

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association

From the USSA Office...

Amnesty Program ends June 1st!

Just a reminder that the amnesty program ends in less than one month! That's right, if you're one who's procrastinated again, you're about to miss out!

We realize that amnesty registrations can be a daunting task, but the USSA Office is here to help! Please call if you need any assistance!

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 ballot.

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

- * Karen Friesen, Carthage, IN
- * Ryan, Julie, Rylie & Roslynn Huston, Anderson, MO
- * Lovells Maple Spring Farm, Linden, PA
- * Ott Club Lambs, Fairview, OK
- * Mike Palmer & Laurissa Sovinec, New Carlisle, IN

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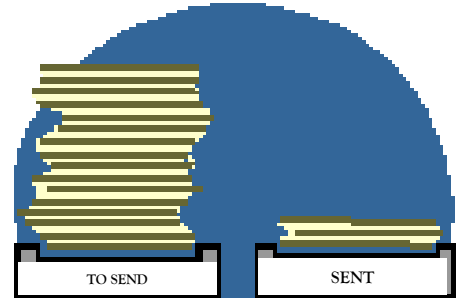
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Last Month For the Amnesty Program!

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.

DONNA MAYS

Howe, Idaho

How long have you raised suffolks? Since 1950 or sixty two years

What/who inspired you to raise suffolks? Going to a fair and seeing the most beautiful Suffolk sheep that had beautiful black heads and black legs. Fred and Marion Coble were showing those sheep. back in the 1950's 1960's Green Valley Suffolk's owned by the Coble's were the top breeders in the United States. I was fortunate enough to have Marion take me under her wing as my mentor to help me learn. I traveled with coble's showing against them in the open division even though I was still in 4-h. Fred was the talker and did most of the trimming. That was when you carded the wool down on the bellies, sheep were not washed and shown in full fleece. Marion was a mentor for so many of us during those years. I wish more of our senior breeders would or could be mentors to our breed! I was fortunate enough to have one of the best be my mentor.

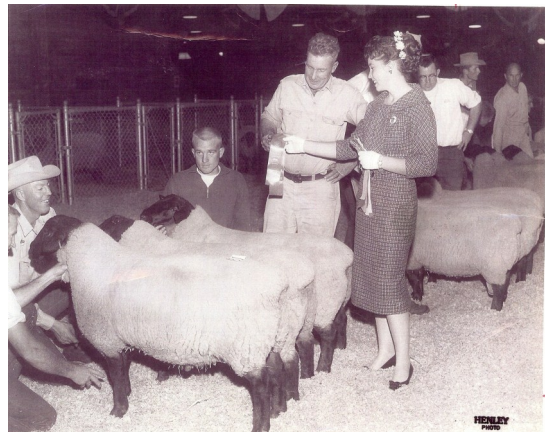
Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. The only sale I sell at is the Mid West Stud Ram Sale. I sell a lot of stud rams and ewes young and old here on the ranch with the use of internet and digital camera photo's. The ram lambs that are not sold as studs are used on three thousand white face ewes. We have six thousand ewes but two thousand of those are bred to Rambouillet rams for replacements. The other thousand are coming yearling ewes that are not bred as lambs.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? I have thirty five foundation ewes that have a lot of line breeding in them. This year I am keeping twelve ewe lambs. Before moving to Idaho I owned two hundred fifty registered Suffolk's.

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? Having my first set of lambs born along with showing at my first fair.

What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? I have learned so much from raising Suffolk's. That you don't chase rainbows! It is very important to raise the kind of Suffolk's you like. That judges have dominated the kind of sheep we show! That not every great looking ram or class winner is a stud. Be honest that integrity of yourself and your sheep counts. So don't cheat!

Why did you want to become a USSA director? First off was to help juniors, that has always been my priority. If we don't have junior members coming up our Suffolk's will not continue to be "The Breed in the Lead". I have been a co-coordinator for the UJSSA which has brought so much satisfaction in knowing that I am helping young kids to set goals, be responsible, sportsmanship and learn to be helpful to others. We have a wonderful group of juniors that work together in putting on our national junior show. The junior board is to be commended on their leadership and determination to make the best better!



The National and American combined their shows at Cow Palace in San Francisco, CA in 1959. Pictured left to right, Glen Maddax a long time Suffolk breeder, Mel Preston, Bill Lefty, Fred Coble, Donna Mays (queen), Bill Heggemeier hand on hip, unknown and Spellman Collins a long time Suffolk breeder. Note the ram lambs were shown as pens of three. Donna had a full string of Suffolk's being shown by her friends. Donna's pen placed fifth.

