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA
Aug 2	Midwest Regional Junior Suffolk Show, during the Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH—4:30 pm
Aug 4	The Western Regional Jr. Suffolk Show, Clark Co. Fairgrounds, Ridgefield, WA
Aug 18	Iowa Junior Suffolk Show, during the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA
Sept 15	Junior Class, Clay County Fair, Spencer, IA

Get to Know Your Junior Board of Directors.

TAYLOR PECK

Pittstown, NJ



My life with sheep began in 1996 with a set of twin Cheviot bottle lambs that were in our kitchen when my sister & I awoke on Easter morning. We were very little but I will never forget how fun it was to feed the little white lambs. At some point I realized two very important things: 1- bottle lambs really are only desirable when you're five, and 2- Black faced lambs are even cuter than white faced ones. I became very interested in the sheep, joined the local 4-H club, and bought my first Suffolk ewe lamb, "Grace". My love for the Suffolk breed grew and my flock grew larger. Soon we were traveling outside our county to regional shows, and ultimately to National shows. Along the way, I have met so many great people and made friends from all across the country. Currently, our family maintains a flock of about 25 brood ewes on our small farm in Pittstown, New Jersey.

I have served on the Junior Board of Directors for 6 years and this is my second term as President. I am also Secretary of the Northeast Suffolk Sheep Association. Currently, I attend Penn State University where I will be a senior working towards a degree in Animal Science with a minor in Ag Business Management. In ten years I hope to be married with a few kids and a job working in Research & Development for an animal pharmaceutical company. Of course, I am really hoping to live where I can continue to raise Suffolk sheep. I plan to stay active in the Suffolk Associations and continue to show Suffolks for years to come.

UJSSA Position: President

Age: 21

School: Penn State University

If you could have another breed of sheep besides Suffolks, what would it be? Montadales

My Favorite TV Show is: One Tree Hill

Dream Car: BMW X5 Black

Favorite Sheep Show/ Sale or Event: National Junior Suffolk Show & NAILE

Favorite food: Lobster

If ewe have a little free time . . .

(for the kid in everyone!)

Can ewe find the hidden words?

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 P T C Z A N C E E P L I C R M
 A O F T R W N T Y M H N P O U
 P K R U I K A N H S D U Z O I
 E A B G A V V R N I R X S K M
 R D D Y F U I A D E L H B I E
 B H C V J X M T B S E R X N R
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 Z U Q T O V E W P E K P N S I
 J O G H S D L E E L S E M A G
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 H S E O E V T F P R I Z E S E
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 J F U N S F Z O A C M G Q Z E

ACTIVITIES
 AWARDS
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 BROOKINGS
 CONTESTS
 FAIR
 FUN
 GAMES
 MEMORIES

NEW FRIENDS
 OWNED
 PAPER
 PREMIUMS
 PRIZES
 PUREBRED
 SHEEP
 SHOWMANSHIP
 SOUTH DAKOTA

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 5 – 8, 2012 • South Dakota State University • Animal Science Arena • Brookings, SD

Thursday – July 5th

- 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
- 7:00 pm Judging Contest
- 10:00 pm DEADLINE for Sheep Arrival

Friday – July 6th

A complimentary lunch will be available from 11:30 – 1:00.

A complimentary snack will be available from 2:30 – 3:00.

- 7:30-9:00 am Market Lamb and Production Weigh-In
- 8:00 am Breakfast Social – Meet your UJSSA Directors!
- 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 – July 7th

A complimentary lunch will be available from 11:30 – 1:00.

A complimentary snack will be available from 2:30 – 3:00.

- 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 – July 8th

- 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
- 12:00 am (midnight) All Sheep Off Fairgrounds



2011 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show

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 Suffolk block.*

A Note to Suffolk Breeders from the UJSSA...

Hello Suffolk Breeders!

As the first sales of the spring season draw near, I have a special request for you to consider while you're selecting, culling, pricing, registering and consigning your new lamb crop: Think of your Junior Association!

Your Suffolk Junior Association is the only one of its' kind anywhere- your Juniors organize and plan the National Suffolk Junior Show each year- we raise funds, we select the locations, we plan contests, food, prizes- the list goes on and on. We are a motivated and loyal group of young people that love the Suffolk breed. Most of us will have Suffolks long after our days as Junior members are over.

Last year, Gayle Lucas of Prairie Rose Suffolks, and Jerry & Rex Quam of Quam Suffolks, both offered to donate a lamb to be auctioned at prominent spring sales. Both lambs brought great prices and sold to buyers who knew that they were not only buying great genetics and lambs, but they were also supporting the Junior Association- it was truly a WIN-WIN!!

