

Suffolk Newsletter

The United Suffolk Sheep Association

Greetings Suffolk Breeders!

As your lambing season wraps up and you begin to think about selling your Suffolk lambs, I wanted to let you know of a new advertising opportunity.

Breeders are now able to place ads in the Suffolk Newsletter! What a great way to let all the Suffolk Breeders know about your upcoming event or product offering. The Suffolk Newsletter is sent to over 750 USSA and UJSSA Members—a perfect target audience for your ad!

The cost of an ad in the Suffolk Newsletter is as follows. Please note that all prices are for full color ads.

- 1 page—\$200/month
- 1/2 page—\$100/month
- 1/4 page—\$50/month

To place an ad in the Newsletter, please email the ad to news@u-s-s-a.org. In the email please be sure to specify the size of the ad you would like as well as which months you would like the ad to run. Ads should be “publish-ready”.

If you have any questions about placing ad in the newsletter, please contact the USSA Office. Generally, the Suffolk Newsletter is emailed out the first week of the month.

If possible, please submit any information you would like to include in the newsletter by the 25th of the month to be included in the next month’s issue.

Lastly, I hope that you take some time to read the revisions and additions made to the 2013 USSA Futurity ([found on page 5](#)). If there are any questions about the USSA Futurity, please contact the USSA Office.

Amanda Events



Welcome!

...new members, returning past members (whom have not been active in recent years) and past UJSSA members who have joined the USSA during February 2013.



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UPDATED BYLAWS

All proposed USSA ByLaw amendments have been approved by a vote of the membership on Nov. 1, 2012. To view updated USSA ByLaws, visit the USSA [website](#) or view in the 2013 USSA Directory, which will be distributed in April.

A Message From the UJSSA President...

Hello Suffolk People,

Hard to believe that it is already March! I hope lambing is going well for you all. North Dakota has gotten quite a bit of snow this year. It seems like when it does snow though it hits us hard. As lambing comes to close for all of you remember one thing... Go for the complete ones. It seems like lately things have finally turned around and that the Suffolk sheep are headed in the right direction. The junior show is just 4 short months away and it will be here before you know it. This is your chance to get involved. We are always looking for new kids to be part of our junior association. To become an intern you have to send in an application which will be reviewed and then you will be interviewed. Recently we just started to have the interns because we felt like it was a good way for kids to start. It also gives us an idea of what kind of a leader you are. If we think you are capable of great things then you will be moved up to a board of director if you would like. Speaking from experience I think everyone should try to be on the board because it is one of the greatest experiences not only do you get to be involved in the Suffolk Industry but you also get to help plan the junior show as well :)

Taylor Wolff

Notes from the UJSSA

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 \$1600, 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 MEMBERS: *If any junior member would like to sell raffle tickets please contact a UJSSA Director. The UJSSA Member who sells the most tickets will receive a prize (check back in the next newsletter for updated information on the prize).*

Attention Michigan Suffolk Breeders!

Would you being 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.

2013 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship

Not able to attend NAILE? Or Didn't get asked to sponsor this year's upcoming junior show? Whether you have a specific class you would like to sponsor or just a general donation, check out the opportunities to support the next UJSSA Junior Show. Visit the USSA or UJSSA website and find the sponsorsheet to view available classes to sponsor. Contact the USSA Office to sign-up!

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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?

S L G L F A L P K Y M W G P E
 L T A Y F I X X M E A U K P A
 J M E E L G N I S R J E F N R
 P Q B L T G G W T N L D G K T
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Suffolk Sheep Show

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. To find more details on these listings please visit: u-s-s-a.org or ujssa.org

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| June 15 | Midwest Junior Preview Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO website |
| July 4—7 | 2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan |
| July 21 | Minnesota Junior Suffolk Sheep Show - Faribault, MN |
| August 1 | 2013 Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fair - 5:30 PM |

SPOTLIGHT:

USSA Futurity Program

UPDATE!

USSA FUTURITY REVISIONS & ADDITIONS

EWE LAMB FUTURITY

- ⇒ The ewe lamb futurity will revert back being a competition within USSA Districts.
- ⇒ The first place winner in each district will be guaranteed \$100 payout, with the remaining premiums based on participation within the district.
- ⇒ There will be an overall futurity winner—the individual with the most points across USSA Districts that is guaranteed at least \$500 and will receive a trophy given by Quam Suffolks.

