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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:

- 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.
- 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.

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USSA ONLINE SALE!



Hosted by the United Suffolk Sheep Association
Consignment open to USSA and UJSSA members

Sale Dates: April 27 and June 8

Contact the USSA Office for more details! ➔ Entry Form on page 27

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United Suffolk Sheep Association

-Mission Statement-

"To define, register, promote and improve the Suffolk breed to provide leadership for the advancement and future of the entire U.S. Sheep Industry"

-Vision Statement-

"To be the most innovative, value adding, member-driven sheep breed organization for an evolving U.S. Sheep Industry"

Strategic Planning Updates

Breed Improvement—A big part of *Breed Improvement* is involvement in the performance programs offered through NSIP. Currently we have 35 Suffolk members participating, representing 16 states and all four USSA districts. Grant funding is still available to members for entering NSIP data.

Promotion — Work has begun on updating the logo/rebranding. Logo contest deadline is April 1st.

Maintain a Financially Viable Association— The USSA will continue to control expenses. As a result, the office is currently running better than budget for 2016. The Board is considering additional sources of income, without increasing cost to our members.

Youth Development — The board continues to look for additional opportunities to get youth involved with the Suffolk breed.

Communication Plan—The USSA Board will continue to share updates on the strategic plan with the membership through the USSA website, newsletter and other publications.

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- 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 2017 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.



Mark your Calendars! ♦ Entry Deadlines: April 15th & May 20th



USSA Committee Updates

Breed Improvement: The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the Let's Grow Grant recipients. A major focus of our grant proposal is to offer an opportunity for USSA members to enter their NSIP data through the USSA. Please contact the USSA Office for more information.

Ambassador: USSA Ambassador applications due June 1st! See page 20 for more information.

Advertising/Promotion: The USSA Logo Design Contest deadline is April 1st. See page 30 for contest details.

Youth Promotion: The Ewe Lamb Giveaway and Futurity Programs have been revised slightly, please see pages 7 and 22 for details!

Hospitality: There will be Suffolk Social at the National Suffolk Sale held in conjunction with the Big Ohio Sale Weekend in Eaton, Ohio. Information will be posted at the Suffolk display.

Hall of Fame: Please contact the USSA Office with any Hall of Fame Inductee suggestions.



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

Richard Buchholz, Michigan ♦ Jim & Amanda Burch, Tennessee ♦ Will Davidson, Tennessee ♦
Mark Fedak, Washington ♦ Austin Olsen, Utah

A Message from your UJSSA President

Hello Suffolk Breeders,

It is March and the winter lambing season is almost over. Crazy that we are 3 months into 2017 already!

Here on the junior association we are having fun actively planning the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show in Madison, Wisconsin at the Alliant Energy Center with the All American. Please make sure you plan on attending this great show, where not only the best breed out there is, but there is ton of family fun and activities for people of all ages. If you have any questions about the show please feel free to contact me or any of the UJSSA board members. We would love to answer them. Wishing everyone the best on the end of lamb ingredients

Sincerely,

Andrew Slack



JUNIOR REMINDERS

June 1st ♦ USSA Ambassador Applications Due

June 1st ♦ UJSSA Director Applications Due

June 10th ♦ National Jr Suffolk Show Entries Due

*See [USSA](#) or [UJSSA](#) websites for more details!

Let's Grow Suffolks & USSA Scholarship Applications

Due: October 1, 2017

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view scholarship applications or contact the USSA Office.

UJSSA FUNDRAISER

The UJSSA board is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show. T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30; prices include shipping. Contact the USSA Office to order!



Expect the next issue of the Suffolk Newsletter...

June 2017

Deadline to submit information, ads, events will be May 20th.

Notes from the UJSSA

Attention Suffolk Breeders! Would you be willing to help the UJSSA plan and coordinate the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show to be held in Madison, WI? The UJSSA is looking for volunteers to help with this year's events. If interested, contact UJSSA President, Andrew Slack.

2017 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship Would you like to help sponsor the 2017 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.

NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](http://www.ujssa.org)
Photos • Complete Results • 2017 UJSSA Directors

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www.ujssa.org

The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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UJSSA Ambassador Application

Due: June 1, 2017

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.

JUNIOR DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT - Wesley Linke

Age: 15

Hometown: Woonsocket, South Dakota

School/Major: Woonsocket High School

How did you become involved with Suffolk Sheep and the Association? I became involved with Suffolk sheep when my Step dad, Jim Van Dyke, bought me my first ewe. I went to my first National Junior show in 2012, in Brookings, South Dakota

What is your favorite Suffolk memory? My favorite Suffolk memory is when I went to Sedalia, MO, and we had the high selling Suffolk ewe. At first I couldn't believe what was going on and I thought I was dreaming.

What advice/words of encouragement do you have for other Suffolk juniors? When you are out in the show ring have a fun time and if you ever have any questions or need help at a show, just ask an older member. They would be more than happy to help out.

What is your favorite food/meal? Bacon Cheese Burger

What is your favorite band/singer? Florida Georgia Line


What is your favorite season & why? Fall, State Fair is approaching, fall lambing, nice cool weather, and football season

What is your pet peeve? When people don't do what I ask them to.

What is an interesting fact about you? I have a set of twin sisters, twin brothers, twin first cousins, and I am also a twin.



MacCauley Suffolks



NDanner

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FARM MANAGER: EVAN SNYDER - 405-314-1642

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50 HEAD!

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30**

ONLINE SALE
AT WLIVESTOCK.COM

CHANGES TO USSA EWE LAMB GIVEAWAY!

Again this year the USSA Ewe Lamb Giveaway will be **offering 4 ewe lambs - one ewe lamb per district!** Along with the program expanding into districts, recipients will also receive:

- ◆ Free one year USSA membership
- ◆ Free registration(s) for first lamb crop
- ◆ An adult and junior mentor for each recipient
- ◆ Ewe lamb will be futurity nominated!

