

The Suffolk Newsletter

United Suffolk Sheep Association



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A Message from the USSA President

Hello again USSA members,

Greetings from South Dakota. Fall is the time of year in South Dakota we are all thankful to live in this great state! Beautiful temps, no humidity, and not any white stuff to trounce around in!! Although with our lack of precipitation this year I don't think anyone will complain about snow this winter.

The USSA has just wrapped up a productive year within the association. First, we were able to complete the transition to our new registration program. Amanda Everts indicates the program is working well, should improve member accessibility to registrations, and allow for more business in the future. Secondly, our juniors hosted and participated in the largest Suffolk Junior National Show in the last decade. It topped previous shows in the number of exhibitors participating, sheep entered and sheep shown. Congratulations to our Juniors for a job well done. I would be remiss if I didn't mention Andy Asberry and Donna Mays our past Junior Coordinators that have provided leadership and fiscal guidance to our young leaders. Additionally, I would like to recognize the efforts of Rufus and Patty DeZeeuw from Elkton, South Dakota. They donated more expertise, blood, sweat and George Washington's to success of this years show than anyone will ever realize. It takes the efforts of dedicated to Suffolk members in the host state to make the Junior show a success and the South Dakota and Minnesota Senior Associations rose to the occasion and made the show go off with minimal interruptions. At this time I would like to introduce our new Suffolk Junior Coordinators. Amanda Bergsieker resides in Waverly, MO and is currently a member of the USSA Senior

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Welcome!

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



Charles Connor, TN

Gene Morris, NV

Jerry Arnold, OR

Reid & Dale Kopren, SD

DON'T FORGET TO MAIL THE OFFICE YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE FOR THE NAILE OPEN SHOW.

2012/2013 USSA DIRECTOR ELECTION RESULTS

District 1 - Keith Pumphrey (31 votes)

Write-in: Alan Batt (7 votes)

District 2 - Virginia Gergen (16 votes)

Glen Anderson (11 votes)

Leroy Braasch (6 votes)

Write-in: Alan Kjeldgaard (1 vote)

District 3 - Paul Skartvedt (41 votes)

Write-in: Marlin Subra (1 vote)

Write-in: Glen Nelson (1 vote)

Write-in: Randy Dombek (1 vote)

Write-in: Matt Benda (1 vote)

Write-in: Toby Bender (1 vote)

District 4 - Diane Russell (43 votes)

Randy Hodges (16 votes)

Congratulations to the newly elected USSA Directors: Keith, Virginia, Paul & Diane!

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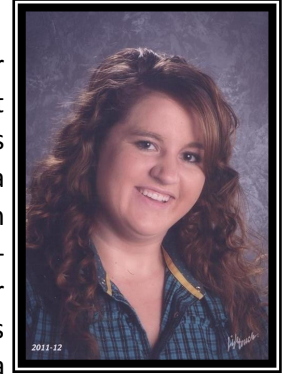
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USSA Ambassador

Greeting fellow sheep breeders.

My name is Danielle Wittmann and I am serving as the Ambassador of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. I am the daughter of Brian and Diana Wilinski. Brian is a product design specialist at Federal Industries. During his lunch break he works for the Members First Credit Union, writing out checks and signing up new members. My mother, Diana, is a warehouse order picker at Imprints Wholesales. She is also the president of the Green County Sheep Producers and treasurer/secretary for the Wisconsin Suffolk Sheep Association. Both of my parents are members of the New Glarus FFA Alumni and sheep leaders for the New Glarus 4-H Club. I also have two younger brothers, Daren and Jacen. Daren is twenty years old and is a graduate of Ohio Technical School in Cleveland, Ohio. He has a passion for the automotive industry, mechanics, and racing. My youngest brother, Jacen, is fourteen years old and is obsessed with his animals and loves having fun with his friends.



