

Suffolk Newsletter

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It's hard to believe spring is here! As lambing wraps up, field work begins, kids are finishing up the school year – then next thing you know it's time for sales, shows, registrations, transfers, entry deadlines, fall breeding decisions... Please contact the USSA Office if we can assist with any of your last minute to-do list items! The USSA office is here to serve you!

Directories will be mailed any day—if you need to get in touch with fellow USSA members and did not receive your 2015 directory, please call the USSA office, we will gladly get one sent to you. Directories will also be available at many of the upcoming sales.

Upcoming Events...

- The UJSSA will be having a breakfast fundraiser for the National Junior Suffolk Show on Saturday, May 9th.
- If you're headed to the Nugget All-American or the Midwest Stud Ram Sale there will be various Suffolk events—check for signs posted at each event.
- If you are planning to attend the **2015 National Junior Suffolk Show**, July 2 - 5 in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the Eastern States Exposition (Big E), I think you'll be in for a great time! If you are in need of hotel rooms, visit the UJSSA website or contact the USSA Office. For further details about the 2015 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show, please check the UJSSA website – www.ujssa.org.

Sending in Registry Work Soon? Here's just a few friendly reminders:

Registration applications forms, fee sheets, membership applications or any other documents can be found on the USSA website under the "Registration" tab. Don't have internet access? No problem! Contact the USSA Office and these items can be mailed to you. Just a friendly reminder May through August brings the majority of the Suffolk registry work to the office—expect turnaround time to be slower. If you need work processed in less than two weeks, rush fees apply. Also, make a note on your registrations applications and/or transfers that you need them returned by a certain date.

*****Please note that I am due to have a baby the middle/end of May. If you have registry work that you need back the middle of May through the beginning of June, please get that sent in early. The office will be closed for a few days but expect a slower turnaround time from when the office reopens through the beginning of June.*****

Update on the Percentage-Purebred Registration

During the March Conference Call, the USSA Board of Directors voted to not move forward with the proposal regarding the percentage program. There will be no changes to the percentage program at this time.

Lastly, just a reminder, the Suffolk Newsletter is now a quarterly publication, the next issue will be emailed in July. If there is anything you would like to see included in the July Suffolk Newsletter, please submit that information or contact the office by June 20th.

As always, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact the USSA Office! We're here to assist you!

Amanda Everts

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USSA Committee Updates

Hall of Fame Committee

If there is someone you would like to consider for a future Hall of Fame inductee, please share that information with the USSA Office by May 1st.

Futurity Committee

Thank you to all who nominated and purchased futurity ewes in 2014. Suffolk breeders—please consider nomination your ewe lambs in 2015 if you are consigning to a sale (online sales as well!) or having a production sale! You can nominate your whole ewe lamb flock for \$250 or each ewe lamb for \$25. Animals sold privately are not eligible.

Junior members planning to show a purchased yearling ewe in 2015—consider nominating your yearling ewe in the yearling ewe futurity! It only costs \$25 per ewe; 100% payback!

Participation in the futurity program is easy—

- ⇒ Purchase a nominated ewe lamb or nominate your purchased yearling ewe
- ⇒ Show your ewe in any show that has Suffolk specific classes—don't forget to bring a points form with you for signature by a show representative!
- ⇒ Submit your points form to the office

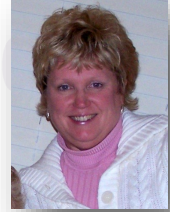
Transfer Price Increase—Effective January 1, 2015

All non-family transfers are now \$10 per head.
There will no longer be a price difference based on sale date.

A Message from your USSA President

Welcome to spring, fellow Suffolk Enthusiasts!

Most likely you are finishing up the lambing season, and starting to evaluate the 2015 lamb crop. How do you define success for the Suffolk breed? Is it in the number of sheep we register? Is it in the number of members we have? Is it in the number of shows where a Suffolk wins supreme? Is it in the performance data trials where Suffolks out-perform all other breeds? What is the measuring stick for you?



In my time serving on your board, I've become very aware that success means different things to different breeders, and I feel a responsibility to be supportive of everyone's endeavors. Based on member feed-back, we are quite a diverse group, and we are maintaining our flocks for a variety of reasons. My concern is whether maintaining the status-quo is what benefits everyone, and how do we encourage those breeders who are selectively breeding for what may be the sheep of the future? How do we bring new members into the association and broaden the opportunities for everyone to participate?

The USSA is solely dependent on its members and registrations for support... and I thank each one of you for your participation. I believe that if our breed is to find continued success moving forward, we must pay special attention to a couple key things:

- Performance matters! Data that is collected and evaluated supports that we can identify bloodlines that consistently out-perform and out-produce sheep of other breeds.
- Numbers matter! Each membership is a voting member of one.... But what if votes were counted by number of registrations submitted annually? (Like voting shares of corporate stock?) Our big breeders are innovative and vital to us all. Let's take notice of where they are leading us.
- People matter! How we treat each other within our association speaks loudly and clearly about who we are. How we deal with our customers reflects our integrity. And how we support junior sheep enthusiasts sets the course for our future.

Whatever your measuring stick for success is – I hope you find it this year. And the board will continue our work on your behalf.

Best Regards,

Diane Russell, President – Board of Directors of the USSA



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

Kelly DeBree—PA
Annadeatra Doty—WA
D and S Ranch—WA
Ford Family Suffolks—DE
Jim & Sally Hash— VA
Mitchell Jones—WI
Kim Keeton—OR
Latham Family—MD

Red Rock Livestock—WY
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Brenda Sawyer—TN
Shawna Smith—OR
Dan Stahl—IL
Tom M. Stodghill—IA
Cheryl Uremovich—IL
Martin Veneskey—PA

A Message from your UJSSA President

Dear Suffolk Juniors,

I hope everyone has had a successful lambing season and is looking forward to this coming show season! The UJSSA has many new and exciting things planned for the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show. If you have not yet marked your calendar for July 2-5, you should plan to take a trip to West Springfield, Massachusetts to spend the Fourth of July with great friends and great Suffolks!

If you have never attended a National Junior Suffolk Show, you will learn of the many divisions that we have to offer. There will be a chance to exhibit all types of Suffolks: Fitted, Slicked, Production, Wether, Market lambs, etc. This year we have even added a Wether Sire division that will give us a complete Wether Show on Friday, the 3rd.

We have some exciting changes to our contests as well. We will now offer THREE types of Fitting Contests: Our traditional- Individual Fitting, Slicked Fitting, and Team Fitting. Please be sure to sign up on your entry form, as lambs are limited!!

Next, we have added a new division to our Public Speaking contest, much like FFA, we have added an Impromptu division. We provide you with the topic, and you will receive a time to prepare and then present your speech.

Watch as we make more changes to help make the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show the best one yet!

If you are travelling a great distance, why not plan a family vacation and visit the East Coast?! Your sheep are welcome to stay at the Big E Fairgrounds until the North East Youth Sheep Show the following weekend! We will have a team staying at the fairgrounds to care for your sheep so you can get the most out of your trip east!

I hope you choose to spend your Fourth of July with the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association for a fun weekend with friends and family! If you have any questions feel free to contact myself, or any member of the UJSSA Board of Directors!

Sincerely,
Chris MacCauley
UJSSA President



National Junior Suffolk Show Fundraiser—May 9

Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, Ohio

Attend the UJSSA Fundraiser at the Ohio Suffolk Sale in Eaton, Ohio Saturday, May 9th

Fundraising breakfast will be served at the Big Ohio Sale Weekend in Eaton Ohio on Saturday, May 9. Free will offering which will be used to help fund the National Jr. Suffolk Show in West Springfield, MA this summer. We would like to thank Kalmbach feeds www.formulaofchampions.com, the Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association and the North East Suffolk Sheep Association for their major support of this fund raising event.



Notes from the UJSSA

Attention Suffolk Breeders! Would you be willing to help the UJSSA plan and coordinate the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in West Springfield, Massachusetts? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Chris MacCauley.

2015 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship Would you like to help sponsor the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show? If you are interested in sponsoring a specific class or would like to just be a general sponsor please contact a UJSSA Director.

2014 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](#):

Photos • Complete Results • 2014/2015 UJSSA Directors

CHECK OUT THE
DETAILS FOR THE
2015 SHOW ON
THE [UJSSA SITE!](#)

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The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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UJSSA FUNDRAISER

The UJSSA board is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show. T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30; prices include shipping. Contact the USSA Office to order!

T-shirt design!



MIDWEST JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW

June 5-7, 2015

Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

Midwest Junior Preview Show now to include EWE LAMB FUTURITY!!

The 6th annual MJPS show will again be held in Sedalia, MO on June 6! The show is completely managed by a board of directors made up of junior sheep producers from around the Midwest! The BOD has some exciting additions to the show this year!