YEARLING EWE FUTURITY *NEW*****

- ⇒ Any purchased yearling ewe is eligible to participate in the USSA Yearling Ewe Futurity.
- ⇒ It is the junior exhibitor's responsibility to nominate the yearling ewe. The cost to nominate the yearling ewe is \$25.
- ⇒ Yearling ewes must be nominated by July 1, 2013.
- ⇒ Yearling ewes are to be registered in the INDIVIDUAL NAME ONLY. No partnerships, farm, family, 4-H Club or FFA Chapter names accepted in the futurity program. The junior exhibitor of a futurity yearling ewe may not be a family member or employee of the breeder as listed on the registration paper. For purposes of the USSA Yearling Ewe Futurity, family members shall include children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.
- ⇒ Premiums: The USSA Yearling Ewe Futurity is a national competition, unlike the USSA Ewe Lamb Futurity which is split into districts. There will be a 100% payback for the Yearling Ewe Futurity. Premiums will be paid out by December 31, 2013.

Please review the **USSA Futurity Rules***
for complete details on this great program!

*Complete futurity rules can be found on the [USSA Website](#) or contact the USSA Office.

~UJSSA Members~

Consider purchasing a futurity nominated ewe in 2013!

Suffolk Associations Close to Home



Ever wondered if there is a state or regional Suffolk Association near you? The following is a listing of active state and/or regional Suffolk Associations across the United States. If there is an active local Suffolk Association that has been overlooked, please contact the USSA Office. Local Suffolk Associations are encouraged to share news, events or updates through the Suffolk Newsletter!

CALIFORNIA SUFFOLK AND HAMPSHIRE SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION **Website**

President: Greg Ahart, Sacramento, CA Phone: 916.716.0089 Email: greg.ahart@superiorfarms.com
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ILLINOIS SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Bill Royer, Washington, IL Phone: 309-444-2356 Email: royerfarm@aol.com

IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kelly Werner, Grinnell, IA Phone: 641.236.4976 Email: kgang@iowatelecom.net

MINNESOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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MISSOURI SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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MONTANA SUFFOLK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION **Website**

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NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

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OHIO SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Barbie Casey, Apple Creek, OH Phone: 513-205-7992 Email: bcasey@roadrunner.com

PENNSYLVANIA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Facebook Page**

President: Alex Masser, Elizabethville, PA Phone: 570.847.1833 Email: almass412@yahoo.com

SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Duane Juntunen, Vienna, SD Phone: 605.881.3374 Email: jute@itctel.com

WISCONSIN SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kevin Slack, Lake Geneva, WI Phone: 262.903.5971 Email: kslacksuffolks@yahoo.com

★ **Mark your calendars for....**

★ **2013 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show!**

★ **July 4—7 • Michigan State University • East Lansing, MI**

★ Hotel Accommodations:

★ **Holiday Inn Express**

★ ***please book prior to June 12th as the room block expires at that time***

★ **Hotel Address: 2209 University Park Drive Okemos, MI 48864 • Hotel Phone: 517.349.8700**

★ **Rate: \$95 plus tax for rooms with 2 queen beds**

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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!



Lamb Stew (with Shepherd's Pie variation)

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 lbs. lamb stew meat | 3 large potatoes, peeled & cubed |
| 2 Tbl. oil | 4 medium carrots, sliced |
| 4 cloves garlic, minced | 1/2 cup celery, chopped |
| 1 medium onion, chopped | 1/2 apple, peeled and chopped |
| 1 cup water | 1—14 oz. can diced tomatoes |
| 2 tsp. salt | 2 Tbl. beef bouillon granules |
| 1/2 tsp. pepper | 2 Tbl. tapioca |

Heat oil in a dutch oven. Add meat, garlic, and onion. Cook till meat is browned. Add all the other ingredients. Heat to boiling. Cover and simmer for two hours.

To make Shepherd's Pie: Use the same ingredients, omitting potatoes from the recipe. Instead, cook potatoes separately, and make mashed potatoes, seasoning as desired. After meat and vegetable mixture comes to a boil, simmer for 30 minutes and then place into a large casserole dish, top with mashed potatoes, and bake for 1 hour.