More details of the program:

- ◆ Submit a video that is 2 minutes or less that includes:
Who you are ◆ Why you want to win a Suffolk ewe lamb ◆ Why you should be chosen to receive a Suffolk ewe lamb ◆ Your intentions for the ewe lamb
- ◆ Must be 18 years or younger as of January 1, 2017
- ◆ Only open to juniors who do not currently own a registered Suffolk
- ◆ Recipients will be given a list of breeders to choose who their ewe lamb will come from
- ◆ Deadline is November 1, 2017

ATTENTION USSA MEMBERS

***We're currently seeking ewe lamb donation commitments in each USSA District!
Please contact the USSA Office for more details!***

Breeders who have committed to donating a ewe lamb in 2017

District 1

Prairie Rose Suffolks, Gayle Lucas, Montana ◆ Maxwell Suffolks, Ike Maxwell, Washington ◆ McKay Suffolks, Scott McKay, Montana ◆ South Beckman Suffolks, Bruce & Arlene Murphy, Oregon ◆ Neumiller Suffolks, Jim Neumiller, California ◆ Summey Family Farm, Blair & Gina Summey, California

District 2

Baumann Suffolks, Missouri ◆ Heupel Suffolks, Colorado ◆ Kjeldgaard Suffolks, Nebraska ◆ Knutson Suffolks, South Dakota ◆ Van Dyke Suffolks, South Dakota ◆ Wolff Suffolks, North Dakota ◆ Bar-Zel Suffolks, Rob & Christy Zelinsky & Family, South Dakota

District 3

Arnevik Family Suffolks, Wisconsin ◆ Mint Gold Ranch, Dale & Judy Dobberpuhl, Wisconsin ◆ JMG Suffolks, Jeremy & Heidi Geske, Minnesota ◆ River Bend Farm Suffolks, Elmer & Etta Held, Wisconsin ◆ Quam Suffolks, Minnesota ◆ Touchdown Acres, Paul & Shannon Skartvedt, Iowa ◆ Wayne Skartvedt Family, Iowa

District 4

Alvarez Family Suffolks, Rick and Kristi Alvarez, Ohio ◆ Begg Family Suffolks, Tom Begg, Ohio ◆ Henderson Family Suffolks, Indiana ◆ MacCauley Suffolks, Bill & Betsy MacCauley, Pennsylvania ◆ Mil-Sid Farm, Josh Miller, New York ◆ Russell Sheep Co., Paul, Diane & Jeremy Russell, Indiana ◆ Seasons Bounty, Radell Schrock, Virginia

THANK YOU ! To MacCauley Suffolks ◆ Alan Batt & Big Sky Suffolks (Chris Reno) ◆ Pumphrey Show Lambs ◆ VanDyke Suffolks ◆ Wayne Skartvedt Family and Touchdown Acres for your support and past ewe lamb donations!

Ewe Lamb Giveaway Recipient Update!

I would like to thank MacCauley Suffolks for donating the Suffolk Ewe Lamb Giveaway female I won last year. I attended my first National Suffolk Junior Show and my MacCauley ewe was chosen Reserve Champion Suffolk Wether Dam. She was also Champion Suffolk Breeding Ewe at the Fremont (NE) 4-H 9 County Fair. I also showed her at Tulsa State Fair. My MacCauley ewe placed fifth in the USSA Futurity points.



Going forward, I plan to show her as a yearling ewe and AI her to a registered Suffolk ram to start my own Suffolk flock. Thanks again to the MacCauleys and the USSA for helping me get started raising Suffolks. I really appreciate this opportunity.

- Kyle Gross, 2016 USSA Ewe Lamb Giveaway Recipient

2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 28th

12 pm Sheep may begin to arrive on the facility

Thursday, June 29th

6 pm Todd Weaver Fitted Fitting Contest - All-American invited
(MUST PRE- REGISTER)

7:30-9:30pm Market Lamb/Production Weigh-in

9 pm Deadline for sheep arrival

Friday, June 30th

7:30 am Announcements - Meet the UJSSA Directors

8 am DEADLINE: Leadership Contest Materials & UJSSA Director Applications

Market Lamb and Wether Sire & Dam Show
followed by Market Lamb Showmanship

9am-4pm Skill-a-thon (All-American)

9:30am Judging Contest (All-American)

10 am Breeding sheep check-in DEADLINE

11:30am Dress-A-Sheep - All-American invited

12:00pm Ewe Lead with Wool - All-American invited

1-3pm JUDGING of Leadership Contests

1 pm Public speaking

2 pm Judging Contest (UJSSA)

3 pm Slick Sheared Fitting Contest (see RULES for more info)

4:30pm UJSSA Director Interviews

6 pm Blome Pizza Party with AAJS

7 pm Basketball 3 on 3 with AAJS

Saturday, July 1st

7:30 am Announcements (group photo to follow, please wear your T-shirt)

8 am Breeding Sheep (EWES) Show including Production Classes

Selection of Champion Ewe

8am-3pm Skill-a-thon (All-American)

1 pm Breeding Sheep Individual & Team Showmanship ***OR*** 30 min following the selection of Champ Ewe

2:30 pm Quiz Bowl ***OR*** 30 min following the completion of Showmanship

5:30 pm Awards Ceremony

7 pm BBQ with AAJS and fun night

Sunday, July 2nd

7:30 am Announcements

8 am Breeding Sheep (RAMS) Show including Production Classes

Selection of Champion Ram

State Flock

Closing Ceremony

Release—Everyone off grounds by midnight

UJSSA Director Applications

Due: June 1, 2017

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.

National Jr. Show Hotel & Camping Information

June 29—July 2nd ♦ Alliant Energy Center, Madison, Wisconsin

We strongly encourage exhibitors to stay at one of these hotels as the more rooms we use, the more credit the AJSS and Junior Suffolk Show gets towards the rental of the facility.