The weekend will launch on Friday, June 5 with a newly added Ewe Lamb Jackpot Show with cash payouts and prizes for exhibitors, with all ewe lambs being eligible to participate! This event will be funded and judged separate from the MJPS! Dinner will be served on Friday night, free for all exhibitors and their families as well as our sponsors! Dinner is funded mainly by Tad and Amanda Thompson of Reproduction Specialty Ground.

Saturday's events will begin with registration open from 6:30am with breed shows starting at 8:30am! The BOD has a goal of over \$14,000 in cash awards this year with checks being written immediately following the show!

All exhibitors will receive a premium check, official show shirt sponsored by Missouri Sheep Producers and a goody bag from Ketcham's Sheep Equipment.

Supreme Champion Ram and Ewe will each be awarded \$300, sponsored by the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. All showmanship winners will receive a \$100 cash award! For more information on entering the show, please visit the website at www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com or call or text Kate Lambert at 660-541-0468.

Entries are due in May 25 this year to be guaranteed a shirt. Day of entries are taken for no additional charge but exhibitors are encouraged to get their names and shirt sizes entered as well as RSVP for dinner prior to that date.

Thompson Family Donates ET Lamb from Reserve National Champion Ewe

Tad and Amanda Thompson and family have stepped up to support Suffolk junior breeders and the Midwest Junior Preview Show in an unmatched way!

The Thompson's, along with the MJPS, are launching a new award titled "Silver Dollar Stewardship Award" with the winner being given use of a recipient ewe with a confirmed pregnancy from last year's Reserve National Champion Ewe, raised and shown by Silver Dollar Farms! The winner will own the lamb!!

The winner will be a Suffolk exhibitor at the 2015 MJPS and selected by a panel of 3 judges based on showmanship, attitude, willingness to help, cleanliness of animals and pen area and other areas as determined!

For more information on the show, or this award, please visit the website at

www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com

ILLINOIS JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW

June 13, 2015

Woodford County Fairground, Eureka, IL

Juniors, start your 2015 show season by attending the June 13, 2015 Junior Preview Show. The Illinois Suffolk Breeders' and the Club Lamb Associations have joined together for an exciting show day for juniors under 21 years old. This is a fun, family oriented, and educational show with low entry fees and great prizes and awards for all participants.

It is conveniently located in Eureka, Illinois at the Woodford County Fairgrounds just 10 miles north of the I-74 Goodfield exit or west of I-39 at the El Paso exit. Sheep arrive Saturday morning and are released Saturday following the show. Suffolk check-in is at 8:00 am with show time at 9:30 am. Club lambs check-in at 10:00 am with show time at 1:00 pm. Entries for the Suffolk Junior Preview Show are limited to Illinois residents only.

Questions? Bill Royer ♦ royerfarm@aol.com OR Cheryl Roelfsema ♦ croelf@mtco.com ♦ 815-795-5030

NORTH EAST YOUTH SHEEP SHOW

July 10-12, 2015

Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA



GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SHOWMAN- TWO GREAT SHOWS = ONE GREAT LOCATION

Here is a great opportunity for Youth Sheep Showman – two great shows at the same fairgrounds, one week apart in July – how can you go wrong?!?!?

This year the North East Youth Sheep Show will be held a week earlier than usual making it closer in time to the All American Junior Show. The North East Youth Show dates are July 10 thru 12, 2015. Both youth events will be held in the Mallery Livestock Complex at the Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds in West Springfield, Massachusetts. Both shows are open to Youths Exhibitors 21 years old and younger as of January 1st (unless otherwise stated by breed requirements) But the North East Youth Sheep Show is open to all kids 21 years and under as of January 1st.

For those who are not familiar with the North East Youth Show weekend events, the sheep and exhibitors must arrive by 11:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18th. The NEYSS activities begin on Thursday afternoon with a Quiz Bowl. Friday will be the Exhibitor check-in in the morning, weighing of market lambs, Skillaton contest, and Market Lamb Show. The evening will hold the New England Sheep & Wool Growers sponsored ice cream social and scholarship raffle, as well as the awarding of the NES&WG youth grants and scholarships. Saturday hosts the New England Private Treaty Sheep Sale, the Used Equipment Auction and judging of the Youth Fleece Show. The afternoon will bring the Youth Show Fitting and Showmanship Classes and the choosing of a Supreme in each age group, along with some breeds to be shown Saturday night. Sunday's activities include judging of the rest breed shows starting at 8:00 a.m. ending late afternoon with the finale of the Supreme Champions. The judges for the weekend will be Ed Keeney, Maryann Johnson and Mark Johnson. The NEYSS Committee works all year in raising funds for this event, collecting \$25 T-shirt sponsors from January to May, selling promotional items (clothing and mugs) at the show, selling recycle shopping bags at the New England Fall Fiber Festival in November - just to name a few fundraisers. All funds raised go back into the show expenses, such as ribbons, premiums, judges and facility clean-up. Supreme Banners and Champion awards are donated by Claudette Choma of Connecticut, who makes them all herself! Reserve Champion Sashes are paid for by Hopkins Southdowns, Lightning Ridge Farm and the Goblet Family.

The Committee is still looking for t-shirt sponsors (deadline is May 1st) as well as donations in other areas. Anyone wishing to make a donation, please send your check made payable to "NES&WG" with notation of NEYSS on the subject line and mail it to Scott Poitras, Treasurer NES&WG, 95 Hollow Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts 01010.

The Committee and all Youth Exhibitors would like to thank all those who have supported this show in the past, and look forward to the continued support by all in the future. It is greatly appreciated. For more information on the NEYSS show, the Private Treaty Sheep Sale, or the Used Equipment Auction - please visit the website: www.nesheep.org. Entry information for the Youth Show will be posted after May 1st, with the deadline being June 15th.

MIDWEST REGIONAL JUNIOR SHOW

August 6, 2015

Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH

Come showcase your successful Suffolk breeding program at the Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show and experience the Ohio State Fair! The Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show is held conveniently the day before the Ohio State Fair Open Suffolk Show, allowing you to easily compete again and showcase your Suffolks!

Midwest Regional Jr. Suffolk Show- Aug 6 @ 5:00pm

Ohio State Fair Open Suffolk Show- Aug 7 @ 8:00am

Entry forms for the MWRJSS will be available on the USSA website April 1. Entries close July 8th- must be post-marked by July 8th.

More information: Sam & Pat Wiford- sampat@watchtv.net or Deanna Knapke- knapked@msn.com

New Award Available at the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show!

Silver Dollar Stewardship Award

Stewardship definition: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care (Merriam/Webster Dictionary)

Motivation for sponsorship: As a youth showing Suffolk sheep we were not able to produce nationally competitive sheep. However, the one factor that I was always able to control was how well I cared for my animals, how well they were prepared for a show, how I conducted myself in public or around my peers, and how well I could present them in the show ring. My goal for this award is to give a Suffolk youth the opportunity to be rewarded for hard work, dedication to the project, and recognition of the example we all set to those around us.

The winner of the Silver Dollar Stewardship Award will receive one pregnant recipient ewe carrying a confirmed pregnancy of 45 days or older by Silver Dollar 1335. The winner is responsible for the care and management of this recipient ewe and returning her to Reproduction Specialty Group once the lamb is weaned. The pregnancy belongs to the winner.

Silver Dollar 1335 is the 2014 Reserve National Champion Suffolk ewe in the NAILE open show & the NAILE Jr Fitted Suffolk Show. Her full ET sister sold for \$10,000 at the 2012 Ohio Suffolk Sale. This ewe family is one of the foundations of our flock. This is an opportunity for one of the outstanding youth of the greatest purebred sheep bred in the country to advance their flock for years to come.



Criteria for contest:

- 40 Point to be awarded based on Showmanship (including: presenting animal for exhibit, willingness to help others in and out of the ring & good sportsmanship in and out of the ring)
- 30 points to be awarded for Pen Preparation (aisle & pen presentation: cleanliness and welcoming others to learn about Suffolks)
- 15 points to be awarded for Show Readiness (cleanliness of the animals, not quality of the fit job but attempt to present the animal in the best way possible)
- 10 points to be awarded for Animal Welfare (water, bedding, general daily care of the animals)
- 5 point to be awarded for proper show attire

Panel of 3 to select the youth.

1. Suffolk Junior Suffolk Show judge
2. National Junior coordinator
3. Executive Secretary of USSA

Thank you to the Thompson Family for supporting the National Junior Suffolk Show and Juniors!

USSA Ambassador Applications

Due: June 1, 2015

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view the USSA Ambassador guidelines and application. The USSA Ambassador rules and application can also be requested from the USSA Office.

ATTENTION UJSSA MEMBERS— NOTE THE UPCOMING JUNE 1ST DEADLINES!

– PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE USSA OFFICE–

USSA Ambassador Application

UJSSA National Junior Show Entries

UJSSA Director Applications

SHEEP INDUSTRY REQUESTING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

The 2015 Sheep Heritage Foundation Memorial Scholarship has been augmented by \$1,000 this year bringing its value up to \$2,500.