My family and I have been raising suffolks for years. We are the proud owners of DDJ Suffolks and Club lambs. When I was two years old, I started my sheep showing career. My first experience in sheep showing was in Wisconsin at the Dane County Fair where I showed in the Ladies Lead. After that experience, I became passionate about sheep. Our family began our own flock when I was eleven, after my grandpa, Merton Lee (Leecrest Suffolks), passed away. My family and I currently own two separate flocks; a purebred Suffolk flock of ten ewes and a commercial club lamb flock of twenty-five ewes. We have been successful at County Fairs, State Fairs and even National Shows. We have received many Supreme Champions, I have won many showmanship competitions, received master showman, sold in the Livestock Auction, and have supported youth by buying their livestock animals or allowing them to show our animals. At Wisconsin State Fair, I have experienced much success. I am undefeated in showmanship and lead class, both of which I won all eight years I exhibited. I hold many professional memberships, including United Suffolk Sheep Association, Wisconsin Sheep Association, and others. I served on the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors for eight years and I am also the vice president of the Wisconsin Suffolk Sheep Association. I served as a member of the Wisconsin State Fair Board of Directors. I was the first youth advisor for the Green County Sheep Breeders when it was first reactivated. I have a passion for the sheep industry and will share it with anyone willing to listen.

I have many aspirations for my future. I am a graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville where I declared a double major of agriculture education and technology education. My certification level is for early childhood through secondary education, birth through age 21 in both Agriculture Education and Technology Education.

I am currently employed by the School District of Janesville fulfilling the position of the Agriculture Education teacher at both public High Schools. I am also advising the both the youth FFA organization. I hope to continue raising livestock and develop our family's Suffolk sheep flock while someday enjoying a family of my own.

Futurity Point Record Forms Don't forget to send your Futurity Point Record Forms to the office. All Futurity points are due to the office by December 1, 2012.

CURRENT FUTURITY STANDINGS

1. Molly Jo Woods, Baylis, IL, LynLee 12029	50 pts
2. Katherine Newhouse, State Center, IA Damman Suffolks 12-138	48 pts
2. Tayler Wolff, Oakes, ND, Quam 11023	48 pts
4. Molly Jo Woods, Baylis, IL, Skartvedt 4467	44 pts
5. Ashley Burns, Jamestown, IN, LynLee 12012	16 pts

Get to Know Your Junior Board of Directors.

KRISTINA WELD

Warwick, MA

My name is Kristina Weld and I'm from Warwick, MA. I just joined the board this year and am currently a junior at Mount Holyoke College majoring in biology with an English minor. I plan on going on to vet school to be either a large animal or emergency care veterinarian. I enjoy being a captain of the volleyball team there as well as a member of the indoor track and field team. Additionally, I am the treasurer for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and a member of the Belted Galloway Group at UMass Amherst! I discovered I have a very large soft spot for cattle of any sort. My favorite food is probably mint oreos! Super excited for next year's Junior Show!



HOPE TO SEE YOU at the 2012 NAILE!

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The UJSSA is on facebook!



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If ewe have a little free time . . .

(for the kid in everyone!)

Can ewe find the hidden words?

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Hey Juniors!

Do you have a Suffolk-related Halloween costume? If so, please email a photo of you , in your costume to news@u-s-s-a.org and it might be featured in next month's issue!

Notes from the UJSSA

Pizza Party Invitation!

UJSSA Members, there will be a pizza party held on Saturday, November 10th at noon during NAILE. Please look for location details at the USSA/UJSSA booth at NAILE.

2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show T-Shirt Design & Slogan Contest

The UJSSA is seeking ideas for the 2013 Junior Suffolk Show T-Shirt Design and Slogan. The 2013 Junior Suffolk Show will be held in East Lansing, MI. Put your creative hat on and see what you can come up with! Designs/Slogans are due to the office by Nov. 1st. Entries can be submitted to info@u-s-s-a.org or mailed to the USSA Office, PO Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501. The winner will be chosen during the UJSSA Board meeting held at NAILE. The winner will receive a paid 2013 UJSSA Membership!

UJSSA Raffle

Again this year, the UJSSA will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for the 2013 Junior Suffolk Show. Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. This year's raffle prizes include a Golf Club Set (value approximately \$1000, donated by Rebecca & Josh Krinsky), a half-page, full color ad in *The Banner Sheep Magazine* (valued at \$450, donated by *The Banner Sheep Magazine*), and \$100 cash prize. To purchase raffle tickets, please contact a UJSSA Director.