This recipe was reprinted, with permission, from Russell Sheep Co., Paul, Diane & Jeremy Russell's website. To see other recipes they have included on their site, visit: <http://russellsheepcompany.com/recipes.html>



Question & Answer

Do you have a question for the USSA or Board of Directors?
If so, please email it to news@u-s-s-a.org!

Question: I am a UJSSA member and have sold a lamb that I need to register and transfer to a new owner. How much will this cost?

Answer: The cost of registrations depends on either the animals age (for registrations) or the number of days since the animal has been sold (for transfers). The cost of a registration of a Suffolk under the age of one year is \$6 and \$12 for Suffolks over one year of age. Transfers that are less than 60 days since the date of sale are \$6 and \$9 for transfers for sheep sold more than 60 days. Prices for registrations and transfers are the same for purebred and percentage registrations. Please note that all work orders will be charged a \$3 postage, shipping and handling fee.

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

Sheep Industry Updates of Interest to Ewe!

2012 Scrapie Annual Report Available

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly, American Sheep Industry Assn .

The National Scrapie Eradication Program continues to make excellent progress in fiscal year (FY) 2012. Published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), the report reviews the current progress of scrapie eradication in the United States.

In FY 2012, the percent of cull sheep found positive at slaughter, adjusted for face color, decreased to 0.0057 percent. This measure of prevalence has decreased 96.2 percent since slaughter surveillance started in FY 2003 and 24.7 percent since FY 2011. There was also a 47-percent decrease in the number of infected and source flocks identified during FY 2012 compared to FY 2011.

Other topics reviewed in this report include on-farm surveillance, total animals sampled and positive scrapie cases.

The FY 2012 report is available at

www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/scrapie/downloads/yearly_report.ppsx.

Small Family Farms Account for Most U.S. Farms

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly, American Sheep Industry Assn .

Ninety-seven percent of U.S. farms are family farms where the majority of the business is owned by the operator and individuals related to the operator. The remaining 3 percent are nonfamily farms, which produced 15 percent of the value of agricultural output in 2011.

Two features of family farms stand out. First, there are many small family farms (having less than \$250,000 in annual sales); together, they account for 87 percent of all U.S. farms. Second, large-scale family farms account for most of the nation's agricultural production-70 percent in 2011, as measured by value of output.

The share of farm assets held by small farms is substantially higher than their 15-percent share of production. Small-scale family farms hold about 56 percent of all farm assets. The disproportionate asset holdings of smaller farms reflects their overinvestment, particularly in land and dwellings, for purposes other than production, and economies of size enjoyed by larger farms that allow them to produce more with the resources they control.

The 2010 edition of America's Diverse Family Farms is available at www.ers.usda.gov/publications/eib-economic-information-bulletin/eib67.aspx.

From the Ranch Gate to the Dinner Plate

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly, American Sheep Industry Assn .

Most Americans are several generations removed from a background in production agriculture, and have little, if any, first-hand knowledge about where their food comes from and how that food is produced. America's sheep farmers and ranchers produce high-quality food and fiber in an ever-changing and increasingly complex environment. Stewards of the land, these farmers and ranchers provide wildlife habitat, open space and a myriad of other benefits that enhance our communities and our nation.

American lamb is raised from coast-to-coast and border-to-border. The *From the Ranch Gate to Dinner Plate* DVD was filmed in Colorado and takes a look at seasonal production practices in that state.

Individual chapters of *From the Ranch Gate to the Dinner Plate* can be viewed by going to www.coloradosheep.org/american-lamb.html. The DVD is also available for purchase.

The video is presented by the Colorado Lamb Council, the Colorado Wool Growers Association and the American Lamb Board.

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

2013 National Suffolk Show and Sale

May 30—June 1

Held during the Nugget All-American Invitational All-Breeds Sheep Sale, Sparks, NV