We are very grateful for the generosity of Gayle, Jerry & Rex. This year, we are hoping that two other Suffolk breeders will consider donating a lamb to be sold at one of the upcoming sales. Consider this- you'd be helping a group of young Suffolk breeders that will be buying Suffolks for years to come...future customers, future buyers at sales- We are the breeders of tomorrow- and your support not only helps the Juniors, it helps the entire breed. Your donation will be recognized with a large banner for your farm at the sale as well as the Junior Show. This banner will be yours to keep after the Junior Show.

If you have any questions about the process of donating a lamb to benefit the Junior Association, please contact any Junior Director or Coordinator. As always, thank you for your support.

Taylor Peck

UJSSA President

UJSSA Board of Directors

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The UJSSA is on facebook!



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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. Pfdaction 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

Melanie Bow Horchler—MSB Suffolks

New Wilmington, PA

How long have you raised Suffolks?

We had numerous breeds of sheep on the farm when I was growing up and I picked the Suffolks to buy when I entered 4-H in 1979.

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks?

Having been raised on a sheep farm, my parents supported my decision to enter the business. While working with the Suffolks, I came to appreciate their disposition and beauty even in their working clothes. Having the ability to raise my own market lambs was also important to me.

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks.

We raise wether style Suffolks and market them through our web site MSB Suffolks.com, we also consign to numerous sales. We sell 60-80 club lambs a year with the majority selling off the farm into 5 states. We stress mothering ability, muscle, and capacity in our ewes with the ability to survive on pasture. That approach has helped us develop a market for ewe lambs, with many repeat buyers.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? We run 140 brood ewes.

What are the benefits of registering your Suffolks?

Here in the East we still get many requests for registered rams and ewes. Lots of kids call wanting registered lambs to show at their fairs in the breeding classes. They understand that they will not complete with the framers, but want to start a flock with ewes that they can then raise and show the market lambs from.



What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks?

The people. Traveling to jackpot shows and sales with my family are enjoyable times we spend together. Visiting with friends new and old at the shows and sales and discussing Suffolk's, along with the sheep business in general are treasured times.

What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks?

Raising Suffolk's has allowed me to run a profitable sheep operation. Being able to sell into all segments of the industry, club lambs, rams and replacement ewe lambs has been important in keeping my operation in the "black" and Suffolks are the breed that can do it.

What improvements could be made within the USSA to benefit its membership, gain new members and/or retain its current members?

I would like to praise the association and it's directors for tying many things to help grow the association. The percentage program, futurity, catch-up registrations and support for the N.A.I.L.E. Suffolk market lamb class are all things that have helped. I think a fitted Suffolk is the most beautiful animal in the ring, but we need to gain

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the courage to make the decision to address the long term survivability of Suffolk's and make them a slick sheared breed.. It would get more kids and families involved and make the sheep better in the long run. It is no coincidence that the wether style and other slick sheared breeds are growing.

Discuss one major challenge facing the USSA or Suffolk breed.

In my view there are two segments within our breed, framers and wether style and they are so far apart they can not see each other. It is also my fear that with the creation of the slick sheared classes we are creating a third, (tweeners). All styles/segments of the breed are important to our success collectively, but functioning as one is a challenge.



Why do you use the percentage program?

I have used the program to help me in record keeping. It is much easier to keep track of the pedigrees and genetic pairing when you have a registration paper. It is also very difficult to find registered wether style Suffolk rams to bring in. The program allows me to use unregistered Suffolk type rams and work to move them back to fully registered. It is also important to me as a stock person to stay involved with a breed association.

Any other general comments you would like to share?

I love the Suffolk breed and believe the future of the association is very bright. As I have said, all segments are equally important to our collective success. Making decisions that are good for the whole are important, but can be difficult. The fundamentals of the industry have never been better; it's time to get growing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Upcoming Hospitality Events

You're invited to attend the following Suffolk hospitality events this summer. Look for further information post at each respected event. Hope to see you there!

⇒Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO (June 25—30)

- Plan to attend Suffolks Today & Tomorrow Conference and Social on Friday, June 29th immediately following the Dorset Wether Sires and Dams Sale
- Suffolk Consignors and Buyers— there will be a complimentary hot breakfast served before the Suffolk sale on Friday, June 29th

Important Shows

⇒ **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

Invitation to Attend

UNITED SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION



CONFERENCE & SOCIAL

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DORSET WETHER SIRES AND DAMS SALE

GERKEN DAIRY CENTER

MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS

SEDALIA, MISSOURI

[HELD DURING THE MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE, SEDALIA, MISSOURI]