UJSSA Silent Auction

The UJSSA will be having a Silent Auction throughout the events at NAILE. If you are interested in supporting the UJSSA and would like to donate an item for the UJSSA Silent Auction, please contact UJSSA President, Tayler Wolff.

Attention Michigan Suffolk Breeders!

Would you be willing to help the UJSSA plan and coordinate the 2013 National Junior Suffolk Show? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Tayler Wolff. If you are planning to attend the 2012 NAILE events, you are welcome to join the UJSSA Board Meeting held on Saturday, November 10th at 6pm (location TBA).

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.

Nov 10	NAILE Junior Wether Show, 8am
Nov 11	NAILE Junior Breeding Sheep Show, 8am

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

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Get to Know Your USSA Board of Directors.

DR. GERALD CLAIR

State College, PA

Sue and I started to raise sheep about 30 years ago. We started to raise Suffolks because we thought they were the most beautiful to look at and because of their performance and quality of their product-meat. After deciding to raise sheep and going to many shows, it became very clear that the Suffolk breed was our choice. We wanted to raise sheep so our daughter could start showing in 4-H and that started the ball rolling.

Our initial breeding stock started with females purchased at different shows and became the foundation of our genetic pool. Being an Obstetrician, I have very strong feelings about producing ewes that are structurally correct, easy breeders and easy lambers. In order to do this they must have an adequate pelvis. Therefore we have tried to maintain a fairly consistent number of Lyn Lee Farm females in our producing flock.

A few years ago there was a push to try to run the USSA in only one direction. That is why I decided to run for director on the board. I feel the USSA must become more consumer friendly and support the members that would like to show the many different types of Suffolks . The Suffolk industry has made tremendous improvements in the quality of sheep being produced. I was at the Keystone International Livestock Show (KILE) in Harrisburg at the beginning of October and heard many remarks concerning the vast improvement in the Suffolks being shown. As breeders we must remember that in the long run, we are striving to produce a carcass.

The future of the Suffolk breed and the USSA is on the shoulders of our juniors. It is up to us as breeders and as board members of our association to draw these juniors into the fold and help them grow. Without juniors there is no future.

As a director I have served as chairman of the by-laws committee, scholarship committee and production committee. My phone is always open to any producer that has any question or problem. If I cannot help I will get someone that can.

The challenge for the new board will be to expand our membership, continue to work for the Suffolk breed rather than push personal agendas and stress to the members to try to produce structurally correct, functional sheep that will work in all aspects of the industry.

We currently own approximately 65 registered Suffolk ewes and 45 wether type ewes. They have all given us great pleasure as we see them lamb and watch their offspring grow. The greatest pleasure I guess would be watching your daughter at the age of 12 have Supreme Champion with her ewe at PA Farm Show, KILE, National Jr. Show and NAILE. It is a once in a lifetime event. The granddaughters are now continuing in their mothers steps.

We try to market our Suffolks by word of mouth from satisfied customers, both in the show ring and producing quality meat sheep. Without the help of Steve and Stacey Taylor and the rest of our crew we would not have the quality operation that we have today.

Raising any type of livestock (we have cattle as well as sheep) is becoming a great challenge to overcome with the price of corn, hay, grains, equipment and gasoline. This has made it very difficult to maintain the number of animals for a lot of people in the agriculture industry. It will take someone smarter than I to be able to look into the future of animal production for the small farmer. Farming has made me a "liar". I keep telling Sue that next year we will make a profit!



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Board. Her co-coordinator is Rebecca Krinsky, formerly an exhibitor at many previous National Junior Shows. Please join me in giving these to talented young ladies a warm welcome as we continue to strengthen our junior program. Finally, I want to thank our retiring board members (Jake Falleson, Bill Gergen, Gary Hoskins, and Gerald Clair) for their contributions to our association. At the same time I would like to extend a greeting to our newly elected board members. From district 1 Keith Pumphrey, district 2 Virginia Gergen, district 3 Paul Skartvedt, and district 4 Diane Russell. Welcome aboard!