The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate-level (MS or Ph.D.) student involved in sheep, lamb or wool research in areas such as animal science, agriculture economics or veterinary medicine.

Applicants must complete an application, present two letters of reference and show proof of acceptance into graduate school. The application can be downloaded from the home page of www.sheepusa.org or can be obtained by contacting the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), Attn: Memorial Scholarship, 9785 Maroon Circle, Suite 360, Englewood, CO 80112-2692, telephone [303-771-3500](tel:303-771-3500) or by emailing Mary@sheepusa.org.

The deadline for applications to be received at the ASI office is June 1 with the final selection being made in July.

QUAM SUFFOLKS & HAMPSHIRE

10th Annual Spring Production Sale April 25

Our Biggest...Our Best!


Come to our Barn Open House at Rex & Melinda's from 10AM to 1PM Saturday April 18th!
If you are unable to attend, we can have someone on the phone with you that day.

Viewing From 10 AM - 1 PM

www.quamsuffolksandhampshires.com

Sheep Sale 1 PM
Farm Visits Welcome After Sale
Free Delivery to the Ohio Sales!

His Lambs Sell!



"NORTHERN TRADITION"
JUNIOR CHAMPION RAM, 2013 NAILE
Most of our Suffolks will carry the same genetics!

NEW SALE LOCATION!
Sale is Saturday April 25th at the Dodge Co. Fairground in Kasson, MN!
All Suffolk Ewe Lambs to be Futurity nominated!
Contact Us Today Or Visit Our Website for More Information!

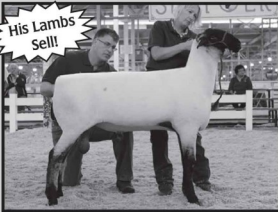
2014 JUNIOR SHOW
Quam 04-17
JUNIOR CHAMPION EWE NAILE Jr. Show
Sire: Collateral Damage
Congrats to Clayton Henderson for winning Suffolk Ewe Lamb Futurity with his ewe purchased from our 2014 Farm Sale! He won \$600!

Selling:
• 25 Suffolks
• 10 Hampshires
• 10 Boer Goats
• 2 Southdowns

Videos, pedigrees, & base prices will be on our website by April 15th


1st CLASS II YEARLING EWE NAILE Jr. Show
Sire: Northern Connection
Congrats to Taylor Wolff for winning the 2014 Suffolk Yearling Ewe Futurity with her ewe purchased from our 2013 Sale!

His Lambs Sell!



"Hank"
Junior Champion at the 2014 Iowa State Fair.

High Selling! SUFFOLK (GNAILE)



Quam 04-21
CHAMPION EWE
2014 NAILE Suffolk Sale
Sold to Jacobsen Suffolks, Le Grand, CA

2nd FALL EWE NAILE Open Show
1st FALL EWE NAILE Jr. Show

Watch for a couple top quality ET Hampshire lambs sired by "Homeboy" - 2013 National Supreme Champion Ram
For goat questions call Bryce: 507/316-8513
Sire: Collateral Damage
Purchased by Broehm's Enterprise from our 2014 Farm Sale.

Jerry Quam
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2015 National Junior Suffolk Show Entry Form

West Springfield, Massachusetts

July 2-5, 2015

Entries must be postmarked by **June 1, 2015**, 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: _____ Email Address _____

Birthday: _____ Age on Day of the Show (7/5/2015) _____ Flock Name _____

Leadership Contests

Indicate age classification (age as of 7/5/2015) 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 (15-22*)

Suffolk Quiz Bowl

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

"Ewe" Lead with Wool

___ Youth (8 & under)

___ Junior (9-14)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Fitting Contest

Pre-entry for the fitting contest is required to guarantee a sheep for this contest.

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Judging Contest

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Advertising Contest**

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Essay Contest**

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Scrapbook Contest **

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

___ Family

Photography Contest **

___ Junior (14 & under)

___ Senior (15-22*)

Dress a Sheep Contest

___ Junior

___ Senior

***Exhibitor Age – to be a UJSSA member the individual, shall not have reached 22 years prior to January 1st of the current year. With this rule, there will be individuals who have reached 22 years old by the day of the show whom are eligible to participate.**

****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: _____

There is no charge for the banquet to UJSSA members and families. Only those who specify above how many individuals will be in attendance to the banquet will have guaranteed seating.

Mail your payment and entry form to:

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association

PO Box 872000

Canton, MI 48187

UJSSA annual membership dues (\$15/yr) _____

Total sheep entries: _____ x \$12.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Important Notes to Exhibitors for the 2015 NJSS:

- A hotel room block have been made. Please check the UJSSA website www.ujssa.org or contact the USSA Office at 641.684.5291 for details.
- RV parking with full hook-ups \$15/night. Please note on the entry form if you plan to have an RV that weekend.
- ***ALL DAY – THURSDAY ONLY -Discounted Admission Tickets to 6 Flags New England, Agawam, MA, approx. 10 minutes from Big E***
Six Flags New England: Discount tickets \$32.00/person (normally \$61.99/person). Purchase discount tickets at: www.sixflags.com/newengland
go to upper right hand corner and enter code: Sheep 2015 - that will bring up option for discount ticket purchase.

Division 1-10: Market Lambs & Wether Dams & Wether Sires

* For Suffolk Wether Dams and Sires, please include USSA Registration Number. Appendix registered wether sires and dams show as Suffolk-Cross.

** For Suffolk and Suffolk-Cross Wether Dam and Sires, please include birth date and sire and dam information.

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 Yearling Wether Dams

Division 6- Suffolk –Cross Ewe Lamb Wether Dams

Division 7- Suffolk Yearling Wether Sires

Division 8- Suffolk Ram Lamb Wether Sires

Division 9- Suffolk-Cross Yearling Wether Sires

Division 10- Suffolk-Cross Ram Lamb Wether Sires

Division	Private Flock Name & Number	USSA Reg. Number*	Birth date**	Sire Flock Name & Number**	Dam Flock Name & Number**

Divisions 11 through 35: Breeding Sheep

Maximum – 2 entries per division per exhibitor. Only one entry per sheep. Entry fee is \$12 per head.

Division 11- Yearling Rams

a.. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 12-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ram

Division 13- Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)

Division.14- Jr. Ram Lambs

a.Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 15-Jr Champion Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)

Division 16-Grand Champ Slick Shorn Ram (no entry)

a.. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 17- Yearling Rams

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 18-Senior (Fall) Rams

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 19-Sr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 20- Junior Ram Lambs

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 21- Jr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 22-Gr Champion Ram (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 23- Yearling Ewes

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 24-Slick Shorn Sr (Fall) Ewes

Division 25-Sr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

a.. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 26- Jr. Ewe Lambs

a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 27-Jr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

Division 28-Gr Champion Slick Shorn Ewe (no entry)

Division 29-Yrlg Ewes/Weaned a Lamb

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 30- Yearling Ewes

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 31- Senior (Fall) Ewes

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 32-Sr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 33-Junior Ewe Lambs

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 34-Jr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division 35- Gr Champion Ewe (no entry)

a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

Division	Private Flock Name & Number	USSA Reg. 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 website. 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.

2015 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 2– 5, 2015

Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Massachusetts

Thursday – July 2nd

8 am	Entries may begin to arrive on fairgrounds
6pm	Dress a Sheep Contest
7 pm	Judging Contest
8-11 pm	Market Lamb and Production Weigh-in
10 pm	DEADLINE for Sheep Arrival

ALL DAY – THURSDAY ONLY -Discounted Admission Tickets to 6 Flags New England, Agawam, MA, approx. 10 minutes from Big E Six Flags New England: Discount tickets \$32.00/person (normally \$61.99/person). Purchase discount tickets at: www.sixflags.com/newengland go to upper right hand corner and enter code: Sheep 2015 - that will bring up option for discount ticket purchase.

Friday – July 3rd

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

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

8:00 am	Breakfast Social – Meet your UJSSA Directors!
8:00 am	DEADLINE for LEADERSHIP CONTESTS MATERIAL & UJSSA Director Applications
9 am	Market Lamb and Wether Dam Show Followed by Market Lamb Showmanship
10 am	DEADLINE for BREEDING SHEEP CHECK-IN
10 am	UJSSA Director Interviews
12 pm	Public Speaking Contest
1:00 pm	Ewe Lead with Wool
1:00 pm	Ice Cream Social sponsored by Strawberry Fields/NE Hampshire Association
3 pm	Fitting Contest
6:00 pm	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament @ Basketball Hall of Fame (sign-up required, with All-American)

Saturday – July 4th

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

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

Breakfast	Breakfast Each Exhibitor will receive at least 2- \$4.00 vouchers to be used for “breakfast specials” during breakfast hours at the local food booth any day of the show (sponsored by Claudette Choma, Connecticut Sheep Breeders Assn, Central Connecticut Co-Op Farmers Assn and National Junior Suffolk Assn)
8 am	Breeding Sheep (EWES) Show including Production Classes Selection of Champion Ewe
3 pm	Breeding Sheep Individual & Team Showmanship (or immediately following ewe show)
4pm	Quiz Bowl (immediately following showmanship)
Evening -TBA	Banquet (Good Shepherd & Cagney Awards Announced)

**Join the All American fun after the banquet: Water slides, Fun Houses, Rock Climbing! **

Sunday – July 5th

7:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Breeding Sheep (RAMS) Show including Production Classes Selection of Champion Ram
Following the Ram Show	State Flock

Release

***Exhibitors are invited to stay through for the North East Youth Sheep Show the following weekend! Sheep can stay put on the grounds and feeding arrangements can be made! See show details at www.neswga.org.