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As a USSA director, what committees do you serve on? Futurity and the up and coming symposium at Sedalia "Suffolk's Today and Tomorrow".

Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit it's membership, gain new members and retain it's current members? We are having a symposium on the evening of June 28th, which is also our social. There will be speakers there that will cover every aspect of our breed. You will also be able to view and learn about carcass value. This will be one of a kind event. If you are unable to attend check out our USSA website for more information on how to get online and watch the symposium.

On a another note...please be a mentor to old and young a like. Let them know that you are there for their questions and support. Give them a helping hand to give them a good start in the right direction. Each USSA member can be a ambassador for our breed!

Discuss two major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed.

First would be that the Suffolk board needs to be united! We have went through some very tough times these past few years. We need to move forward. We need to listen to our membership more. A questionnaire was sent out when I was on the Suffolk board before. The membership voiced their thoughts and opinions! When our board at that time heard the answers they said "that was nice to know but did nothing about what the membership wanted". Point in fact was about the slick shearing!

Second would be the members that don't show or sell at any major shows. These members have not had to much to say or we have not heard their cries. Just because you don't show does not make you any less of a breeder. To much emphasis has been put on a show ring winner! Most of the breeders no matter if they are Suffolk or of other breeds are hobbyist and do not make a living off their sheep. I do and it is hard some years to make a living off selling Suffolk's and not have money coming in from something else. So many of us have been raising Suffolks for years and years to make the breed better. We sell at half the price as the non registered wether sire sheep! There are times I am sure that each one of you wonder is it worth it when you don't get the money we received for our Suffolk's before the wether sire sheep came along. I hope you stay the journey and remember that we have the most beautiful sheep in the world. When you can go out in your barn and see those beautiful new born lambs you know that in your heart that the Suffolk breed will always be the one you want to raise!

Any other general comments you would like to share? I hope that our board will consider a proposal I have made up to bring new members and get old members to join again.

I call it a "membership drive". An existing member can get five members to join at thirty five dollars each and the USSA will give that member that did the signing up a credit in the USSA Office of thirty five dollars. As a incentive the member signing up new members can say "if you are a member your registration for lambs is six dollars and for non members it is sixteen dollars". If you sign up ten members you get another fifty dollars credit. So you get thirty five dollars for the first five new members and fifty dollars for the second five members for a total credit of eighty five dollars to the breeder that signs up ten members.



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 Mallery 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.

KATIE POWERS

Katherine Powers, "Katie" is completing a degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in Livestock Merchandising, and will graduate with her Bachelor of Science degree in May 2012.

Katie grew up on a diversified farm in Townsend, Delaware, raising and showing sheep and hogs, along with numerous steer and goat projects through 4-H and FFA. This has fueled her passion for agriculture and has allowed her to make many connections with livestock producers across the states. These connections have strengthened her understanding of the value of promotion and advertising, when raising and marketing livestock.

Katie has displayed her passion for agriculture through her participation in numerous departmental clubs and activities at Oklahoma State University, including Block & Bridle Club, Oklahoma Collegiate Cattlewomen's Association, Alpha Zeta Honorary Fraternity, and the American Meat Science Association. Furthermore, Katie was a member of the 2011 Intercollegiate Meat Judging Team, where she received many honorary awards and recognition.

Katie is dedicated to youth agriculture and hopes to have the opportunity to raise a family within the industry. Her passion for agriculture is unique, as well as her genuine interest in every aspect of the industry, from efficient live animal production, to the resulting quality consumer product.

Katie is exceptionally excited and looking forward to interning with the National Swine Registry, this summer in the pedigree department. She is looking forward to networking with swine industry leaders and members, attending the national shows, and working with one of the foremost livestock breed associations in the country.

Upon completion of her internship, Katie plans to establish a position in an Animal Science related career field, correlated with livestock promotion. Katie is confident in her career direction and believes her background and education will provide the necessary qualities needed to obtain a successful profession in the agriculture industry.



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.

If ewe have a little free time . . .

(for the kid in everyone!)

Can ewe find the hidden words?

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

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 LAMB
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 RAIN
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 SCHOOL
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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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Plan to Attend : Suffolks Today and Tomorrow Conference!