Please join us in Louisville at the NAILE for the Junior Suffolk Market Lamb and Breeding Sheep Shows (November 10th and 11th), the NAILE Suffolk Sale (3:30 pm on November 10th), the Open Suffolk Show on Monday November 12th with the United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting to follow 45 minutes after the conclusion of the show. Have a safe trip to Louisville and we'll see you in a month.

Rob Zelinsky, USSA, President

Have a Spooktacular October!



American Lamb Board Announces Changes To 2013 Grant Programs

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

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

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

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

UJSSA MEMBERS

You're invited to attend the 2013 National Junior Suffolk Show in East Lansing, MI!

More details to come...



REMINDER for NAILE Open Show Participants

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to the USSA prior to the events at NAILE, for those who do not pay, will be prohibited from participating. If the entry fee is collected at NAILE, the entry fee will increase to \$10 per head.

Annual Meeting

Monday, Nov. 12th

45 minutes following the conclusion of the Open Suffolk Show

NAILE in Louisville, KY

Members are encouraged to attend the 2012 United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting held at NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky on Monday, November 12th beginning 45 minutes after the conclusion of the Open Suffolk Show. For meeting location, please stop by the USSA booth in Louisville for further details.



Looking for the following to include in the Suffolk Newsletter:

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

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!



Best Leg of Lamb

- 1/3 cup minced fresh rosemary
- 2 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 2 Tablespoon olive oil
- 8 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 bone-in leg of lamb (7-9 pounds), trimmed
- 1 cup chicken broth

Directions

In a small bowl, combine the first seven ingredients; rub over leg of lamb. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Place lamb, fat side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 2 hours. Add broth to pan; cover loosely with foil. Bake 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 hours longer or until meat reaches desired doneness (for medium rare, a meat thermometer should read 145 degrees; medium, 160 degrees; well done, 170 degrees). Let stand for 10- 15 minutes before slicing. Yield: 10-12 servings.

Submitted by Christy Zelinsky.

Learning Opportunities

The following learning opportunities were found in the *ASI WEEKLY* electronic newsletter.

Sheep Webinar Audio Available

The webinar, Proper Feeding of Ewes During Breeding and Pregnancy, was held Tuesday evening, Aug. 28. More than 100 attendees participated in the session offered by the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) in conjunction with its Rebuild the Sheep Industry initiative with funding support from the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center.

According to Rodney Kott, Ph.D., Montana State University and one of the presenters of the webinar, "There was a lot of interest expressed throughout the session and many great questions were asked. It was really exciting to see that much enthusiasm in the sheep business, making it a fun event to be a part of."

For anyone who was unable to participate, the full session is available for viewing from the home page of the ASI website, www.sheepusa.org.

WSU Offers Lamb 300 Short Course

Washington State University (WSU) Extension and Departments of Animal Sciences are excited to announce the third WSU Lamb 300 short course that will be offered Oct. 18-20 at the WSU Department of Animal Sciences on the Pullman Campus.

Lamb 300 is a three-day, hands-on workshop designed for progressive individuals involved with the sheep industry. The course will focus on teaching producers, feeders and marketers (regardless of size or type of operation) how to produce and market quality lambs and lamb products. Participants will learn how environmental, nutritional, genetic and managerial factors contribute to meat quality as well as how meat quality factors influence the price producers receive for lamb and lamb products marketed through various outlets. This program will increase one's understanding of lamb quality and marketing, enabling participants to make informed decisions to improve profitability, competitiveness and wholesomeness of the livestock they are producing.

Registration fee for the class is \$150 per participant, which covers meals, materials and parking. Hotel accommodations will be the responsibility of the participant. The course is limited to 32 and will be filled on a first-pay, first-serve basis. Registration deadline is Oct. 1.

2012 Wool Schools Scheduled in N.D.

A Sheep Shearing School and a Certified Wool Classing School are scheduled for Nov. 17-20 at the Hettinger Research Extension Center in Hettinger, N.D.

The focus of the schools is to provide the U.S. sheep industry with trained shearers and wool classers who can assist in improving the quality of the domestic wool clip, which is imperative to American wool becoming more competitive and available in the international as well as domestic markets.

The shearing school will cover the professional shearing pattern, tagging and eyeing, equipment maintenance and repair and wool handling and preparation.