We hope to see you in Massachusetts!

JULY
2-5, 2015

Eastern States Exposition-1305 Memorial Avenue
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Activities @ The National Junior Suffolk Show

• **Contests:**

- Dress a Sheep, Judging Contest, Public Speaking, Ewe Lead with Wool, Fitting Contest, Quiz Bowl, Photography Contest, Logo Contest, Essay Contest, Scrapbook Contest, and Pen Decoration Contest
- NEW Contests: Impromptu speaking, Slicked Fitting Contest & Team Fitting Contest
- Market Lamb, Wether Dam & Wether Sire (new), Breeding Sheep Ewe and Ram Show & State Flock
- Ice Cream Social sponsored by Strawberry Fields/NE Hampshire Association
- 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament @ Basketball Hall of Fame (sign-up required, with All-American)
- Market Lamb, Breeding Sheep and Team Showmanship
- Banquet

Check out more details @ www.ujssa.org or find us on Facebook!

2015 Nugget All American Invitational Show and Sale

Submitted by Dan Willoughby, Willoughby Sales

Introduction and Call for Entries

It's time to gear up for the 2015 Nugget All American Invitational Show and Sale. On behalf of the California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders Association we are pleased and excited to invite you to be a part of this sale that is steeped in tradition. Last year's sale was tremendously successful and we look forward to expanding on these successes. We do hope you will make plans to join us this May! Make your reservations today by phoning 800-548-1177, please use reservation code GSHEEP5 to take advantage of the special rate room block. The Hotel provides round-trip shuttle transportation to and from Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

The sale will again be hosted at John Ascuaga's Hotel-Casino on May 28-30, 2015. The animals will be penned in the first floor of the parking deck just across from the entrance to the Casino. Additionally, the sale will once again be hosted within the Casino on the Celebrity Room Stage. This unique and festive atmosphere never fails to provide a great time for one and all!

For up-to-the-date registration, schedule, divisions, sale order, sale details and more please log onto www.NuggetAllAmerican.com. You may also request a hard copy of entry information by phoning Carol at 765-492-7899.

Location: John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino, Sparks, NV

Sponsor: California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Association (CS & HSBA)

Schedule

Tuesday, May 26

9 am – sheep consignments may arrive and begin unloading. No animals may be unloaded prior to this time.

Wednesday, May 27

3:00 pm- all sheep consignments must be in place unless previously arranged with Sale Manager.

5:00 pm – all paperwork must be turned in and verified

Thursday, May 28

9:00 am—Females Show Order

Friday, May 30

9:00 am—Males Show & Club Lambs

4:00 - 5:30 pm— Consignor and Buyers Social & Champion Showcase - located at the show arena adjacent to parking garage and penning area.

Saturday, May 30

10:00 am- Sale (Breeding Sheep sell first followed by Wether Sires and Dams.)

Sunday, May 31

9:00 am- all animals must be removed from sale pens.

Judges: Breeding Sheep – Billy Wade, Oregon

Wether Sires and Dams– Clay Weber, Oregon

Auctioneers: Kelly Hoffman, Culver Indiana; Dave Delaney, Dewitt, Iowa

*****Sales will be run live onsite with Live Webcast for external participants

Entry Information: All animals will be charged a \$30.00 per head entry fee if paid by the entry deadline and postmarked April 1, 2015. All entry fees are due at the time entries are made and are non refundable. Late fees will be charged after the entry deadline at a rate of \$40.00 per head. The CS&HSBA receives \$5 per head of this fee. Further details regarding rules and entry information can be found at www.nuggetallamerican.com.

Classes, Divisions and Special Awards

Below you will find information pertaining to the various divisions and classes to help you prepare for the show

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and sale. Additionally you will find information regarding the Special Awards that will be presented in a brief ceremony during the Buyers Social and Champion Showcase on Friday May 29 in the show arena.

Divisions: Breeding Sheep: Classes will be provided for all breeds entered. Romney will have classes for both white and natural colored. Dorper will have classes for Dorper and White Dorper. All Dorper sold must be Full blood or Purebred according to the ADSBS regulations.

Wether Sires/Dams and Club Lambs: will have classes for Classes will be provided for all breeds entered & Unregistered.

Classes: Large classes will be further split according to the number of entries received and checked in by 5:00 pm on Wednesday May 27, 2015.

All Breeds & Divisions (20 or more entries, except Dorset)

Yearling Rams and Ewes (9/1/13 – 8/31/14)

Fall Ram and Ewe Lambs (9/1/14-11/30/14)

December Ram and Ewe Lambs (12/1/14- 12/31/14)

January Ram and Ewe Lambs (1/1/15 – 1/31/15)

February Ram and Ewe Lambs (2/1/15 – 2/28/15)

March Ram and Ewe Lambs (3/1/15 – 3/31/15)

Club Lambs

Fall Ram and Ewe Lambs (9/1/14-12/31/14)

Spring Ram and Ewe Lambs (1/1/15 & After)

Polled Dorset (Breeding Division)

Yearling Rams and Ewes (9/1/13 – 8/31/14)

Early Fall Ram and Ewe Lambs (9/1/14-9/30/14)

Late Fall Ram and Ewe Lambs (10/1/14-11/30/14)

December Ram and Ewe Lambs (12/1/14- 12/31/14)

January Ram and Ewe Lambs (1/1/15 – 1/31/15)

Spring Ram and Ewe Lambs (2/1/15 – after)

Breeds with less than 20 entries

Yearling Rams and Ewes (9/1/13 – 8/31/14)

Special Awards: Special Awards will be presented during

the Consignor and Buyers Social Event on Friday May 29, 2015 at 5:30 pm. More details will be announced in the final consignor notification and in the catalogue. In keeping with the tradition of recognizing excellence, Willoughby Sales is pleased to present awards for the following categories Supreme Breeding Ram, Supreme Breeding Ewe, Supreme Wether Sire Ram, Supreme Wether Sire Ewe, Supreme Market Wether, Supreme Buck and Supreme Doe. John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel and Casino sponsors the Best Consignment Award for all breeds. The Steve Dorfman Memorial Trophy is awarded to the Outstanding California Suffolk Consignor. The Ken Ghislen Perpetual Trophy is presented to the best California Dorset Consignor. The Fred Coble Memorial Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the winning Suffolk Flock. The Paul Freitas Memorial Award is presented to the winning Hampshire flock. The winning Dorset flock is presented the Harlan Wagner Memorial Trophy. Entry in the flock classes is not necessary until the start of class, but may consist of animals from only one consignor.

Other Housekeeping Items

Below you will find information to consign, become a vendor or just plan that sheep fanatics get-a-way. As always for additional information please log onto: www.renoallamerican.com or phone us at 317-340-6392.

Consignor Entries and Housekeeping: Remember you must have an individual current state approved health paper for each animal you sell. A Federal Scrapie ID Tag must be in each animal's ear. This applies to all animals in all classes.

All sheep entering the state of Nevada must have a permit number. The permit number for your use is KS020915-13239. This is a blanket number for your use on health papers. Registration Papers: are required on all purebred sale entries and must be presented; verified and submitted at check-in. Willoughby Sales will serve as the transfer agent of papers between buyers and sellers. For further health and registration requirements please go to our website.

Sale Attire: Per tradition set forth by the CS & HSBA, we will be selling from the main stage at the Nugget, all consignors and helpers are asked to wear a white shirt and dark tie during the sale.

IMPORTANT: the online catalogue will go live on May 15, 2015. This is the buyer's first stop as they begin placing their wish lists into their virtual shopping cart. Your pictures and written descriptions are what will drive these buyers to inquire and learn more about your flocks. So please talk the time to prepare for and submit the information to the Willoughby Sales offices on or before May 1, 2015.

A few keys to success:

Professional, quality photographs

Accurate, detailed descriptions

Sell what you say you are going to sell! Not before, limit change outs!

Valid contact information- return the calls or emails

Meet the submission deadline

Market the sale on your own website! Keep the information up to date.

*** Locate check-in and penning information at www.Nuggetallamerican.com or Stay up to the minute by logging onto www.championdrive.com.