For more information visit: www.bannersheepmagazine.com

2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show

July 4-7

On the Michigan State University Campus

East Lansing, MI

For more information visit: www.ujssa.org

United Suffolk Sheep Association

Registrations by State

2011 - 2012 Fiscal Year

| State | Registrations |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama | 5 |
| Alaska | 4 |
| Arizona | 3 |
| Arkansas | 3 |
| California | 479 |
| Colorado | 146 |
| Connecticut | 3 |
| Delaware | 31 |
| Florida | 2 |
| Georgia | 3 |
| Idaho | 413 |
| Illinois | 462 |
| Indiana | 560 |
| Iowa | 1032 |
| Kansas | 29 |
| Kentucky | 42 |
| Louisiana | 2 |
| Maine | 15 |
| Maryland | 96 |
| Massachusetts | 60 |
| Michigan | 181 |
| Minnesota | 713 |
| Missouri | 200 |
| Montana | 296 |
| Nebraska | 308 |
| Nevada | 55 |
| New Hampshire | 15 |
| New Jersey | 32 |
| New York | 148 |
| North Carolina | 20 |
| North Dakota | 115 |
| Ohio | 323 |
| Oklahoma | 159 |
| Oregon | 369 |
| Pennsylvania | 528 |
| South Dakota | 411 |
| Tennessee | 104 |
| Texas | 73 |
| Utah | 152 |
| Virginia | 206 |
| Washington | 197 |
| West Virginia | 163 |
| Wisconsin | 475 |
| Wyoming | 124 |
| Ontario, Canada | 4 |
| Total Registrations | 8761 |

Reported Registrations include member

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Weaning Management of Lambs and Ewes is Important

By: Gary Ricketts

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Weaning lambs should not be done on impulse, but should be a well-planned activity. This is a critical period in the management of your flock and it should not be taken lightly. If you wake up some morning and decide it would be a good day to wean lambs, then reconsider. There are several things that need to be done ahead of time before you separate the ewes and lambs. The following suggestions may help minimize your weaning problems:

1. Lambs should be vaccinated for Enterotoxemia (Overeating Disease) at approximately 30 days of age with Clostridium CD Toxoid. A booster shot should be given two to three weeks later and definitely before weaning. This second shot is critical and should not be forgotten.
2. Lambs should be eating creep well prior to weaning. The level of concentrate consumption prior to weaning has a big effect on weaning stress.
3. Sixty days is a very common weaning age unless ewes and lambs are going to pasture. Most ewes hit their peak milk production three to four weeks after lambing and then begin to decrease. This is one of the reasons why creep consumption usually picks up dramatically from four weeks on. By 60 days after lambing, many ewes will be producing less than half of the amount of milk they produced at peak production.
4. Starting a week before you plan to wean your lambs, feed the ewes only roughage and no grain or protein supplement. This will help to dry up the ewes more rapidly, force the lambs to eat more creep, wean the lambs with a minimum of stress, and minimize udder problems after weaning.
5. During the last two days before you wean, the day you wean, and the day after weaning, limit the ewes' water consumption. Allow them access to water only twice a day. However, be sure the lambs have plenty of water. During this period you will need to have water available in the creep.
6. There is less weaning stress on the lambs if you remove the ewes from the lambs, and leave the lambs in the same area rather than vice versa. The lambs are familiar with where the feeders, mineral box, and water are located. Therefore, there is less drop in feed and water consumption than when lambs are moved to a strange area. It is best if the ewes and lambs are far enough apart that they can't hear each other.
7. In the process of separating ewes and lambs, use a good working facility and handle the sheep in a slow, gentle manner. Everything should be done in such a way as to minimize stress on the lambs.
8. Be sure the newly weaned lambs have plenty of clean, fresh water at all times.
9. Weigh lambs at weaning time so you can calculate 60-day adjusted weights. This will help you to evaluate the lambs, their mothers, and their sires.
10. Watch ewes carefully after weaning. Very thin ewes should be brought up in condition after they are dried up. This is especially true for first lambing ewes.

Remember that weaning should be a well-planned activity.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER?

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Online Auction

May 1st & 2nd - 2013

Sale managed by:

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www.wlivestock.com

**Selling Suffolks & Polled
Dorsets**

Top selling ram 2010 Center of the Nation NSIP Sale going to Bunkerhill Farms of Ohio. Went on to sire Suffolk breed leading sire for Carcass + Index for them

EBVs, Codon 171, & ultrasound carcass data available on all entries!

**All sheep sold "slick" shorn
OPP free flock!**

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Attend our "Open House"

Saturday, April 27th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

MSU Sheep Barn

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Feeding Your Market Lambs: A Youth Guide

Written by: Tom Platt, Extension Educator, Lincoln/Adams County, University of Washington

Reprinted from <http://lincoln-adams.wsu.edu/4-H/Livestock.html#Sheep>

Feeding your market lambs to reach proper weight and finish at show time is a challenge you and your family will enjoy. Following the simple guidelines in this fact sheet will help you successfully complete your market lamb project.