Some of the topics to be covered in the classing sessions include wool fiber growth, objective measurement of wool, genetic selection programs, wool contamination, handling practices and packaging, labeling and marking. To fine tune the skill of wool classing, students will be given the opportunity to work through and grade a number of

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wool samples.

Each course will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The cost of the classing school is \$175 per student and includes tuition as well as all supplies, manuals and a wool handling DVD. Class size is limited to 12.

Included in the \$125 instruction fee for the shearing school are the tuition, handbook, DVD and singlet. The class is limited to 20 students of any experience level. A total of \$250 in scholarships is available to be split among North Dakota residents who are 16 years of age or older.

Additional information for either course can be obtained by contacting Christopher Schauer at christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu or by calling 701-567-4323.

The courses are being sponsored by the American Sheep Industry Association, the North Dakota State University Hettinger Research Extension Center, North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association and the North Dakota State University Extension Service.

Wisc. Offers Beginning Sheep Shearing School

The annual Beginning Sheep Shearing School will be held on Dec. 1-2 at the University of Wisconsin (UW)-Madison Sheep Unit within the Arlington Agricultural Research Station. The school will cover basic shearing skills including sheep handling, shearing positions, wool handling and equipment care and maintenance.

The cost to attend the training program will be \$75 per participant, which includes the necessary equipment.

The school is organized by the Department of Animal Sciences at the UW-Madison, Cooperative Extension, UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative.

For more information or to register, call 608-846-5858. The registration deadline is Nov. 1.

Cornell Sheep and Goat Symposium

Cornell University will be hosting the 2012 Cornell Sheep and Goat Symposium on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27.

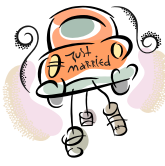
The "Pre-symposium Hands-on Activities" will take place at the Cornell Sheep Farm in Harford, N.Y., from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Prospective or novice sheep and goat owners will learn how to trim hooves, administer vaccinations, eartag and tattoo. Body condition and FAMACHA scoring skills will be practiced and sheep and goats will be available for practical experience. General management, choosing a breed, evaluating animals for soundness and productivity, hay evaluation, pasture management and a tour of the sheep farm will round out the day. Some activities have size limitations so early registration is advised.

The Saturday symposium will be held at Morrison Hall on the Cornell Campus. Steve Hart, Ph.D., from the American Institute for Goat Research will be the guest speaker and will discuss "What's New in Parasite Management." He will also lead a FAMACHA certification program. Workshops on dairy sheep and goats, meat enterprises and fiber production will be held. Speakers will include researchers and grazing consultants as well as several New York farmers and extension educators with extensive hands-on experience raising small ruminants.

Information about the symposium schedule, registration fees and housing is available on the web at www.sheep.cornell.edu and <http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/goats>.

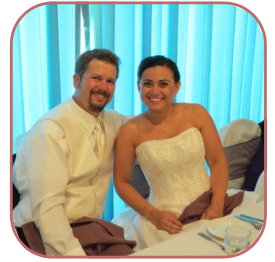
USSA Member News

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



Congratulations!

Andrew Hukowicz of Hadley, Mass., former USSA director and former UJSSA President, married Emily (Emmie) Miniter, of Sherborn, Mass., on Saturday, August 4, 2012. The ceremony was held at the Mallory pavilion at the Eastern States Exposition. Congratulations to the newly married couple!



2012 CHOTEAU SHEEP EXPO SALES REPORT

The 28th Choteau Sheep Expo gathered for the annual sale September 8, 2012 at the Weatherbeater Barn in Choteau, Montana. With numbers down for the industry we had 55 head of quality breeding stock consigned to the sale.

Yearling rams averaged \$475, Ram lambs at \$425, Yearling ewes averaged \$300 and Ewe Lambs \$275. Averages were down a bit from the 2011 sale.

The consigners with the High Selling Rams included: Montana Sheep Company with a Targhee yearling ram for \$575, West River Suffolks at \$525 for a ram lamb and Langhus Columbias with a yearling SAMM ram for \$525.

Highlights of the sale included: Bill and Scott McKay, McKay Suffolks, of Ulm, Montana selling the high selling Premium Registered Suffolk ewe lamb at auction for \$525.