Hotels with Group Rates: Group Name: "All American Junior Sheep Show"

Clarion Suites at The Alliant Energy Center (On grounds) (50 room block)
2110 Rimrock Road, Madison, WI 53713
(608)284-1234

Rates: Studio Suite One-Queen \$124.00,
One Bedroom Suite-One Queen \$134.00,
Studio Suite -Two Queens \$134.00
Cut off date for group rate 5/28/17

Sheraton Madison Hotel (50 room block)
706 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713
(608) 251-2300

Rates: Two Double Beds \$129.00, Smoke Free Hotel
Cut off date for group rate 5/28/17

Comfort Inn Madison – Downtown (25 room block)
722 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713
(608)255-7400

Rates: Two Queen Beds \$115.00, Complimentary
Breakfast
Cut off date for group rate 5/28/17

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (25 room block)
610 John Nolen Drive, Madison, WI 53713
(608) 709-5050

Rates: Two Queen Beds \$129.00, Complimentary
Breakfast
Cut off date for group rate 5/28/17

Hyperlink for reservations: [https://
www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/madison/msnrr/
hoteldetail/photos-tours](https://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/madison/msnrr/hoteldetail/photos-tours)

Alliant Energy Center Camping (actual show site):

- Alliant Energy Center has 141 camping spots total (42 spots in our North lot, right outside of the Pavilions and 99 spots on Willow Island).
 - * Fee: The approximate fee per night at AEC is currently \$30 per night (2016 pricing)
 - * Spot registration: All camping at AEC is self-registration. There is a self-registration kiosk across from the Coliseum building in the NE corner of the North Lot. Campers register and pay there. Campers will get a sticker that they need to put on their camper or vehicle showing that they've registered. Event staff will check for stickers daily.
 - * Electric, Water Hook-up, and Dump Station: North Lot near the Coliseum building – up to 42 spots that offer electric and water hook-up.
- Willow Island – 99 spots that offer electric only which includes twenty-five 20/30/50 amp hook-ups, and seventy-four 20/30 amp hook-ups
- Dump Station – is on the grounds in the North Lot and is a pull-through dump station. Campers cannot connect to the dumping station from their spot. There is also no pumping services that drives around the campsites.
- Showers and Bathrooms: Camping includes access to 24-hour restrooms and showers in New Holland Pavilion #1 (NJSS in Pavilion #2).

Advertise your Flock at the 2017 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. These banners will be displayed at the Jr Show in Spencer, Iowa. 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

2017 National Junior Suffolk Show Entry Form

Madison, Wisconsin ♦ June 29—July 2, 2017

Entries must be postmarked by June 10, 2017, 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 (6/30/2017) _____ Flock Name _____

Leadership Contests

Indicate age classification (age as of 6/30/2017) 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*)

____ Dress a Sheep Contest

Tod Weaver Memorial Fitting Contest

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

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Slick Sheared Fitting Contest

Please review updated rules for this event.

____ one division (12-22*)

Judging Contest

____ Junior (14 & under)

____ Senior (15-22*)

Graphic Design**

____ 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*)

****UJSSA members do not have to be present at the Junior Show to enter these Leadership Contests.**

Number of people planning to attend the BBQ Saturday evening: _____

There is no charge for the BBQ to UJSSA members and families. This meal is sponsored by the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Association.

Mail your payment and entry form to:

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association
PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642

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

Total sheep entries:

Prior to June 10 _____ x \$15.00 _____

After June 10 _____ x \$30.00 _____

We'd like to contribute to the Show! _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

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.

Important Notes to Exhibitors for the 2017 NJSS:

- A hotel room block have been made. Please check the UJSSA website www.ujssa.org or contact USSA Office (641.684.5291) for details.
- RV parking with electricity \$30/night. All camping at AEC is self-registration. There is a self-registration kiosk across from the Coliseum building in the NE corner of the North Lot. Campers register and pay there. Campers will get a sticker that they need to put on their camper or vehicle showing that they've registered. Event staff will check for stickers daily.

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 Lamb
 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 23: Breeding Sheep

Maximum – 2 entries per division per exhibitor. Only one entry per sheep. Sire and dam information preferred at the time of entry.
 Lamb Classes (division 11-23) will be split: January, February, March and After. Any classes with more than 15 head will be further split.

Division 11-Slick Shorn Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016)
 a. Slick Shorn b. Production
 Division 12-Slick Shorn Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2016 to 12/31/2016)
 Division 13-Slick Shorn Junior Ram Lambs (born 1/1/2017 and later)
 a. Slick Shorn b. Production
 Division 14-Yearling Rams (born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 15- Senior (Fall) Rams (born 9/1/2016 to 12/31/2016)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 16-Junior Ram Lambs (born 1/1/2017 and later)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 17- Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016)
 a. Slick Shorn b. Production

Division 18- Slick Shorn Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2016 to 12/31/2016)
 Division 19-Slick Shorn Junior Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/2017 and later)
 a. Slick Shorn b. Production
 Division 20- Yearling Ewes/Weaned a Lamb (born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 21- Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 22- Senior (Fall) Ewes (born 9/1/2016 to 12/31/2016)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned
 Division 23- Junior Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/2017 and later)
 a. Owned b. Bred & Owned

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

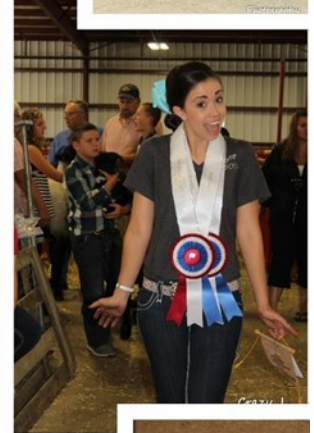
OFFICIAL CONSENT FORM

As an exhibitor of the National Junior Suffolk Show, I fully understand and agree to comply with all the rules listed on the UJSSA 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.