CONFERENCE AGENDA

6:00 PM Welcome, Rob Zelinsky, President, United Suffolk Sheep Association,
Brookings, South Dakota
Conference Moderator, Tom Burke, Tom Burke Suffolks, Platte City, Missouri

Panel Discussion - COMMERCIAL SHEEP PRODUCTION AND RANGE RAM SELECTION:

Randy Dombek, Dombek Suffolks, Ivanhoe, Minnesota
Matt Jarvis, Jarvis Sheep Company, Spanish Fork, Utah
Larry Pauly, Double L Livestock, Delta, Utah

Panel Discussion - MODERN DAY SUFFOLKS:

Evan Snyder, MacCauley Suffolks, Atglen, Pennsylvania
Tad Thompson, Silver Dollar Farms, Lebanon, Indiana

Panel Discussion - MARKET LAMBS—SEEDSTOCK PRODUCTION:

Ron Alves, Alves Livestock and Farming, Oakdale, California

KNOWING YOUR MARKET:

Bob Kimm, Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, Iowa

UNITED SUFFOLK SOCIAL:

[ALL SUFFOLK BREEDERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME]

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Suffolk Production Records -THERE'S MORE TO SUFFOLKS THAN MEETS THE EYE:

Al Culham, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

SUFFOLKS, THE END PRODUCT:

Amanda Everts, Executive Secretary, United Suffolk Sheep Association, Ottumwa, Iowa

Paul Kuber, Ohio State University Extension, Columbus, Ohio

Bill Zwyers, Hickory Lane Farm, Thorntown, Indiana

At the end of the Conference, there will be an unveiling of a ideal Suffolk ram, ewe, and market lamb for today and tomorrow by the noted livestock artist, C.J. Brown, Lindenwood, Illinois.

The 2012 United Suffolk Sheep Association Conference is sponsored by the United Suffolk Sheep Association, Committee members, Tom Burke, Missouri, Donna Mays, Idaho, Bill Zwyers, Indiana, Billy MacCauley, Pennsylvania.

THE LAST SUFFOLK CONFERENCE WAS HELD ON JUNE 29, 1990. THIS PROMISES TO BE AN EVENING OF FUN FILLED SUFFOLK FRIENDSHIP AND EDUCATION — DON'T MISS IT!!

MIDWEST STUD RAM SUFFOLK SHOW AND SALE SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2012 7:00 AM:	NATIONAL SUFFOLK SHOW
FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2012, 12:00 PM NOON:	NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012 7:00 AM:	SUFFOLK, WETHER SIRE AND DAM SHOW
	SUFFOLK SHOW RIGHT AFTER HAMPSHIRE
SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012 10:00 AM:	SUFFOLK, WETHER SIRE AND DAM SALE
	SUFFOLKS SELL RIGHT AFTER HAMPSHIRE

Hints and Tips from one Suffolk Enthusiast to Another!



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

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.

For question or more information, call the NLFA office at 503.364.5462 or email us at info@nlfa-sheep.org.

NSIP Center of Nation Sale 2012 & NCERA National Sheep Symposium

July 27-28, 2012, Clay County Regional Events Center, Spencer, Iowa

The 2012 National Symposium is an educational program of the North Central Extension and Research Activity (NCERA) committee. The target audience is sheep producers looking to advance their production skills. This year's symposium features some of the foremost experts from across the country. The goal is to increase productivity, helping those already in the industry to achieve new levels of production efficiency.

The Symposium is titled "Using Technology to Attack the Grow with twoPLUS Initiative" and features some of the top sheep production experts in the country speaking on topics that should be of interest to all producers. View the program and presenters pages for additional information on this informative program.

The Symposium is being held in conjunction with the NSIP (National Sheep Improvement Program) Center of the Nation Sale, which will follow the symposium on Saturday, July 28 in the swine barn of the Clay County Fairgrounds, adjacent to the Regional Events Center.

Registration for the Symposium is \$50 prior to midnight, July 19, 2012 and includes program materials, breaks and dinner.

The Symposium will be held at the Clay County Regional Events Center on the Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, Iowa. Located in northwest Iowa, Spencer and the nearby Iowa Great Lakes offer a wide variety of activities and attractions. Bring the family and spend a weekend seeing what this part of the state has to offer!

Please use the following link to find out more information on this event:

<http://www.aep.iastate.edu/sheep/homepage.html>



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!



Grilled Lamb and Vegetable Kabobs

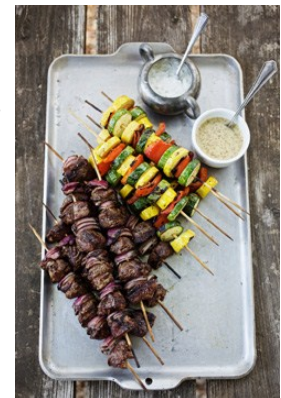
Recipe and image from the American Lamb Board. To see more recipes from the American Lamb Board, visit www.americanlamb.com.