Brent and Tracie Roeder, Montana Sheep Company, Fort Shaw, MT donated a Premium Yearling Ewe to be sold and the proceeds to go to the Choteau Sheep Expo youth fund for \$200. Thanks to Brent and Tracie and the Montana Sheep Company for their donation.

High Selling Ewes included: McKay Suffolks with their premium ewe lamb, Prairie Rose Suffolks with a ewe lamb for \$475 and Newman Suffolks with a yearling ewe for \$400.

New consigner, Alyssa Gruszie of Bear Paw Sheep Company sold her first ewe lamb at \$250.

Sunnyside Hampshires had ram lambs at \$400 and 4 ewe lambs at \$325.

Top selling Columbia ewe lamb from Gene Langhus went for \$325.

Prairie Rose Suffolks had 2 ram lambs at \$450. West River Suffolks had ram lamb at \$450.

Montana Sheep Co. had a yearling Targhee ram at \$525 and 4 head at \$450.

Thank you to all that made this another very successful event. See you in 2013 for the 29th Annual CHOTEAU SHEEP EXPO.



Calendar of Events

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

October

- 10 Utah Ram Sale, Spanish Fork, UT
- 19—20 New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale - Rhinebeck, NY



November

- 10 NAILE Suffolk Sale - Louisville, KY - 3:30 pm
- 12 NAILE Open Suffolk Show, Louisville, KY—8 am
USSA Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY—45 min. following the conclusion of the Suffolk Show
- 24 Illini Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale - Bloomington, IL—Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams

NAHMS Study Released

Source: American Sheep Industry Association, sheepusa.org

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service's National Animal Health Monitoring System (NAHMS) has released the first part of its 2011 study entitled Part 1: Reference of Sheep Management Practices in the United States, 2011.

The study provides baseline information on U.S. sheep inventories, health and management practices, productivity, marketing, nutritional management and disease prevention.

The study was conducted in 22 states representing 70 percent of the U.S. sheep flocks and 85 percent of the U.S. sheep.

The NAHMS report can be accessed at www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nahms/sheep/index.shtml.

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 !



Suffolk Social



Please attend the NAILE Suffolk Social. The social will be hosted by and located at Ruby Mountain Sheep Co.'s (Cynthia Huckins) pens on the evening of Sunday, November 11th (time to be announced). Hope you can attend! Stop by for some snacks and drinks while catching-up with your Suffolk friends!

Annual Meeting Minutes of the Missouri Suffolk Breeders' Association

The Annual Meeting of the Missouri Suffolk Breeders' Association was held on Monday evening, August 13, 2012, at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri, immediately following the Open Class Suffolk Show.

The meeting was called to order by President, Amanda Bergsieker of Higginsville, Missouri. Tom Burke gave the Secretary and Treasurer's report, which was approved as read. There was no old business. Under new business, Evan Snyder of Pennsylvania and Rex Quam of Minnesota were the nominees resubmitted as potential Judges for the 2013 Missouri State Fair Open Class Suffolk Show.

Each year the Missouri Suffolk Association sponsors awards for the Missouri Junior Suffolk Show at the State Fair. Those committing to donate the 4-H and FFA Awards for 2013 were Bergsieker Suffolks, Baumann Suffolks, Pat Grosett, and Tom Burke.

There was considerable discussion about the Slick Sheared classes for the 2013 Missouri State Fair. In order for this to become a reality, the Suffolk breed must raise \$300 which goes to the Missouri State Fair to assist in sponsoring that division of the show. There was discussion about the Junior members raising the \$300 and after much discussion, it was hoped to be able to have a Slick Shorn Show on a trial basis on the 2013 show.

Considerable discussion took place about the Missouri State Fair improvements for the 2013 Show. Recommendations were as follows:

- Investigate the Slick Shorn Classes;
- Additional lighting in the barn;
- Posting Classes ahead of the Show;
- More accessibility to the rest rooms from the RV area.

Pat Grosett made a motion and it was seconded that a set of bylaws for the Missouri Suffolk Sheep Association be presented at the 2013 Show. President Bergsieker will take control of that project.