Selection is important. Select young, healthy lambs that have plenty of growth potential. Be sure that they are in the right weight range. A growthy, properly fed winter-born lamb should gain around 0.7 pounds per day from weaning until a spring show. For example, a lamb selected on February 25 has 74 days to grow until a May 10th show. Gaining at the rate of 0.7 pounds per day, it will gain 52 pounds during the feeding period. If it is to weigh 110 pounds at show time, it must weigh about 58 pounds when selected ($110 - 52 = 58$). A 40 pound lamb probably won't make it. Take a scale to the farm when you select lambs if there isn't one already available.

The same approach can be used when selecting lambs for the fall fair, although in this case, it is important not to select a lamb that is too big or too old and consequently might be too fat at show time. Spring born lambs should be selected for fall shows. A simple calculation of final weight and expected daily gain will help you select a lamb of the right starting weight. For example, a lamb selected in the middle of May for a show held the first week in September will have about 105 days to reach market weight. Spring born lambs shown in the fall can be fed to gain at a slightly slower rate over the summer than winter born lambs that must be pushed to finish for a spring show, because the feeding period is longer. Your spring born lamb can be fed to gain about 0.6 pounds per day during the summer. At this rate, it will gain a total of 63 pounds ($0.6 \times 105 = 63$) from selection until show time.

A 50 to 60 pound lamb selected in May should be just right in September. Be sure your lambs were castrated as babies. Worm them if they have not been wormed within a month, and vaccinate them for type C and D enterotoxemia (overeating disease) if they haven't already been vaccinated. Check for keds and treat them if necessary.

Now you are ready to feed your lambs. Keep their pen, feeder, and water trough clean. Lambs should have fresh water and trace mineralized salt with selenium available at all times. Use sheep salt because it has less copper in it than cow salt, and lambs are more sensitive to copper toxicity. Weigh your lambs again and record their weight and date on a chart tacked to the wall. Weigh lambs every other week before their morning feeding and calculate daily gain since the last weighing. The wall chart record of these weighings will tell you at a glance if your lambs are performing as expected and that they are being fed and cared for properly. If daily gain has fallen off, ask your parents or club advisor for some help in determining why. Lambs should be fed twice daily at the same time every day. You should ask a family member or friend to do your feeding chores if you are not available at their regular feeding time.

| | Lamb Weight, lb. | Daily Gain, lb. | Daily Feed, lb. | Daily Grain, lb. | Daily Hay, lb. | Ration Protein % |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Young Lambs | 44 | .66 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 0.4 | 15.0 |
| | 66 | .72 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | 13.5 |
| | 88+ | .88 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 0.6 | 13.0 |
| Older Lambs | 66 | .65 | 3.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 13.0 |
| | 88+ | .60 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 1.0 | 10.5 |

Lambs fed for spring shows need to grow a little faster and consequently need a little higher proportion of grain in their ration than lambs being fed for fall shows. Ration guidelines listed below are for two classes of lambs: young lambs (2 to 3 months old) requiring rapid growth for spring shows and older lambs (4 to 7 months old) requiring moderate growth for fall shows.

The hay in these rations should be good quality alfalfa or alfalfa-grass mix. Grain for sheep can be fed whole; it does not need to be ground or rolled. A protein supplement such as soybean meal or a commercial protein supplement containing at least 35% natural protein should be mixed with the grain at the rate of 1 pound of protein supplement for every 3 to 4 pounds of grain, depending on the protein content of the supplement. Alternatively, a commercial grain mix can be used that already has a crude protein content of 14% to 16%. Using a commercial mix

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is certainly more convenient, and there is less chance of mixing error. Make sure the commercial feed is labeled for feeding sheep or general livestock.

Remember, these are *only* guidelines. Watch your lambs closely and make feeding adjustments as necessary. Your lambs should be full fed, meaning they will just clean up everything offered them between feedings and aren't standing around hungry during the day or night. The rations listed above for young lambs contain 85% grain mix and 15% hay. For the older lambs, the rations contain 60% to 75% grain mix and 25% to 40% hay. Lambs

unaccustomed to this much grain cannot be started on this much grain all at once without becoming sick and suffering damage to their stomachs. Rather, they should be started out at about 1/3 of the grain recommended for their weight and the difference fed in hay. Then, over a three week period, the grain can be slowly increased and the hay decreased until the desired amount of each is being fed.