The 2016 NJSS was a blast!
Hope you can join us in Madison!

Mark your Calendars for an upcoming Junior Show!

You are invited (and encouraged) to share details on upcoming junior shows in the next issue. Please email information to info@u-s-s-a.org by the next newsletter deadline—May 20th!

ILLINOIS JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW

June 10, 2017

Woodford County Fairground, Eureka, IL

Juniors, start your 2017 show season by attending the **June 10, 2017** 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 9:00 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

MIDWEST JUNIOR PREVIEW SHOW

June 2-3

Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

www.midwestjuniorpreviewshow.com

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Utah Study Proves Selecting for EBVs Makes a Difference

By: Terri Queck-Matzie for NSIP

A producer-driven field study in Utah proves genetics make a difference in lamb profitability. Conducted by Matt and Dan Mickel at Mickel Brothers Sheep Company of Spring City, Utah, as part of the Leading Edge Sheep Production Group, the ASI Let's Grow funded experiment bred two groups of commercial white-faced ewes to two groups of black faced terminal rams – one with Estimated Breeding Values (EBV) from the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) and one without. The ewes were then managed as one group to avoid environmental variations.

The NSIP-sired lambs weighed an average of 3 lbs. per lamb more than the non-NSIP group.

"The biggest thing we found out with this experiment is these rams did what their records said they would do," says Bill Shultz of Bunker Hill Farm in DeGraff, Ohio, who supplied rams for the project. "We saw what we, and everyone in the industry, needed to see. We saw in fact what the records said."

That meets an important goal for the Leading Edge group, a coalition of Utah producers gathered with the mission of utilizing a more vertically integrated system to provide a uniform and quality-consistent product to the consumer. "From the beginning, we have known advancing genetics, as well as adding value-added programs, would be key to meeting our goals," says Leading Edge Facilitator Tom Boyer. "But some of our producers didn't have a high level of confidence in NSIP. That's due mostly to a lack in the volume of data."

There are currently more than 300 producers enrolled in the NSIP program, which provides science-based, industry-tested measurements of heritable traits that can be tracked and measured with its system of EBVs. That's a 25 percent increase since 2015, and a 140 percent increase since 2014. "This increase in utilization builds on the volume of data in the system and increases the credibility of the data," says NSIP Program Director Rusty Burgett. "That doesn't mean the numbers weren't useful before, but increasing the volume of data increases the statistical power of the analysis and improves accuracy."

While NSIP works to build its database, Boyer wanted to prove NSIP's validity to producers in his group. Matt Mickel stepped up to the plate.

THE FIELD TRIAL

Mickel started with the purchase of 14 ram lambs and three yearling rams from Bunker Hill Farm. The rams came with NSIP EBV data. Another 14 rams and three yearlings from Mickel stock, without NSIP data, comprised the control sires.

On November 15, 2015, a band of Mickel's commercial ewes were brought down from the mountain after grazing on typical range ground of old thrush and grass for five weeks.

The ewes were sorted into two groups 20 at a time. "Since older ewes tend to have more twins, and thus smaller lambs, and since younger ewes tend to be at the head of the band and older ones toward the back, I wanted to be sure the age variance in the groups was equal," says Matt Mickel. "So I sent the first 20 to one coral and the next 20 to another, and so on, through the entire band."

The two groups of 550 ewes each were branded green or red and sent to identical pastures. "The fields had been harvested at the same time and regrowth was the same," says Mickel. "There was no better field."

On November 22, 14 bucks and three yearlings were turned in to each pasture. The NSIP rams were bred to the green-branded ewes and the control rams to the red.

After 14 days, with the ewes running out of feed and the bucks needing refreshed, the herd was mixed and sent to the desert winter range with new bucks. Only the lambs born during the first 14 days (bred during the control period) were used in the experiment.

In early February the ewes were ultrasounded to identify twins from singles, then the ewes were brought back



Matt Mickel of Mickel Brothers Sheep Company oversaw the field trial comparing NSIP-sired lambs to non-NSIP sired lambs. The NSIP lambs showed a 3-pound weight advantage at the end of the trial.

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to the ranch in April 2016. The sheep were sheared, remarked for red or green group, and vaccinated. Those with single lambs were range lambled with the two groups in separate but equal pasture and feed, where they received little attention during lambing. The ewes bearing twins were mixed in the lambing shed. During their three days in the lambing jug, the lambs were marked with red or green ear tags. Once out of the jug, they were mixed in aging pens.



After being bred, born, and raised in as near identical conditions as possible at Mickel Brothers Sheep Company near Spring City, Utah, lambs in the study were loaded onto two semi-trailers according to their sire groups – one with NSIP EBVs and one without. The trucks were then weighed to establish average weights for the groups.

After 14 days of lambing in the pasture, the single lambs were tagged red or green according to their ewe, and all 1133 lambs (singles and twins) were combined and put out on the range on June 18 as one summer band. Mickel did not track lambing rate specifically by breeding group, but the entire project yielded 1,856 lambs from 1,132 ewes a rate of 164 percent.

“We tried to think of every variable we could,” explains Mickel. “We didn’t want to be able to poke holes in the results.”

The lambs were brought back to the ranch on the evening of September 25. The next morning they were sorted – green on one semi-truck and red on another – until the trucks were filled.

“There were approximately 30-50 that didn’t fit on the semi,” says Mickel. “There could have been some heavier or lighter in either group, but overall we were confident we had a good average.”

The trucks were then weighed. Truck #758 carried 420 red, or control, lambs weighing a total of 42,860 pounds. Truck #338 carried 442 green, or NSIP, lambs weighing a total of 46,420 pounds.