Election of officers: Amanda Bergsieker, of Higginsville, Missouri was re-elected President; Jeff Baumann, of Savannah, Missouri was re-elected Vice President; After serving ten years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Missouri Suffolk Association, Tom Burke announced that he would not seek re-election, and Chris Mallett, of Marshall, Missouri, was elected to that vacancy. The Missouri Suffolk Association expressed its intentions desiring to host the 2014 National Junior Suffolk Show in the State of Missouri. The Officers of the Association were instructed to pursue this aggressively.

The Missouri Suffolk Association will have a newsletter on a quarterly basis which will be produced by the new Secretary, Chris Mallett. President Amanda Bergsieker announced that the 2013 National Junior Suffolk Show will be held at Michigan State University, at East Lansing, Michigan, as well as advising the group that she'll be working with the National Association as one of the new National Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Coordinators.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn, upon adjournment the group enjoyed ice cold watermelon, courtesy of Tom Burke Suffolks.

Remember, if you have not yet paid your annual dues, we invite you to do so, the fee is \$20.00. Your Missouri Suffolk Association Officers are here to serve you, feel free to contact any of us at any time.

Sincerely, Tom Burke, Secretary/Treasurer, Missouri Suffolk Sheep Association

CORRECTION

For the Ohio Regional Junior show, the Junior Ram Lamb shown by Kaleb Schakel was bred by Hawkins Farm Suffolks, Shedd, Oregon, not Schakel bred, as listed in the results.

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NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

Wednesday, November 7 -

Open Show Arrival (Until Nov. 9, 6pm)
Junior Show Arrival (Until Nov. 9, Noon)

Friday, November 9 -

Lead Line at 1pm
Market Lamb & Jr. Breeding Showmanship at 5pm
Market Lamb Momma Sale 7pm

Saturday, November 10 -

Jr. Wether Show at 8am
UJSSA Pizza Party at noon
Suffolk Sale at 3:30pm
UJSSA Board Meeting at 6pm
USSA Board Meetings - immediately following
UJSSA meeting

Sunday, November 11 -

Junior Show - Ring 1 (North) following Dorsets
Suffolk Social (evening) —located at Ruby
Mountain Sheep Co. pens

Monday, November 12 -

Open Suffolk Show at 8am
USSA Annual Meeting: 45 minutes following
conclusion of the Open Suffolk Show

Friday, November 16-

Supreme Champion 11am
Suffolks Released at 3pm

Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show — Marvin Ensor, San Angelo, TX

Junior Breeding Show— TBA

Open Show— Slick: Billy Wade, Salem, OR

Fitted: Gary Saylor, Belle Center, OH

Open Show Entry Fees

NAILE Open Show Participants -

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to the USSA prior to the events at NAILE, for those who do not pay, will be prohibited from participating. If the entry fee is collected at NAILE, the entry fee will increase to \$10 per head.

NAILE Market Lamb Show – Suffolk Division

Again this year, but a little revised, the USSA will be providing special monies to UJSSA members showing Suffolk market lambs at the 2011 NAILE Market Lamb Show.

The USSA will award \$1000 to the Champion Suffolk Market Lamb, \$500 to the Reserve Champion Market Lamb, and within each Suffolk Market Lamb Class, \$50 for 1st place and

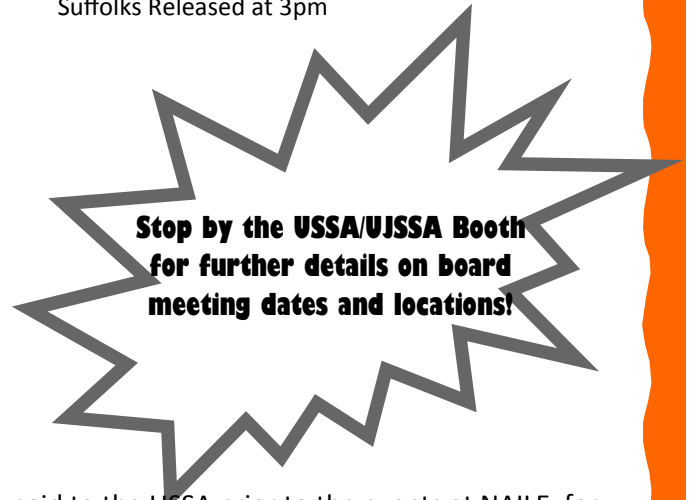
\$25 for 2nd place. To be eligible for this prize money, each Suffolk market lamb, at the time of weigh-in and classification, will be required to have a Suffolk Market Lamb Certificate. Certificates may be obtained from the USSA office (P.O. Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501) or at the time of classification.