Good luck with your lamb project!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Have something to share?



We're looking for photos, news, show and sale information, classified ads, recipes, helpful hints & tips, educational opportunities

and questions for the question and answer section to include in the Suffolk Newsletter! Or anything else that may be of interest to fellow Suffolk Breeders you would like to share! If you have any suggestions on other items that should be included in the Suffolk Newsletter, please send those ideas as well!

Please submit information by the 25th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Information can be emailed to news@u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

United Suffolk Sheep Association

Top Registers by Member

2011- 2012 Fiscal Year

| <u>Member</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Registrations</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Kimm Suffolks | Iowa | 232 |
| William & Elizabeth MacCauley | Pennsylvania | 180 |
| Andrus Suffolks | Idaho | 156 |
| Tom Slack | Indiana | 143 |
| Pat Erstrom | Oregon | 125 |
| J & A Phillips | Idaho | 106 |
| Cheryl Bierle | Iowa | 89 |
| Kevin Lansing | Iowa | 82 |
| Dreher Family Suffolks | Montana | 81 |
| Jerry & Rex Quam | Minnesota | 74 |
| Marlin Subra | Wisconsin | 73 |
| Virgina Tech | Virginia | 70 |
| US Meat Animal Research Center | Nebraska | 67 |
| Kenneth. E and Melanie D. Fowle | California | 58 |
| Paul & Jeremy Russell | Indiana | 58 |
| Renn-Vue Farms | Michigan | 57 |
| Robert Amundson | North Dakota | 56 |
| Heintz Family Suffolks | Minnesota | 56 |
| Daryl Thomas Family | South Dakota | 55 |
| Lyn Lee Farms | Pennsylvania | 53 |

Reported registration numbers include amnesty registrations.

Thank you to those of you who took advantage of the USSA Amnesty Program!

Hints & Tips from one Suffolk Enthusiast to Another!



Please share your hints and tips with others! Email you hints and tips to news@u-s-s-a.org.

A clever way of using heatlamps with little risk: "What we use is a five gallon bucket with hole cut in bottom there is actually a little circle on bottom that we cut out. The lamp cord and top come through this hole we then use a couple of screws to secure the shade to the bucket. You can then use this with out worrying about ewes banging the lamp and causing a fire it also directs the heat down towards the little ones it is also hard for a ewe to get to the bulb."

Learning Opportunities

Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School—July 14-17, 2013 in San Angelo, TX

Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service, will be our 2012 coordinator.

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.

How to Apply: There is no fee to apply. Complete your application form (pdf) and submit it electronically no later than May 3, 2013. For question or more information, call the NLFA office at 503.364.5462 or email us at info@nlfa-sheep.org.

National Sheep Symposium Available

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly, American Sheep Industry Assn .

If you missed the National Sheep Symposium in Spencer, Iowa, last summer, the presentations and power points are now available for purchase. The goal of the meeting was to increase productivity, helping those already in the industry to achieve new levels of production efficiency.

The symposium, titled "Using Technology to Attack the Let's Grow with twoPLUS Initiative," featured some of the top sheep production experts in the country speaking on topics of interest to all producers.

To purchase the symposium, go to <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13921>.

Vaccination Programs for Sheep and Goats

Reprinted from the ASI Weekly, American Sheep Industry Assn .

The first session of the 2013 Ohio Sheep and Goat Web Series, presented by Eric Gordon, DVM, regarding vaccination programs for sheep and goats, has been recorded and is available at <http://go.osu.edu/2013Sheep-1>.

Suffolks Today And Tomorrow Conference Commemorative Print



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

Prints are only available for purchase through the United Suffolk Sheep Association. Prints are \$80 each (price includes shipping). To order prints, please contact the USSA Office by phone (641.684.5291) or email (info@u-s-s-a.org).

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1/4 page- \$50/month

Ads should be emailed to: news@u-s-s-a.org. Please include the ad size and which months the ad should be run. Ads must be "publish-ready".