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Office: 641.684.5291 • Fax: 734.335.7646

info@u-s-s-a.org • www.u-s-s-a.org

Registry Reminders & Tips

As you evaluate your lamb crop, gather your lambing records and begin to fill out lamb registration applications, here's a few friendly reminders:

- **IMPORTANT NOTE** : If you have a deadline that requires your papers to be processed by the end of May please get them submitted in advance! Amanda is due to have a baby the middle/end of May -the office will be closed for a few days and there will some delay for a few weeks on registry work. Anyone consigning to shows the end of May or beginning of June please note this.
- Please note the USSA Office Contact Information:

PO Box 872000
Canton, MI 48187
Office: 641.684.5291
Fax: 734.335.7646
info@u-s-s-a.org

- Give yourself plenty of turn around time. Once papers are received in the office there can be up to a two week processing time depending on workload. If papers are need by a certain date, please indicate date needed. If papers are needed in 14 days or less from postmark date, there will be a rush fee applied (\$5 per head). The office intends to process work in a quick, efficient matter but during the height of the registration time, a slower turnaround time should be expected.
- Double check your lamb's information – flock number (ear tag), sire & dam registration numbers and flock numbers, birth type and birth date.
- Print legibly – If you want to type your registration applications, there are Excel documents available on the website that you can type in the necessary information, save a copy for your records then email, fax or mail it to the office.
- For percentage sheep, please use an application for percentage registrations or, if you do not have a percentage form, please indicate the animals that are percentage registrations.
- Please include a breeding certificate if needed.
- For transfers, be sure to include a date of sale and double check that the seller has signed the back of the registration certificate.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** All non-family transfers are \$10 per transfer. There will no longer be two different fees, dependent on sale date, for transfers. Within family transfers will remain \$3 per transfer. Please be aware of this change if you are using older fee sheets.
- If you would like to have transfers sent to the new owner, please include that message on the submitted documents.
- Please indicate if flock copies are needed (\$1/head).
- All work orders should include \$3 for postage, shipping and handling.
- Don't forget to include a daytime phone number or email that you can be contacted at if there are questions at the time of processing.
- If you have not paid your 2015 membership dues, you can submit that with the work you send in.
- Payment is required at the time of submission. Accepted forms of payment include check, credit card or PayPal (there's a direct link to PayPal on the USSA website homepage).
- If you plan to fax applications, please make sure they are legible.

Show and Sale Schedule Announced for 2015 Midwest Stud Ram Sale

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: February 4, 2015

MEDIA CONTACT: Bret Oelke, Heartland Livestock Services (218) 770-2428 | boelke@midwestsale.com

SEDALIA, Missouri, February 4, 2015 – Today, Heartland Livestock Services, announced the show and sale schedule for the 2015 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, which will take place June 22 – 27 at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri.

New this year will be live streaming of national shows, online entries and an online searchable catalog! Make plans to join us and see what else is new! More information available soon at www.midwestsale.com.

Monday – June 22nd

Sheep Barn
(Junior Shows)
National Montadale Junior Show
National Polypay Junior Show
National Texel Junior Show
LeRoy Boyd National Katahdin Junior Show
Dorper Junior Showmanship

Tuesday – June 23rd

Sheep Barn
Katahdin Show
National Texel Show
National Montadale Show
National Polypay Show
Tunis Show
Dorper Show
Natural Colored Show
Corriedale Show
Columbia Show
Rambouillet Show
*SPLIT RING MIGHT BE INCORPORATED

Wednesday – June 24th

Swine Barn
NORTH RING
National Polled & Horned Dorset Show
National Dorset Wether Sire & Dam Show
National Dorset Advantage Wether Sire & Dam Show
Speckle-Faced Wether Sire & Dam Show
Shropshire Show
Club Lamb Show
SOUTH RING
National Suffolk Show
National Hampshire Show
Southdown Show
SUPREME CHAMPION RAM & EWE SHOW

Thursday – June 25th

Sheep Barn
Katahdin Sale
National Texel Sale
National Montadale Sale
National Polypay Sale
Tunis Sale
Dorper Sale
Natural Colored Sale
Corriedale Sale
Columbia Sale
Rambouillet Sale
Swine Barn
Natural Colored Sire & Dam Show
National Hampshire Wether Sire & Dam Show
National Suffolk Wether Sire & Dam Show
Crossbred Sire & Dam Show
SUPREME CHAMPION WETHER SIRE & DAM SHOW

Friday – June 26th

Sheep Barn -Meat Goat Show (contingent on entry #'s)
Swine Barn
National Hampshire Sale
National Suffolk Sale
National Polled & Horned Dorset Sale
Southdown Sale
Shropshire Sale
National Dorset Wether Sire & Dam Sale
National Dorset Advantage Wether Sire & Dam Sale
Speckle-Faced Wether Sire & Dam Sale
Natural Colored Sire & Dam Sale
Club Lamb Sale

Saturday – June 27th

Sheep Barn—Meat Goat Sale (contingent on entry #'s)
Swine Barn
National Hampshire Wether Sire & Dam Sale
National Suffolk Wether Sire & Dam Sale
Crossbred Sire & Dam Sale

Please Note Order of events during a day are subject

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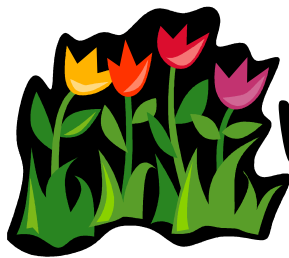
to change and official show order with additional activities will be released at a future date.

About the Midwest Stud Ram Sale

The annual Midwest Stud Ram Sale, which takes place in Sedalia, Missouri each June, is North America's premier sheep show and sale. Over the past five decades, the sale has grown tremendously, earning its reputation as the premier sheep genetics marketplace in North America. For more information about the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, entry procedures and sale results, visit www.midwestsale.com or call 218-770-2428.

About Heartland Livestock Services

With over 100 years of combined experience in the livestock and auctioneering industries, Heartland Livestock Services takes an innovative and technology-driven approach to livestock show and sale management. Members of the Heartland team include: Curt Overcash, Karey Claghorn, Bret Oelke, Millie Moore, Brandan Bruce, and Carrie Taylor-Kelly. For more information about Heartland Livestock Services, please contact Bret Oelke, boelke@midwestsale.com or 218-770-2428.



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List of Sedalia Hotels can be found at www.visitsedaliainmo.com, click on the "Stay" tab.
Please contact hotels directly to make your own reservations.

LET'S GROW FUNDING APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The application for funding through the Let's Grow Committee to improve production efficiencies is now available. The program is expected to be available for fiscal years 2015-2017.

Let's Grow was initiated by the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) to ensure that the U.S. sheep industry is sustainable for future producers of lamb and wool. Increasing production efficiencies at the farm gate has been identified as one way to assist in the sustainability of the industry's infrastructure.

"The Let's Grow Committee is excited to be able to offer this program to the industry," said Alan Culham, Grow Our Flock coordinator. "We believe there are some great fundable ideas out there and we are anxious to start receiving applications to reach our goals."

The funds are designed to remove current barriers that have historically prevented sheep producers from adopting productivity technologies. Barriers may be financial, technical, facilitative or a combination of such. Funds are expected to be used to make long-term changes in sheep production that will live into the future -- past the funding opportunities of this program. Funds are not intended to subsidize normal operating expenses of sheep producers or sheep producer groups.

Groups of commercially oriented sheep producers who want to make changes in their operation by adopting technology and management practices that increase productivity and efficiency are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted until April 15, with an anticipated award date of May 15.

The application for this funding will soon be available at www.GrowOurFlock.org. Until then, go to the link on the homepage of www.sheepusa.org for access. Questions about the program and the application can be directed to Culham at alan@sheepusa.org or [517-896-7378](tel:517-896-7378).

ADVERTISE YOUR FLOCK AT THE 2015 NATIONAL JR. SUFFOLK SHOW!



In need of a banner to promote your flock? The UJSSA is selling banners again this year. The banners are 2 x4 and will be sold for \$50. This banners will be displayed at the Jr Show in July at Hutchinson, KS. Already have one? We can still display it at the show for \$25. If you are interested please contact the USSA Office

Flock banners are hung near the National Jr. Suffolk Show showing. See photo above for examples of flock banners hung in past junior shows.

Sheep For Profit School July 15-18, 2015

The Pipestone Lamb and Wool program is excited to offer a Sheep for Profit School July 15-18, 2015 in Pipestone, Minnesota. This will be the 8th course offering with 127 past participants from 23 different states completing the course.

The Sheep for Profit School is a professional management and business school for the sheep industry. The purpose of the school is to help producers improve their sheep management skills; increase the profitability of their sheep operation and form business relationships. The school will be intense and combine lecture, group discussion and visit two outstanding Pipestone area sheep operations. Expert instructors with diverse and practical sheep experience will help you define your vision and build a practical plan to achieve your goals. This is a three and a half day investment that will change your sheep operation and how you view the sheep industry.