This award money will only be available to individuals whom:

(1) Pay for a United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA) Membership at the rate of \$15 or are a current UJSSA member

AND

(2) Purchase a wether certificate from the USSA at the rate of \$10 per lamb.



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Suffolk Scenes



Bottle lambs getting cozy warm!
Submitted by John & Taylor Peck

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: Spring Ram Lamb, Two Yearling Ewes, Yearling Ram, Spring Ewe

Spring ram lamb \$500. Two yearling ewes \$300 each. Yearling ram \$800. Spring ewe \$350. All are registered and all are RR/NN. Great 4-H or show sheep. Selig's Suffolks, Gremansville, PA, (610)760-0251, Email bselig97@yahoo.com for pictures and more information.

FOR SALE: "Shepherd Boy" A fabulous new book for young people ages 6 through 10

Come visit Broadview Farm in Oregon as young Joshua Parker arrives home with his new Suffolk sheep. After the sheep are settled, in, his father draws on the Bible story of David to begin teaching him about what it means to care for sheep. Through exciting, and sometimes funny adventures, Josh is soon called upon to protect his ewes and their lambs. 85 pages \$9.99 plus \$3.00 S&H. Order at www.shepherdboybook.com

FOR SALE: Registered Suffolk Ram Lambs

Pictures can be seen on our website: www.bluesprucesuffolks.com Starting at \$250. For More Information: Jeff or Deb Bollinger, 717-484-4762 jrbollinger@dejazzd.com

FOR SALE: Reg. Suffolk Ram and Ewe Lambs

All ram lambs are RR and most of the Ewe lambs are RR. These will be big well structure sheep with good mothering ability. Large farmed, fast growing, structurally sound. Background genetics include Ruby Mountain on the sire side and Lansing, Corson on the Dam side. These rams will work well for producing fast growing lambs for a commercial flock or be competitive at the county and state fair in the show ring. Ewe Lambs \$300, Ram lambs start at \$400. For More Information: Randy Stewart (641) 521-5115 or Barb Stewart (641) 521-7981 rstewart@pcpartner.net

FOR SALE: 4 Year Old Suffolk Ram

Ruby Mt Sheep Co 806 RR-Purchased at the 2009 Nugget Sale, he was 3rd place class III yearling ram. Rich in Pfeifer, Eagle, and Dreher bloodlines. Sound and needs a new home. \$350. For More Information: 509-682-2987 or wendy.wilfong@gmail.com

There are many more ads posted on the USSA website!

Check out the USSA Facebook page!



Office Notes

USSA /UJSSA Membership Drive



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

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

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

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

What would you like to see in this publication?

If you have any ideas or items you would like to see in this newsletter, send us your input! Or, if you have any news stories, results, photos you would like to share with the rest of the United Suffolk Sheep Association let us know! Items you would like to submit to the newsletter can emailed to: news@u-s-s-a.org

We Want Your Photos!

We would like to feature some photos in each of our newsletters of our members and their Suffolks! Whether you have old or new photos, all are welcome. We would also like to use some member photos for promotional materials. If you would like to submit photos, you can mail them to the office address, P.O. Box 995, Ottumwa, IA 52501, and then we can return them to you after we scan them. You can also email any photos to news@u-s-s-a.org. We look forward to seeing all your photos!

Website

If you have any information you would like included on our website, please let us know. We also welcome any ideas you may have to improve our website.

USSA Suffolk Window Clings and Limited Edition Suffolk Sculptures are available for purchase! Window Clings are \$1 each and sculptures are \$195 per sculpture.

Both prices include shipping!

Contact the office if you are interested in purchasing any.



Happy  Halloween