June 28, 2012, 6pm, 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

2012 UJSSA 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

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

South Dakota State University
Campus
Brookings, South Dakota
July 5 -8



2011 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk

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.

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

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

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. Pfoduction 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

SHIRLEY VOLKMAN

Livermore, CA

Why I embraced the amnesty program:

1. Economics.
2. I had all these sheep, their histories and their ancestries and who cares? Well I really cared - and people who buy from me should care. I felt ashamed to sell unregistered. So I never really pursued that avenue of endeavor. It was tempting not to register - my kids were grown and gone. Commercial ram sales were not interested in pedigrees. So I put it off for many years until this large window of opportunity. Therefore, I thank the Suffolk association for giving me this chance. And I encourage anyone else to take advantage while they can!

I believe in the usefulness and beauty of the Suffolk breed and I believe in the integrity and hard work of it's many advocates. I also believe that the breed is of intense commercial value to the sheep industry of America.

The nitty-gritty of putting lamb on the table is essential with this breed. As a small producer - still not remarkable. I see many men working their hearts out and working together to keep this breed fresh and alive filled with quality and depth.

Shirley was asked to put a few comments together on why she utilized that amnesty program. Last year Shirley took on a huge task of amnesty registering over 200 head of Suffolks dating as far back as 1983! Congratulations on completing such a huge project! If you have a small amnesty project or a large amnesty project, like Shirley, please don't miss your chance as the USSA Amnesty program ends June 1st!

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!

- ⇒ The Big Ohio Sale, Eaton, OH (May 10—12)
- ⇒ All-American Nugget, Sparks, NV (May 31—June 2)
- ⇒ Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO (June 25—30)
 - Plan to attend Suffolks Today & Tomorrow Conference and Social on Thursday, June 28th at 6pm
 - Suffolk Consignors and Buyers— there will be a complimentary hot breakfast served before the Suffolk sale on Friday, June 29th

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!

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

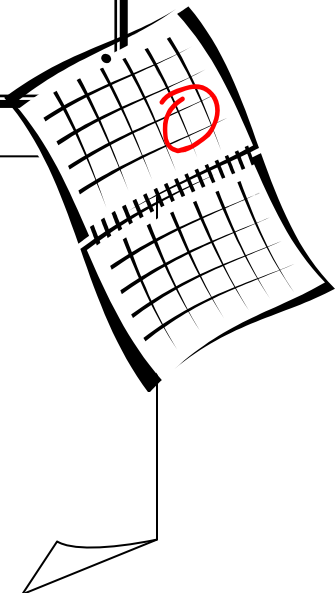
June 27 - 30

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



A Great Recipe for Five 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 recipe!
Please email it to news@u-s-s-a.org and it may be featured in an upcoming issue.



Invitation to Attend

UNITED SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION



CONFERENCE & SOCIAL

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2012

6:00 PM

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
Lee Jarvis, Jarvis Sheep Company, Spanish Fork, Utah
Larry Pauly, Double L Livestock, Delta, Utah

Panel Discussion - MODERN DAY SUFFOLKS:

Steve Paasch, Donner Trail Ranch, Chicago Park, California
Evan Snyder, MacCauley Suffolks, Atglen, Pennsylvania

Panel Discussion - MARKET LAMBS—SEEDSTOCK PRODUCTION:

Ron Alves, Alves Livestock and Farming, Oakdale, California
Tom Slack, Slack Suffolks, North Manchester, Indiana
Mike Stitzlein, Stitzlein Club Lambs, Ashland, Ohio

KNOWING YOUR MARKET:

Bob Kimm, Kimm Suffolks, Dysart, Iowa

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UNITED SUFFOLK SOCIAL:

[ALL SUFFOLK BREEDERS AND FRIENDS WELCOME]

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.

<u>MIDWEST STUD RAM SUFFOLK SHOW AND SALE SCHEDULE</u>	
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

AMNESTY PROGRAM ENDS JUNE 1st!

Don't miss out!

Hints and Tips from one Suffolk Enthusiast to Another!



Please share your hints and tips with others! Email your hints 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.

Pipestone Lamb and Wool Facility Tour, June 4, 2012

News Release

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, dedicated to changing sheep production to make it more profitable for producers, is excited to offer an idea filled sheep facility tour. The Pipestone Lamb and Wool program offers this tour every other year and this will be the third tour offered. The purpose of the tour is to give producers an opportunity to see various types of sheep facilities, including the latest innovations in sheep buildings, handling systems, feeding systems and facility layout.