Enrollment in the school is limited to create an ideal learning environment and allow for one-on-one advising. Visit our website www.pipestonesheep.com for registration information and a course schedule. For more information, contact the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Management Program, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, PO Box 250, Pipestone, MN 56164, 1-800-658-2330 or e-mail: jodi.christensen@mnwest.edu

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2015 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School set for Colorado

For Immediate Release — Date: February 11, 2015—Contact: Nikki Koesan 503-364-5462

Applications are now open for the 2015 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School to be held June 21 – 24 in Denver, Colorado. Sponsored by the National Lamb Feeders Association (NLFA) with support from the American Lamb Board, National Sheep Industry Improvement Center, American Sheep Industry Association and donors to the NLFA's Legacy Fund, the school is open to participants interested in learning techniques to improve their sheep industry business operations and profitability. The program, open to people 20 years of age or older, will include marketing, financial planning, alternative grazing options and guided tours through JBS Swift processing plant, Nugget pelt grading facility, Harper Feedlot, Double J Lamb Feeders and Mountain States Rosen.

Titled Lamb Feeding and Marketing in the U.S., this year's school is directed by Ron Cole. Cole, who holds a degree in Animal Science from Colorado State University, and has an extensive background in all phases of livestock, grain and meat reporting, says the school will interest all producers, regardless of experience. The school is also an excellent opportunity to network with lamb feeders, direct marketers, and those who merchandise lamb in the U.S.


There is no fee to apply but applications must be received in the NLFA office by April 1, 2015. If selected, each participant must submit a \$200 registration fee, which covers meals and lodging on an assigned double occupancy basis. Participants are responsible for the cost of their own travel to and from the school location. Enrollment is limited to 26 participants.

Visit www.nlfa-sheep.org to apply online. Questions may be directed to the NLFA office (503) 364-5462 or e-mail: info@nlfa-sheep.org.



Jeff Hasbrouck of Double J Lamb Feeders in Ault, CO conducts a tour for Leadership School participants. Site tours provide participants with the opportunity to meet and talk personally with the owners and operators of various sheep businesses. Photo courtesy of Jan Jackson.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April

- 17 Joy Family Suffolks Open House, Dunbar, NE- 5pm -Project lambs, registered ram lambs & ewe lambs available for sale. 402-209-1207 (Kirby)
- 18 1st Annual Baumgartner/Herrig Online Sale - [website](#)
- 18 MacCauley Suffolks Club Lamb Sale, 6 pm at Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville, PA
- 18 Quam's Farm Open House [website](#)
- 24-26 MacCauley Suffolks Online Production Sale wllivestock.com
- 24-25 Corporation — Black and White, Chickasha, Oklahoma [website](#)
- 25 Quam's 10th Annual Spring Sale—All ewe lambs are futurity nominated! [website](#)
- 28-29 Stars of the North All Breeds On-line Ewe & Stud Ram Sale—one of the top futurity ewe lambs purchased from this sale last year! [website](#)
- 29-30 Silver Dollar Spring Suffolk Sale [Farm website](#) [Sale website](#)

May

- 2 Heart of Iowa Sale, Parkersburg, IA, 11am—[website](#)
- 2 Kimm Suffolks 27th Annual Production Sale, 6:30pm - Tippee Beef Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA- All ewe lambs are futurity nominated! [website](#)
- 2-3 Illinois Suffolk Breeder's Association Online Sale - Sale open to current USSA members! [website](#)
- 7-9 Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, OH [website](#)
- 22-24 Great Lakes All Breeds Sheep Sale, Wooster, OH [website](#)
- 28-30 Nugget All-American Sheep Show, Reno, NV [website](#)

June

- 1 [National Junior Suffolk Show Entries Due](#)
- 1 [USSA Ambassador Applications Due](#)
- 6 Midwest Junior Preview Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO [website](#)
- 13 Illinois Junior Preview Show, Woodford County Fairground, Eureka, IL
- 21-24 Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership School, Denver, CO [website](#)
- 22-27 Midwest Stud Ram Sale/National Suffolk Sale, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO [website](#)

July

- 2 National Junior Suffolk Show Check-In, West Springfield, MA
- 3 National Junior Suffolk Show Market Lamb & Wether Dam Show & Leadership Contests
- 4 National Junior Suffolk Show Breeding Ewe Show & Leadership Contests
National Junior Suffolk Show Awards Banquet – check back for event details
- 5 National Junior Suffolk Show Ram Show
- 9-12 Northeast Youth Sheep Show, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, MA [website](#)
- 25 NSIP Center of the Nation Sale, Clay County Fairgrounds, Spencer, IA [website](#)

August

- 1 [Letter of Intent to Run for District Office due to USSA Office](#)
- 6 Midwest Regional Junior Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fair

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May 8-9: Ohio Suffolk Sale

June 15-20:
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Farm Manager: Evan Snyder 405-314-1642



NSIP UPDATE

Submitted By Matt Beals

Hello All,

It looks as I will be submitting these NSIP updates on a semi-regular basis, as I am the new Suffolk coordinator for NSIP, replacing Bill Shultz who is now representing the terminal sire breeds group. Bill and I will trade off on writing these updates.

First of all, since most of you do not know me, I will introduce myself and explain what lead me to NSIP and to the Suffolk breed. My name is Matt Beals and along with my wife Amy, we operate Dry Sandy Sheep Company just outside of Alexandria, Nebraska, which is about seventy miles Southwest of Lincoln and fifteen miles north of the Kansas border. We entered the Suffolk business in the spring of 2012 and currently are running about seventy-five brood ewes and are beginning to sell commercial rams. I had grown up in the purebred cattle business, and Amy and I had been raising registered Red Angus since 1997. The cow business was my passion, but growing kids with busy schedules, and another demanding career would lead to the decision to disperse the cowherd in the fall of 2011.

Spring 2012- An empty pasture and a stockman with no stock, something had to give. Well it wasn't quite that simple, but after much research and a little soul-searching, we would enter the seedstock sheep business. This next step; what breed? Suffolks were not the first choice from day one. Honestly Suffolks were not even on the short list. Most outsiders to this breed do not have a favorable perception of this breed, and I was no different. One longtime Suffolk breeder opened my eyes to what the Suffolk breed could again be, and in the end; the size and the diversity of the Suffolk gene-pool (here in the US and around the world) would best allow me to create a breeding program that would be of value.

I have always been fascinated by the livestock world's master breeders. For centuries some people have mastered the art of breeding livestock. Today things are different. The master breeder must master the art as well as the science of breeding livestock. This is where NSIP comes in. NSIP gives the Suffolk breeder the tools (in real time) to breed more useful, more productive, more efficient, and more profitable sheep.

I see the Suffolk business through the eyes of the commercial sheep producer. Efficiency and profitability are what matter the most. The American sheep industry is at a crossroads and

I believe much needed changes are coming. If collectively Suffolk breeders can provide the right genetic material to this changing industry, the Suffolk breed will begin to grow again. NSIP is a big part of identifying those genetics. NSIP has eleven new Suffolk members already this year. If you would like more information on how NSIP can positively change your Suffolk breeding program please contact me: drysandysheep@gmail.com or 402-200-0444.

Very Sincerely, Matt Beals



The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project

[Click Here](#) to access the American Lamb Board's Final Lamb Industry Roadmap Report!

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Moving Forward

*Rusty Burgett takes NSIP program leadership role
Submitted by Matt Beals*

"It's exciting breaking new ground and taking NSIP to a new level," says Rusty Burgett. As the newly hired Program Director for the National Sheep Improvement Program, Burgett is poised to promote genetic improvement throughout the sheep industry. "Everyone, all up and down the production chain, can benefit as we strive to help the industry meet consumer demands.

Burgett began his duties in mid-April. He will be responsible for data management and basic administration of the organization. But much of his time will be spent on outreach – spreading the word about quantitative genetic improvement. He will be traveling the country meeting with producers in all facets of the industry.

"I'm ready for this, and NSIP is ready for this," says Burgett.

"We're more than pleased to have a Buckeye on staff," says Susan Shultz of Bunker Hill Farm near DeGraff, Ohio. She and her husband, Bill, were early adaptors of NSIP technology and strong supporters of the program. "We're excited he was at a place in his career to accept the position. He brings energy and enthusiasm to the job. I don't know anyone with more passion for the sheep industry."

Burgett, too, hails from Ohio. He received his undergraduate education at Ohio State, where his "love for the sheep industry really blossomed." Aside from tuning his appreciation for the animals, he spent a year there managing the meat science lab.

Deciding he wanted to redirect his focus from meat science to sheep production, he moved on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received his Masters degree in ruminant nutrition. It was there he had his first exposure to NSIP. The entire flock is enrolled in the program and Burgett says it was a good place to get his feet wet.

From Wisconsin he traveled to Iowa State University, spending a year and a half as a shepherd, and stepping even deeper into NSIP.

In his most recent post at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he oversaw the only dairy sheep research facility in the U.S. at the Spooner Ag Research Station. The program focuses on all aspects – nutrition, reproductive physiology, genetic improvement.

In 2013 he accepted the volunteer job of treasurer on the NSIP board of directors.

"Being associated with NSIP has been a fun ride so far, and I'm looking forward to being able to give it my full attention," adds Burgett.