Bred, born, and raised in as near identical conditions as possible, the NSIP lambs weighed an average of 105.02 pounds. The control group of non-NSIP Suffolk sired lambs weighed an average of 102.04 pounds.

Shultz says the Suffolk NSIP rams used had an average Weaning Weight EBV of 3.3 and an average Post-weaning Weight EBV of 5.5. “I’d say the difference in lamb weight is a very fair representation of the genetic differences expressed by the EBVs when used in the traditional range management system like Mickel’s,” says Shultz.

Burgett adds some additional calculations: “Based on the average price of \$144/cwt for 102-105 pound lambs at the recent Newell and Billings sales, that 3-pound advantage should bring an additional \$4.32 per lamb. Spread across 442 lambs, each of those NSIP sires added more than \$100 lamb value over the non-NSIP sires. And my guess is those lambs will continue to separate further once they get on feed. If you use those rams for three or four more years, you can clearly see the added value.”

Mickel intends to continue tracking the lambs’ progress as much as possible. Working with his feeder and packer, he hopes to obtain weight and carcass data through slaughter.

That continued chain of information will become vitally important as the Leading Edge group looks at value-added opportunities, including the possibility of a branded lamb product.

“There’s more work to be done,” says Boyer. “Ultimately, there has to be a financial reward for the additional production costs like measuring the loin eye, keeping data, and investing in the top-quality genetics.”

MORE TO LEARN

“This study proved what we hoped it would prove,” says Shultz, “but it doesn’t provide a long-term answer. Seedstock producers providing genetics to the Western Range have to develop them for the range environment and management systems.” For Shultz, that means asking some basic questions when making his seedstock breeding decisions: “What does the ideal Western Range terminal sire look like? We’re now focused on weight gain. When and how do we pay attention to carcass traits?” And should that focus be on early or later growth. Shultz says this field trial shows the focus may best be placed on early growth. “It’s all evolving. We’re learning

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all the time. And we have to adjust our genetics to what we learn.”

NSIP with its system of Estimated Breeding Values is crucial to that effort. “It’s all about the speed of change,” says Shultz. “NSIP enables us to change so much faster, and the accuracy of our breeding decisions is so much better.”

Speedy change is not a concept often touted in the U.S. sheep industry, but Boyer says that needs to change. “The American Sheep Industry Road Map clearly identified the U.S. sheep industry is behind in its application of technology,” says Boyer. “We lack product uniformity. The quality of our lamb and wool is not meeting consumer expectations. We need to investigate additional technologies, and that starts with genetics, to gain the edge we need over our competitors.”

The Leading Edge Sheep Production Group represents approximately 30,000-32,000 ewes, owned and managed by producers wanting to advance their genetics and production methods to help create, and subsequently meet, the demand of an increased market share. Boyer says more producers will follow. While the group started small to facilitate quick implementation and discussion, it is open to expansion. And he’s aware it creates a replicable model.

“We’re seeing small ripples of change throughout the industry,” says Boyer. “The Road Map outlines what we need to do.”

And NSIP is there to help the seedstock producer develop the type of breeding stock the commercial producer needs to meet the industry goals.

It’s great to see the results of this field trial,” says Burgett. “There has been some hesitation in adopting NSIP over the years and this project proves the technology can help move the industry forward. The outcome proves NSIP is truly the ‘genetic foundation for a profitable sheep industry’.”

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Our condolences to the following families...



Lawrence Chester Young, 70, died Monday, Oct. 31, at Walla Walla General Hospital, of complications of congestive heart failure after a period of poor health.

Larry leaves his children, Stephen Chester Young, (wife Kimberly), Sarah Louise Neher (husband Derek); brother, Gary (wife Beverly); and five grandchildren, Alice, Bobby, Leo, Willa and Felix. He is also survived by many friends. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond Chester Young, Mary Agnes Young; sister, Betty Young; and aunt, Gladys McNair.

Larry was born March 13, 1946, in Walla Walla, to Mary Agnes and Raymond Chester Young. He attended Walla Walla High School and graduated in 1964. In school he was active in 4-H, then FFA where he developed his interest in raising sheep. After high school Larry attended the Washington State University and Yakima Valley Community College and studied agriculture.

Larry farmed the family wheat farm for 30 years and continued breeding and showing sheep, becoming one of the premier breeders of registered Suffolk sheep in the Northwest. Larry married Katherine Lois Dick, and had two children, Stephen Chester Young and Sarah Louise Young. Larry later quit wheat farming and became the night watch stockman at Simplot feed lot near Burbank, where he retired after 10 years. Larry was known for his wry sense of humor and deliberate tone. You could always tell how he was feeling by the look in his eyes. When he wasn't working with his sheep or on the farm he enjoyed books, music, model railroading, bragging about his children and having a drink with friends. His friends describe him as a great story teller and willing to do anything to help out.

Larry felt like he was at his best when he was out on the show circuit, with the people who loved and understood him. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family. The world has lost a great shepherd.

A celebration of life will be held Nov. 19, 2 p.m. at Jacobi's Café in Walla Walla.



Wesley Dee Biellier, 63, of Columbia, passed away Friday, December 9, 2016. Was born November 8, 1953 the son of Harold Biellier and Betty (Garbee) Biellier who have preceded him in death.

Wesley was a graduate of University High School, the class of 1971. He went on to earn his degree in Business Administration from the University of Missouri. His job opportunities took him to Chicago and New York before returning to Columbia to work for the National Suffolk

Sheep Association.

Wesley is survived by one sister: Nancy Kitchen and husband, Mel of Belle, MO; one nephew: Louis Tritschler and wife: Barbara, Bulter, MO; one niece: Tracy Wagner-Tritschler of Columbia, MO; three great nephews: Michael Nuzum, Frank Nuzum, Patrick Love; two great nieces: Whitney Martinez; Ana Martinez; one uncle: Carlos Biellier of Vandalia, IL; and one aunt: Dorothy Frieze of the Lake of the Ozarks, MO.