The tour will be a full day, visiting five Lamb and Wool producers with new and remodeled facilities. All of these operations have devised their buildings and feeding systems to reduce labor and enable them to run larger numbers of ewes with the same labor. Tour participants will see state of the art lambing barns, hoop barns, remodeled buildings along with various feeding systems designed to reduce labor and minimize feed waste. In addition, this will be an opportunity to hear the philosophy of sheep production from five successful sheep producers.

Visit our website www.pipestonesheep.com for registration information and to view pictures of tour locations. Registration forms and additional information about our facility tour are available on our web page or individuals can contact the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Management Program, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, P.O. Box 250; Pipestone, MN 56164, (800) 658-2330, mike.caskey@mnwest.edu, or philip.berg@mnwest.edu.



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

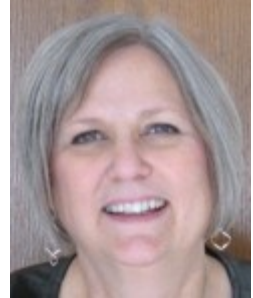
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USSA Member News

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

Deborah Ann Royer, 59, of Washington passed away on April 7, 2012 at Washington Christian Village in Washington, IL. She was born on December 13, 1952 in Algona, Iowa to Dr. Kenneth and June Pride. She graduated from high school in Humboldt, Iowa and then attended Iowa Central Community College, Ft. Dodge, Iowa. In 1985, she married Bill Royer in Eldridge, Iowa. Debbie is survived by her husband, Bill; her daughter, Melissa (Kevin) Sullivan of Washington, IL; and two sons, Todd (Lori) Royer of Marshall, IL and Scott (Nikki) Royer of Clinton, IN. Debbie and Bill have six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is also survived by her father, Kenneth (Sandy) Pride of Humboldt, Iowa; three sisters, Cindy (Gary) Lawson, Beverly (Steve) Templeton, and Annette Pride; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother, June Pride, in 1973. Debbie worked for the Central Trust and Savings Bank of Eldridge, while living in Iowa. After moving to the Peoria area in 1988, she worked for First United Methodist Church in Peoria and for Crossroads United Methodist Church in Washington. Faith and family were the foundation of Debbie's life. She devoted much of her time to the ministries of Crossroads Church, where she was a member. She was also a leader in the Lay Ministry program of the District United Methodist Church. Debbie had a love of counted cross stitch. She loved to bake and cook. She also greatly enjoyed the family project of raising and showing Suffolk Sheep. Cremation rites will be accorded following the services and inurnment will be private in the Columbarium at her church.



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.

May

- 1** Minnesota Suffolk Spring Spectacular Online Stud Ram, Ewe & Club Lamb Sale (April 30-May 1)
- 5** Kimm Suffolks 24th Annual Production Sale - Tippiie 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 - Sparks, 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



ARE YOU CONSIGNING EWE LAMBS AT AN UPCOMING SALE?

CONSIGNMENT SALE • ORGANIZED INTERNET SALE • ORGANIZED PRODUCTION SALE

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

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

2011 NSIP SUFFOLK SIRE SUMMARY

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

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



Submitted by River Bottom Ranch. "We had some kids out for Easter that live in the city and they wanted to see the sheep. Snowflake (we bought last year from DeZeeuw Suffolks) loved the company. She stood there for at least 20 minutes and let the kids hang on her. They actually had the shorter attention span and took off running and the sheep still stood there. It was so cute. "

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: 3 year old Donner Trail Ranch Ram. Sired by Bob's Big Boy. \$375. Contact: Ernest Cole ewcole@frontier.com, 570-364-5812, Pennsylvania.

For Sale: Rams. These rams (see website classified ad for photos) are going to be sold on May 5th at 10a.m. at the Keosaqua Sale Co. The rams were a year old in February and are up to date on vaccinations. The breeding behind these rams are Burke and Heggemeier. Contact Chris @ 660-216-6898 or Autumn @ 660-216-5693

For Sale: Blankets - \$15 - sizes 4 - 6, Hoods - \$2 - small, medium, large. Contact: W.E. (Bill) Gergen, WEG/I-80 Flocks 402/540-7884

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

Check out the USSA Facebook page!