NSIP Board Chairman Reid Redden says the feeling is mutual. "We're thrilled to have Rusty on board. He's an extremely well-qualified addition to our program and our mission."

Those qualifications include bringing the industry wisdom and insight of valuable mentors to the table - mentors like Redden of Texas A&M, Henry Zerby of Ohio State, Dan Morrical at Iowa State, and David Thomas at the University of Wisconsin. "They're all respected as educators and researchers," says Shultz, "and they taught Rusty well. He fully understands breeding values are key to genetic selection and genetic improvement."

Burgett is uniquely qualified to spread the NSIP message, adds Shultz, with an ability to make complex scientific information readily understandable.

"Our biggest need is industry education," says Redden, "and Rusty has the vision, communication skills, and real-world experience to take us there."

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The right time

Since its inception, NSIP has been a volunteer organization with limited financial resources, primarily membership registration fees. The picture began to change when the American Lamb Industry Roadmap highlighted the need for more emphasis on NSIP to improve the industry. The American Lamb Board provided funding to investigate how to best make that happen, and the program retooled its vision and mission. The process produced the recommendation for a staff position, and the stage was set for a new day.

"It's a culmination of many things, including a lot of hard work by volunteers, that has brought us to this point," says Redden. "Now it's time to move forward with a new approach."

Chase Hibbard, Past Chairman of NSIP, has been on board since the beginning, and is pleased to see the focus on outreach.

"The U.S. sheep industry can't really get bigger, so we have to get better," says Hibbard. "And that happens through data-based genetic improvement." He's seen it in his own flock, where lambing rates have increased from 165 to just under 200 percent due to ewe selection for lambs born. He sold the highest selling ram in the history of the Targhee breed last year, a feat he claims "would not have been possible without these tools."

"Throughout the industry, breeders are making better selection decisions due to Estimated Breeding Values and data indexes," he adds. "In the Targhee breed, we've made more progress in the past five years due to the Western Range Index (a formula of weighted values of various traits) than we did in the previous 20 years."

And it's not just for seedstock producers. Commercial producers have much to gain by buying breeding stock with NSIP data. Hibbard cites the success of Wyoming's Mountain States Lamb Cooperative, where producers are paid on a grid value system according to desired carcass traits. "They're buying rams with objective information because it affects how they actually get paid at the end of the day," says Hibbard. "They're ultimately paid on carcass merit."

Making breeding decisions based on economically relevant traits is not only good for the individual producer, according to Hibbard, it is good for the industry as it works to correct marketing issues like overfat lambs.

He is counting on Burgett to convey real world examples like the Mt. States Co-op to other producers across the nation.

Shultz says the industry is ready to hear the message, with the talk in the hallway at January's ASI convention all about genetic improvement.

With Burgett on board, Redden and NSIP are up to the task. "We're ready to seize this opportunity," says Redden. "The value of individual animal data is obvious to those who are hearing the message. It's our job to make sure both seedstock and commercial breeders understand the technology and how to use it. That's how we will move this industry forward."

"I'm ready to keep the momentum going and get everybody headed in the same direction," says Burgett. "We all have the same goal – to deliver a product the consumer wants in a profitable way. NSIP and genetic selection can help get us there. I'm proud to be a part of this."

CUTLINE:

Rusty Burgett trains members of the National Guard in sheep production prior to their deployment to Afghanistan where they helped rebuild the ag infrastructure. As Program Director for NSIP, education and outreach will be key to his mission. Burgett began his duties in mid-April and will be based in Ames, Iowa.

Burgett can be contacted at info@nsip.org or 515-708-8850. More information on NSIP can be found at www.nsip.org



Headed in the Right Direction: A Roadmap Update

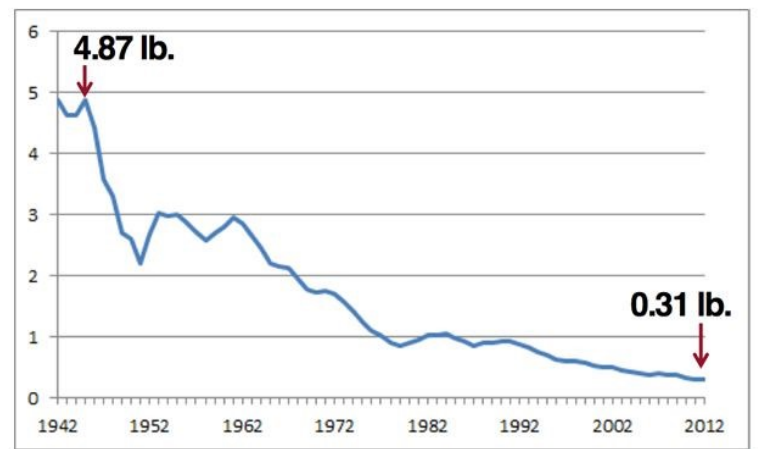
From The American Lamb Board

It's no secret that the lamb industry has been faced with a major challenge.

Long-Term Decline in U.S. Consumption of American-Produced Lamb Meat

(Sorry to trot out that very sad chart again. But keep reading. The news only improves from here!)

An industry decision to be more intentionally proactive about this downward trend resulted in the adoption of the Lamb Industry Roadmap at the 2014 Annual Sheep Convention. Developed by leaders representing all sectors of the U.S. sheep industry, the Roadmap is much more than a set of guidelines, good ideas or wishful thinking; it's a hands-on guide depicting a unified path toward industry growth.



While many factors have contributed to consumer decline in consumption — some of those factors being outside our control — it was acknowledged that there were actions the sheep industry could (and indeed should) take to move the bar in its favor. The Roadmap lays out four major goals:

1. Make American lamb a premier product every time.
2. Promote lamb as a premier meat.
3. Improve productivity to remain competitive.
4. Work together as a whole industry.

So. About those goals.

Words on a page only have meaning when they inspire action. We are happy to report that the Roadmap has spurred some measurable activity.

- A sub-committee of the Implementation Committee, including executives from meat marketing companies, developed a strong statement on Value-Based Pricing for the whole industry that urged “all packers to strive to increase their grid-based pricing to over 80%.”
- The American Lamb Board approved a subsidy for three electronic grading machines for installation in the industry's three largest packing plants. These will enable more accurate grading than human grading, and will provide the packers with extensive information about meat quality.

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- The Product Characteristic Committee is wrapping up a Lamb Quality Audit. They will use the audit to formulate their final industry recommendations on how to improve product quality and consistency.
- The Product Characteristics Committee also expects to make recommendations this fall to the industry at large on a definition of “lamb” that is appropriate for a premium product.
- The Productivity Improvement Committee promoted a needs assessment of the National Sheep Improvement Program, which was financially supported by the American Lamb Board. This will serve as the foundation for promoting genetic improvement in the industry.
- The NSIP re-launch efforts have resulted in increased enrollment of flocks and increased interest by commercial producers.
- In response to the need for productivity improvement, the American Sheep Industry Association has committed \$500,000 for three years. A “Let’s Grow” coordinator was hired in January 2015 to lead these efforts, and Round 1 grant proposal applications are being solicited to assist producer groups in improving productivity.
- The Demand Creation Committee formed a Marketing Advisory Council composed of top executives within the marketing channel to advise the American Lamb Board on the most effective ways to promote lamb to consumers.
- That same committee is also supporting efforts to develop desirable lamb products from mutton to increase the popularity of ewe meat and thereby improve producer profitability.
- The Marketing Advisory Council is also charged with providing greater collaboration within the industry on consumer communications.

While this listing is impressive, it only represents a few of the Roadmap-inspired actions being undertaken. Each effort is being carefully shepherded and is at its own stage of implementation. As the efforts build momentum, their effects will be definitely be felt by producers.

We’re pretty darn excited about the direction the Roadmap is already taking us! Where will it take us next? Here’s a peek at what lies ahead.

- Aggressive implementation of ongoing initiatives
- A new initiative to answer the question, “What can be done to reduce the volatility in lamb supply and price?”
- Launching other innovative and inspired initiatives being formulated by Roadmap Teams

We’ll keep you informed as our work together gains momentum, as new initiatives are unveiled, and as the Roadmap continues to inspire and inform our efforts. Look for future email blasts that will go into more detail on current initiatives and new ones now being developed. We’re headed in the right direction!

The Suffolk Newsletter will now be a Quarterly Publication

Next Issue : July 2015

Submission Deadline: June 30th

Grilling Season is Just Around the Corner!

Do you have a lamb recipe that is absolutely delicious you want to share? Do you have a child that loves to cook? We'll feature their recipes, too! Please email recipes to news@u-s-s-a.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!

Raspberry Glazed Lamb Ribs

Servings: 8 Prep Time: 15 min Cook Time: 45 min.