Services were private for the family.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Columbia Area Senior Center, 1121 Business Loop 70 East, Columbia, MO, 65201.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service & Crematory; 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri, 65203; (573) 449-4153. Condolences may be left online for the family at www.ParkerMillard.com



Robert E. "Bob" Phillips, 87, of Holland Township, NJ, passed away on Friday, January 13, 2017 at the Hunterdon Medical Center in Raritan Township, NJ, with his family by his side. Bob was born July 24, 1929 in Holland Township, NJ, the son of the late John Earl and Dorothy (Sinclair) Phillips. He was born and raised on the family farm, which had been in the family since 1806, where he continued to live until his death. His first schooling occurred in the one-room school house on Church Road. He graduated from Frenchtown High School in 1945. After his father's death in 1948,

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Bob followed his father's footsteps in the dairy farming business. In the 1950's, he became a part-time agent for the Farm Family Insurance Companies. In 1960, he sold his dairy cows to continue full-time in the insurance business, while continuing to raise Suffolk sheep. Bob retired from Farm Family in 1994 after 37 years of service and kept his sheep until 2004. He was frequently seen on his tractor and visiting with customers at "The Stand". In 1951, he married Iris Brown. She was his constant companion and fellow farmer until her death in 2004 after 52 years of marriage. Bob was a member of the New Jersey Farm Bureau, the New Jersey Agricultural Society and the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture. For 12 years he was on the Hunterdon County Library Board of Commissioners. He was the Holland Township Tax Assessor and Registrar of Vital Statistics from 1953 until 1975, also serving on the Planning Board (1959-1975), the Board of Adjustment (1976-1979), and the Board of Health (1953-1980). Bob was a long time member of the Milford Lions Club and the Phillipsburg Masonic Lodge #52 F. & A. M. As a lifetime faithful member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Riegelsville, PA, Bob served several terms on the Church Council and taught Sunday school for several years. Family tradition tells that Bob's grandfather helped haul the stones to build the church. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Marc and Holly Phillips; his daughter Kathleen Sciarelo, all of Holland Township, NJ, and grandchildren Jason Phillips, Megan Phillips, Sara Sciarelo, and Julia Sciarelo-McGuinness. Also surviving are step-grandchildren Lora Radzieta and Jessica Palmadessa, and three step great-grandchildren Adam, Ginger, and Amelia. Private burial will be in the Upper Tinicum Lutheran Cemetery in Tinicum Township, PA. A memorial service will be held 1 PM Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 305 Delaware Rd., Riegelsville, PA. Arrangements are under the care of Johnson-Walton Funeral Home, Holland Township, NJ. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial contributions be made to the Milford Lions Club, P.O. Box 112, Milford, NJ 08848. For more information or to send online condolences, please visit www.JohnsonWalton.com.



Norman "Charlie" Glen Olsen passed away peacefully at home on January 21, 2017, with his sweetheart Barbara Loy Fielding Olsen by his side. Norman was the eighth of ten children born to Joseph Michael Olsen and Rhoda Myrl Robertson Olsen on April 26, 1927, in Spanish Fork, Utah. He graduated from Spanish Fork High School, after which he attended Utah State University. He served in WWII and the Korean War. He married Barbara on August 16, 1956, in the Salt Lake Temple. They had 12 children. He was a lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held several callings throughout his life; the most important being that of a father. He loved his children and made great sacrifices to provide for them. He was an example of hard work and integrity to all.

He operated a service station on Spanish Fork Main Street before shifting his focus to raising sheep full time. Once, when asked what he did for a living, he said "I am in the business of raising kids and I figured a sheep farm would be a good place to do that." He started his sheep business from scratch and raised all 12 of his children with sheep as his only source of income. He often employed many cousins and friends during the summer to haul hay. He taught his children to work, to be honest, to respect other people and their property and to respect their elders. One of his favorite aspects of the sheep business was time spent in Strawberry Valley tending and gathering the sheep on the summer range. He enjoyed shopping for trucks, restoring horse drawn wagons and finding just the right size of tire for his trucks and wagons. He was known for his quick wit, jokes, stories and poems. Everyone that knew him can recall a time when Norman would tell a story, a joke, or a poem that seemed to fit perfectly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; eight siblings; a daughter, Sarah Jane Olsen Manis; one grandchild, Jenny Marie Olsen; and 3 great grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Barbara; his brother Paul (Nadine) Olsen; his children Joseph Fielding Olsen (Gina), Mark Hans Olsen (Jill), James Allan Olsen (Derlene), Tawna Lee Marsh (David), John Alden Olsen (Trisha), Norman Glen Olsen (Tiffanie), son-in-law Robert J. (Cori) Manis, Matthew Fay Olsen (Angela), Grace Ann Skousen (Jered), Rebecca Joann Concoby (Dennis), Russell Douglas Olsen (Lisa), Elizabeth Bunderson (Curtis); 64 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the LDS Chapel located at 761 East 400 North, Spanish Fork, Utah. Family and friends may visit Wednesday evening, January 25, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Walker Funeral Home, 187 S. Main Street, Spanish Fork, and on Thursday morning, at the church from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. prior to services. Interment at the Spanish Fork Cemetery.



Roland E. Rosenboom, 74, of Clifton passed away on Friday, March 10, 2017 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee following a lengthy illness. He was born June 28, 1942 in Watseka, the son of John and Delores Goldenstein Rosenboom and they preceded him in death in addition to one daughter, Susan Lynn Rosenboom.

He married Ruth Coordes on January 1, 1961 in Danforth and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Jackie (David) James of Lovington; one son, Lyn (Sally) Rosenboom of Clifton; four grandchildren, Kaya Sue James, Abrielle Susan Rosenboom, Landon Roland Rosenboom and Haley Lyn Rosenboom; and one brother, Russ (Marilyn) Rosenboom of Clifton.