Calendar of Events

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

April

- 2-3 Wright's Rocky Acres Online Club Lamb Sale, Galena, MO [website](#)
- 5 Illini Spring Sale, Bloomington, IL
- 6 Joy Genetics Club Lamb & Show Pig Sale at the Joy Farm 5130 F Rd. Dunbar, NE. Pigs sell at 2pm & Lambs follow at 3:30pm. More details call: 402-873-4406, 402-873-6648(o), or 402-209-1207(c)
- 13 California Ram Sale, Tulare, CA [website](#)
- 26—27 National Cornbelt Sale, Des Moines, IA
- 30 - May 1 Stars of the North Online Ewe and Stud Ram Sale www.wlivestock.com

May

- 1 Michigan State University, 28th Production Sale, Online Auction www.wlivestock.com
- 4 25th Annual Kimm Production Sale, 6:30 pm, Tippiie Beef Center, Kirkwood Comm. College, Cedar Rapids, IA [website](#)
- 9-11 Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, OH
- 25-26 Great Lakes All Breeds Show & Sale, Wooster, OH
- 30— June 1 Nugget All-American Show and Sale including the National Suffolk Sale, Sparks, NV

June

- 15 Midwest Junior Preview Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO [website](#)
- 25-29 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO [website](#)

July

- 4-7 2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 14—17 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, San Angelo, Texas [website](#)
- 19-20 Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale, Heber City, UT
- 20 Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association State Show - Faribault, MN
- 21 Minnesota Junior Suffolk Sheep Show - Faribault, MN

August

- 1 [Deadline for the USSA Scholarship and Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship applications](#)
- 1 2013 Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fair - 5:30 PM
- 17 Iowa Hawkeye Suffolk Sale, Des Moines, IA

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Suffolk Scenes

IT'S LAMBING SEASON!

This is one of the best times of the year for a Suffolk Enthusiast! Capture images of those spunky little Suffolk lambs and email them into the office! Over the next issues of The Suffolk Newsletter your photo could be featured here...

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.

Suffolk Wether For Sale: Looking for a Suffolk wether to complete your experience at the U.S.S.A. Jr. Show? We have a very powerful one that puts it all together in a very eye catching package. He is jack fronted, slides smoothly into a rack that fills your hand at a month of age, flows back into a long hind saddle that explodes into a massive hip and lower leg. He carries it all on tremendous substance of bone and a good set of feet and legs. This lamb will be offered at an on line auction as part of the Heartland Youth show Lamb Circuit (HYSLC) fund raising auction on March 16 and 17. HYSLC Club Lamb Sale, March 16-17, Hosted online by Willoughby Live-stock www.wlivestock.com

To learn more about HYSLC go to : www.heartlandyouthshowlambcircuit.com

You can check out this lamb at our website www.mantheishowstock.com . If we can assist with any of your other show lamb needs please check us out. We will be posting more lambs over the next couple weeks on our website.

We also have a nice set of Suffolk lambs on the ground out of Cold Blooded and nice set of Southdown lambs out of our Oldenburg stud and our Down and Dirty son. Check our website later in the spring for more breeding sheep pictures.

PLEASE VIEW CLASSIFIED ON WEBSITE TO VIEW PHOTOS RELATED TO THIS AD.

For More Information: Rick Manthei, 507-430-5953, manthei@rrcnet.org
23054 US HWY 71, Sanborn, MN 56083

Check out the USSA Facebook page!



Office Notes

Don't forget to register your 2012 born lambs before they turn one year of age!

If you sold bred ewes last fall, don't forget to fill out the breeding certificate on the back of the ewe's registration paper!

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.

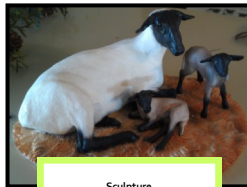
ITEMS FOR SALE

To purchase, contact the USSA Office

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| Plastic Sheet Protectors | \$0.20 |
| USSA Window Clings..... | \$1.00 |
| USSA Flock Memo Book..... | \$1.00 |
| USSA Folders..... | \$2.95 |
| USSA 3-ring Binders..... | \$9.50 |
| Suffolks Today & Tomorrow Print..... | \$80.00 |
| Limited Edition Suffolk Sculptures..... | \$195.00 |



Binder



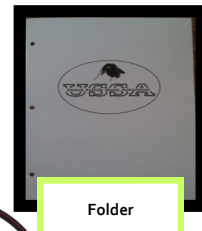
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