Ingredients

4 American Lamb spareribs , trimmed
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup white wine or chicken broth
1/2 cup raspberry jam, seedless
1 green onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 tablespoon water

Directions

Rub salt, pepper and paprika into lamb ribs. In medium saucepan, combine vinegar, white wine or broth, raspberry jam and green onions. Stir over medium heat until jam is melted. Stir together cornstarch and water; add to raspberry mixture and stir sauce until smooth and clear. Place lamb ribs on rack in roasting pan. Cover and roast in 375°F oven for 30 minutes. Baste with glaze and roast an additional 10 minutes.



To Grill: Grill over medium-hot coals. Cover and grill 4 inches from coals for 30 to 45 minutes or until desired degree of doneness: 145°F for medium-rare, 160°F for medium or 170°F for well. Turn every 10 minutes. Brush on glaze during last 10 minutes of grilling.



Find this recipe as well as many other great recipes from The American Lamb Board!

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NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW ENTRIES

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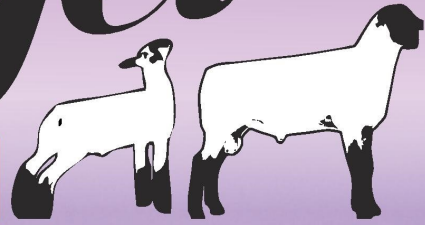


Have something to share?

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! Information can be emailed to news@u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

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Ewes Wanted

Flock located in Franklin, Tennessee is search of 30-50 Suffolk ewes - yearlings or older and 1 ram.
Contact: Andrea Mulford - 954-940-2409 - andreamfranco@yahoo.com

For Sale: Registered Suffolk Sheep

All RR / NN. Sheep parents bought in Wisconsin; No scabies.

1 ewe lamb is ready to be bought. 1 ewe lamb and 3 ram lambs will be ready on April 28. 2 ram lambs will be ready on May 24. The ewe lambs are \$300 and the ram lambs are \$400 each.

We also have one yearling and six grown ewes available for \$600 each.

Contact: Tracy Rank - Medina, TN Text or call 731-499-2645

Sheep For Sale

MacCauley 2724 (Ram): Sire -5StarJ 0155, Dam - HoWhi Daughter. Great Ram, Used for two years nice lambs from this guy. He packs his lambs with lots of size, Dimension and bone, this ram never misses, He bred everything I put him with and added something to every lamb. This was the only ram out of the 5 Star Ram that Bill has sold to the best of my knowledge. And at that point he was one of two rams that MacCauley had got out of that ram.

Ram Lambs & Ewe Lambs for sale: Out of 5 Star J 0155 ram - Sedalia Overall Champion (Bill MacCauley Purchased). I have some out of his daughters bred back to him and some out of other tremendous ewes. All of his lambs are looking awesome.

3 Yearling Rams: Out of MacCauley 2556 a Kimm 3019-7012 Son. Dams are (Andrus, Phantom Hills) Great Looking lambs Top Stud Prospects.

Brood Ewes: From 3-6 years old various quality many top names in pedigree and ewes were purchased from the top names in Suffolk's. Great ewes just Looking to save a bunch ewe lambs from the ewes being sold and cannot justify having that many around for a hobby I am running at a 220% lamb crop so some of these ewes had triplets and many if not all the rest had twins.

Contact: Mark Weisberg 515-835-9230, mark@weisbergimp.com (Subject Sheep), Call or E-Mail for Pix or more details

Semen for Sale

Semen available for sale out of top sons of Bunker Hill. Semen also available out of Bline rams. Priced to sell.

Contact: Don Craft, Indiana 574-967-3091

Ram For Sale

Phantom Hills Fitting & Training 12-40 for sale. 2012 Slick Shorn Reserve Grand & Jr. Champion Ram / 1st Slick Shorn Late Jr. Ram Lamb NAILE. 12-40 is in Great health: for the last 3 years he has been working on a small flock of ewe's here in NY with great results. I ended up with there set of sheep due to some family issues. He doesn't fit the program here at Mil-Sid Farms, but defiantly would be a great addition to a flock that is moving more in a slick sheared direction. Feel free to contact me for pedigree info, pictures, and pricing . Will deliver to the Big Ohio sale in May.

Contact: Josh Miller, Mil-Sid Farm, 518-231-8113, millers@midtel.net

A New Year and A New Direction

We have decided to disperse our Suffolks after 52 years of continuous breeding. We have sold the older ewes. We have 15 head of yearling ewes and 2 year olds for sale. We have 6 yearling ewes sired by a Kjeldgaard buck. Nine two year old ewes sired by a Sandage buck (g-son of the 2008 Reserve Champion Ram at Louisville) Sound, big framed sheep with lots of bone. We also have the top end of the 2015 lamb crop. The two ram lambs used to breed with in 2014 will be sold at the Midwest Sale.

Contact: WEG/I-80 Flocks W.E. (Bill Gergen) & Virginia D. Gergen, Geneva, NE, 402.540.7884 or morustybuck-et@gmail.com

Ewe Lambs For Sale

Wether and frame type lambs. Lesnet and R&R breeding, with Slack and Dreher influence.

Contact: Brent Moyer, Michigan, 989.553.4333

Rams and Ewe Lambs For Sale

I have RR sons and daughters of Whispering Gold. MacCauley 2530RR. He was the 2012 Fall ram lamb class winner that Donna Mays and Bob Kimm bought at the 2012 National Suffolk Show Sale in Sedalia, He is out of my Best Ewe Alvarez 177. Dams are A top Jack of Diamonds and Yukon Jack daughter from Prairie Rose Suffolk's. Also the Res Jr Champion ewe from the Ohio Sale in 2013. These lambs are complete, flashy and productive. 100% Pure bred Suffolk's. I am a small and extremely Selective breeder. I will only be selling 2 ewe lambs and 2 ram lambs this year from these exclusive genetics. I have pics. Will deliver to the Ohio Suffolk sale and or will arrange shipping to Sedalia, This pic is a Feb 5th born RR ewe lamb at 5 days of age. Whispers lambs are correct with bone and vigor. Call or Email me for details and pricing. These are Top Quality Lambs at reasonable prices. Contact: Rick Alvarez, Ohio, 937-243-0088, rickyalvarez1963@gmail.com

Rams For Sale

One yearling Suffolk Ram that is RR and one two year old Suffolk Ram that is RR. Both Rams are full brothers a year apart. Mostly Bar-Zel genetics. Both have NSIP Data but I am new to the program so numbers are still low. Have back scan data on the yearling. \$300 each or \$550 if you take both rams. Contact : 507-829-1098 or t_schacherer@yahoo.com

For Sale - Yearling Ram percentage registered 62.5%

Sire is Kimm/Eness bred and Dam is Johnson/Beaver Creek bred Big boned, easy to handle.

Contact: Dr. William W. Allen DVM 573-436-2090 or 573-210-1966 Patricia Allen, Eden Valley Farm, Potosi, MO

NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE

June 22— 27

Held in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, Missouri

Wool Project: Lambs' Wool Duster

Materials

One 12" dowl or 36" dowl

Wool

Twine

Assembly

1. Put glue on one end of dowl
2. Put glue on tips of wool at one end
3. Roll wool onto end of dowl
4. Tie one end of twine tightly around wool on dowl
5. Tightly wrap twine around wool for two layers putting glue between layers
6. Glue end of twine in place
7. Allow glue to dry overnight
8. Fluff out wool by gently teasing fibers apart

NOTE: Be sure to use a clear-drying glue such as Elmers

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!

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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

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President: Kathy Krafka Harkema, Montezuma, IA Phone: 641.623.7200 Email: truechamp@aol.com

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President: Amanda Dobson, Lexington, MO Phone: 660.232.1433 Email: adobson.rvt@gmail.com

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Contact: Jane Rath, Miles City, MT Phone: 406.232.1060

NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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President: Deanna Knapke Phone: 419-953-0791 Email: knapped@msn.com

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President: Jodie Hoover, Washington, PA Phone: 724-222-9325 Email: jhoover@fortcherry.org

SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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

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

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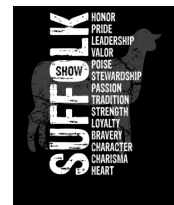
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Sheep Resources

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Sheep Producer Resource Website

Sheep Community of Practice is a new web-based tool available to sheep producers through the eXtension Foundation, a non-profit entity. This website offers a Ask the Expert Tool that will connect you with experts and allow you to ask questions. Through the Ask the Expert Tool, the producer can even attach images. The website also offers information about sheep feeding and nutrition, reproduction and breeding, management practices, genetic selection, health and veterinary care, grazing and pasture, and wool. To visit the Sheep Community of Practice website go to: <http://www.extension.org/sheep>

Ask a Sheep Vet

This website is a blog written by sheep veterinarian Dr. Kennedy of Pipestone Veterinary Clinic, Pipestone, MN. The blog contains answers to various sheep related questions, with new information added often. To visit Dr. Kennedy's blog please go to: <http://askavetsheep.wordpress.com/> Also, if you "LIKE" [Pipestone Vet Sheep-Goats](#) on Facebook, are several question and answers posted daily.

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