Mr. Rosenboom was a farmer, auctioneer, realtor, and livestock breeder.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at the Iroquois County Fairgrounds 4-H Center north of Crescent City. Burial will be in the Clifton Cemetery.

Memorials may be made for the family's wishes.

Arrangements are by the Knapp Funeral Home in Clifton.

Please share a memory of Roland at knappfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are by the Knapp Funeral Home in Clifton, knappfuneralhomes.com.

New Arrivals!



Andrew & Emmie Hukowicz of Hadley, Massachusetts announce the birth of their son, Justin James Hukowicz, at 4:50 am on November 2, 2016. He weighed 9.8 lbs and 22.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Janet Hukowicz of Hadley, MA and John & Nancy Miniter of Sherborn, MA. Justin is also the grandson of the late Dennis Hukowicz. Andrew & Emmie have Suffolk and Natural Colored flocks.

Andrew was on the UJSSA board from 2001 - 2007 and President, 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and Ambassador, 2006-2007. He served on the USSA Board in 2011.

Chris and Marci Reno of Billings, Montana welcomed Renzy Reno (so he is RR) on 12/12/16, weighing 7 lbs 4oz. He is strong and healthy and already has put together a nice flock of sheep. He is up to six head. He likes selling sheep so give us a call in the spring to buy some top-end breeding stock from him. He will be helping us as we breed quality Suffolks with heavy bone and body.



Tad and Amanda Thompson of Lebanon, Indiana welcomed Caroline Rose on 2/2/2017. She weighed 6lb 5oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

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When selling Suffolks, ask your buyer for their email address and if you can share it with the association. We'd like to add Suffolk buyers to our email distribution lists! Let's get buyers excited about Suffolks AND the association! Also, anytime you sell Suffolks and would like the office to send them some information and FREEBIES, email Amanda—info@u-s-s-a.org or include note with the transfers to the office.



Tribute to Rollie Rosenboom...

It is a sad note that the Sheep Industry has lost a true friend and gentleman. A person who was "bigger than life" not only in stature but in accomplishments.

Rollie Rosenboom sold 25 National Montadale Sales in Springfield, Illinois beginning in 1985 and literally put the sale into high gear. He knew the consignors by name and tried to get them the best bid he could. To paraphrase a current saying he lived by: "It's not how fast you sell, it's how well you sell fast." He always knew when to spend time selling a sheep and when "it was time to roll to keep the sale moving for all of the consignors.

For many of those years, Karey Claghorn was on the block writing yellow tickets and taking bids. When Curt Overcash would relieve him in the middle of the sale, we would see Rollie with a cell phone in each hand following up on his real estate calls.

He was a busy man for sure, but he always made time for us. He would come to Springfield the evening before the sale to attend our banquet and sell our junior benefit auction to which he made a large contribution as well.

Rollie sold other sales for us including production and Louisville sales, but one of my fondest memories was not a sheep sale at all. He saw Karey and me at Indiana State Fair the day of the Indiana Suffolk Sale and said: "Hey girls I've got a really big antique sale coming up in a few weeks. It's for two elderly ladies who have been collecting for about 60 years. It's going to take 2 days to sell. Would you two like to come and help?" Of course, we said yes.

Rollie and Ruthie put us up at their house. Rollie had enlisted several local people he worked with as well as Darrell and Merlene Anderson and Pearce and Alice McKinney. The sale was held in an old gymnasium (the school was long gone.) A tent was put up for some of the overflow glassware. The stage was used for some really valuable items. Probably the first and only time I'll hold a Tiffany lamp but I did learn how to tell if they were real.

Rollie gave Karey and me the job of answering calls and taking mail bids. Antique gallery owners from New York and other states would call wanting to know maker's name, exact dimensions, color and decorative designs of items.

When it was over Rollie told us that the sale was very successful and it was a good start. Seems the ladies still had as much or more stashed away than what we had sold in two days!

We have lost a truly great man, but he left his mark on so many of us.

Millie Moore

USSA LOGO CONTEST – DEADLINE APRIL 1ST!

Contest Rules: The United Suffolk Sheep Association (USSA) is currently working to revise its logo. The USSA is calling for ideas from individuals outside of the board. Participants are asked to create a logo based on the USSA mission statement, vision statement and the provided Suffolk image. This opportunity is open to senior and junior members!



USSA Mission Statement: To define, register, promote and improve the Suffolk breed to provide leadership for the advancement and future of the entire U.S. Sheep Industry.

USSA Vision Statement: To be the most innovative, value adding, member-driven sheep breed organization for an evolving U.S. Sheep Industry.

Deadline: All entries must be submitted electronically to info@u-s-s-a.org by April 1st.

Prize: If an entry is adopted, that individual will receive \$200 sale credit for a USSA sponsored Online Sale.

Crossroads Of The West Sale Heading To Vernal, Utah July 14-15

The 2017 Crossroads of the West Sale is moving to scenic Vernal, Utah, located in the northeast corner of the state. Situated on I-40, it sits just 80 miles south of I-80. Vernal is three hours east of Salt Lake City or 300 miles west of Denver.

The sale will be held at the Western Park Fairgrounds for Uintah County, Utah. The facility is world class for livestock, and annually hosts the Uintah Basin Junior Livestock Show in June, which is the largest livestock show in the state of Utah, featuring lambs, steers, barrows, and market goats.

"The move was made easy," said manager Greg Deakin, Banner Sale Management Service, "after touring this facility, meeting the staff and analyzing their bid to host the event. Derek Hatch, General Manager, is a hands on event guy who makes things happen."

Both consignors and buyers will enjoy the temperature controlled facility, showing area, and the pens for the sheep.