Servings: 4 to 6



- 12 wooden skewers (10-inch)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed
- 2 pounds boneless leg of American Lamb (or shoulder), trimmed of visible fat, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium red onion, halved then quartered, cut into 1-inch pieces (keep layers intact)
- 2 small zucchini, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch rounds
- 2 small yellow squash, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch rounds
- 2 red bell peppers, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- Salt and pepper

Place wooden skewers in a shallow dish and cover with water; set aside. In a small saucepan over low heat, simmer oil and garlic until garlic is golden brown, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl; set aside to cool. Thread 6 skewers, alternating lamb and onion. Thread remaining 6 skewers with zucchini, squash and pepper. Brush lamb and vegetable kabobs with garlic oil and season with salt and pepper. Place skewers on a hot grill rack. Cover and cook, turning occasionally, until each side has grill marks and lamb is cooked through, about 8 to 10 minutes or until lamb reaches 160°F for medium doneness. Remove from grill. Serve with dipping sauces and whole wheat pita.



Honey Mustard Thyme Dipping Sauce

- 3 tablespoons coarse grain mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper

Cucumber Yogurt Sauce

- 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cucumber, peeled, seeded and finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh dill
- Salt and pepper

To make sauces combine ingredients together, separately for each sauce recipe and mix well.

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 !

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.

June

- 1** Last day to take advantage of the Amnesty Program!
- 25-30** Midwest Stud Ram Sale—Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO www.midwestramsale.com
- 27—National Suffolk Sale, 7am
- 28—Blackface Wether Sire & Dams Show, 7am - Suffolks Show Second
- 29—National Suffolk Sale, Approximately Noon
- 29—Suffolk Today & Tomorrow Conference—immediately following the conclusion of the Dorset Wether Sires & Dams Sale
- ***Note Conference Date and Time Change
- 30—Blackface Wether Sire & Dam Sale, 10 am

July

- 5—8** National Junior Suffolk Show - Brookings, SD @ the SDSU Campus
- 20—21** Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale - Tooele, UT
- 27-28** NCERA National Sheep Symposium, Clay County Regional Events Center, Spencer, IA
- 28** NSIP Center of Nation Sale, Clay County Regional Events Center, Spencer, IA

August

- 18 Iowa Hawkeye Suffolk Sale - Des Moines, Iowa
- 18 Iowa Junior Suffolk Show, during the Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA

September

- 8 28th Annual CHOTEAU SHEEP EXPO, Weatherbeater Barn in Choteau, MT
www.choteausheepexpo.com
- 15 Open Junior Class—Suffolk Show, Clay County Fair, Spencer, IA

October

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

November

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



ARE YOU CONSIGNING EWE LAMBS AT AN UPCOMING SALE?

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Consider **futurity nominating** your ewe lambs in 2012!

NEWS FLASH! New juniors purchasing a futurity lamb will receive a free 2012 UJSSA membership!

To view the complete 2012 USSA Futurity Rules visit u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

Office Notes

The USSA is announcing the 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

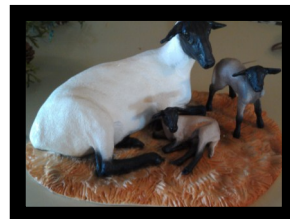
We Want Your Photos!

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 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



Left—Just a great late night fitting for local fair here in Tehama County, California - (where she is more of an exhibit than an entry, she shows with AOB as there isn't a class or division for registered sheep, but she is an ambassador, showing and teaching kids what and why she is fitting like she does.)

*Right—"Taz", Dorinda's foundation breeding ewe being shown as a yearling at a local 4-H show in 2008
Photos submitted by :Dorinda Walker, UJSSA Member, Corning, CA*

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: Suffolk January & February ewe lambs

Description: 2 Suffolk February ewe lambs RR-NN, 1 Suffolk February Ram lamb RR-NN. Sired by Baumgartner Suffolks 1173, a son of 5 Star J 8142. Reasonably Priced.

For More Information: Jerry Caven, Vernon Center, MN 507-549-3122

FOR SALE: 15 January and February ewe lambs

Description: 15 January and February ewe lambs RR-NN or QR-NN. Sired by Crafts Suffolks 9-53. Will sell separately or in groups! Reasonably Priced.

For More Information: Jerry Baumgartner, Baumgartner Suffolks 507-335-7739 or 507-227-9408 (c) jerryb@frontiernet.net

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

Check out the USSA Facebook page!