The show will be held Friday, July 14 and the sale on Saturday, July 15 with Danny Westlake of Ohio once again serving as auctioneer. A consignors and buyers BBQ is being planned for Friday evening on the grounds.

Two hotels have been designated as sale headquarters: SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 1205 West Hwy 40, Vernal, 435/781-9000 and TownePlace Suites by Marriott, 1219 West Hwy 40, Vernal, 435/789-8050. A "Sheep Sale" block has been set up with each property.

The entire family will enjoy Uintah County and all its vacation opportunities. Home of Dinosaurland, visit Dino-land.com for a virtual tour and list of activities available. To learn more about Western Park, visit their website at co.uintah.ut.us/residents/western_park.php. For information about consigning or attending the sale, visit bannersheepmagazine.com or give The Banner a call at 309/785-5058.

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Maryland Sheep Festival All-Breeds Sale, Frederick, MD May 5-6 (Yearling Ewes, Ewe Lambs, and Rams)	CLOSED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIG OHIO SALE WEEKEND, Eaton, OH..... May 11-13 National Shropshire Sale National Suffolk Sale National Eastern Regional Hampshire Sale National Corriedale Showcase Sale National American Colored Sale Ohio Southdown Showcase Sale Ohio Polled & Horned Dorset Showcase Sale Ohio Katahdin Showcase Sale Ohio Columbia Showcase Sale Ohio Cheviot Showcase Sale Ohio Oxford Showcase Sale Ohio Dorper Showcase Sale Ohio Montadale Showcase Sale Eastern Regional Rambouillet Sale Texel Showcase Sale Classic Wether Sire & Dam Sale	CLOSED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Lakes All-Breeds Sheep Show & Sale, Wooster, OH... May 27-28 National Tunis Sale National Border Leicester Sale National Lincoln Sale National Merino Sale Romney Specialty Sale Plus All Breeds & Wether Sires and Dams	FINAL CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crossroads of the West All-Breeds Sheep Sale, Vernal, UT July 14-15 (Breeding Stock, Wether Sires & Dams, Club Lambs)	May 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New York All-Breeds Bred Ewe Sale, Rhinebeck, NY Oct. 20-21	August 22	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
North American International Livestock Exposition Suffolk Sale, Louisville, KY November 11	October 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA) Ambassador is to be an outstanding junior Suffolk member who will support the promotion of the Suffolk breed at the local, state and national level. During their one-year term as Ambassador, he/she will be responsible for representing the UJSSA/USSA at sheep and lamb related events, and to interact with the people and institutions that impact all phases of the sheep industry. The Ambassador will be the "Voice of the Suffolks" for the USSA/UJSSA alike.

Requirements:

1. The Suffolk Ambassador must be a current member of the UJSSA (not necessarily a current or past UJSSA board member), who is actively engaged in the production and registration of purebred Suffolk sheep. The candidate must be 15 years of age prior to January 1 of the year, but shall not have reached 24 years of age prior to that time.
2. In consultation with the UJSSA Coordinators, he/she will attend such events such as (but not limited to) market lamb shows, county, state and national shows, consumer-related lamb/wool events, parades, industry forums, educational events, etc., to actively promote Suffolks. He/She will participate on UJSSA Board conference calls, and also report to the USSA Ambassador committee or board at least quarterly.
 - a. Local level: The Ambassador is to educate their community on Suffolk sheep (i.e. Supermarket-Suffolk lamb meat, local school's FFA and 4-H chapters- raising Suffolk sheep and why)
 - b. State level: Travel to the State Fairs of their home state, and surrounding states to promote Suffolks
 - c. National level: Attend the UJSSA National show in July, NAILE Open and Junior show in Louisville, KY, major shows/sales. The ambassador is to be available to help at the USSA booth updating the public on the status and focus of the UJSSA.
 - d. The ambassador is to wear a red or black jacket or polo to all events. An allowance will be provided for the Ambassador to provide these garments.
3. The ambassador will work in alliance with the UJSSA/USSA board of directors as well as to be present at both sets of meetings at NAILE.
4. The ambassador is allotted \$1000 for travel expenses, but is encouraged to get sponsorships to help with the rest of the expenses that would incur. Expenses shall be turned into the USSA office for reimbursement.
5. He/She is required to submit a letter to the Banner as well as the USSA newsletter to update the public on the status and focus of the UJSSA.
6. The ambassador is expected to conduct themselves in a professional and respectful manner, including content posted on social media.

How the ambassador will be selected:

1. The ambassador will be selected based on their leadership and current/past involvement in the Suffolk breed. Application is available from the USSA office. The application should include a candidate information sheet and a 3X5 candidate photo. Applications shall be returned to the USSA office no later than June 1st.
2. A personal interview at the UJSSA National Junior Show. A phone interview will be conducted prior to the UJSSA National Junior Show. This interview will be conducted using the following guidelines:
 - a. Knowledge of Suffolk sheep-25 points: Knowledge of facts about the Suffolk breed, general knowledge of the sheep industry and industry-based activities.
 - b. Personality-25 points: Imagination/creativity, social skills/self-confidence and etiquette/manners.
 - c. Overall Impression-25 points: Conversational skills, attitude/interest in industry, and appearance, grooming and neatness.
3. The candidates will be interviewed by the UJSSA coordinators, USSA Ambassador Committee Chair and two USSA Directors.
4. The new ambassador will be announced at the National Junior Suffolk Show. Their term of one year will start in July, immediately following the selection announcement.

Upon successful completion of all Ambassador requirements throughout a year, the Ambassador will be entitled to receive:

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- One personalized reference letter from the USSA, signed by both the President and Breed Secretary, attesting to the accomplishments and character of the Ambassador
- Recognition in the Suffolk Breeders Directory- an article with some pictures showcasing the Ambassadors accomplishments and activities.
- Special recognition at the annual banquet/ Hall of Fame presentation.
- Framed professional photo with President of USSA and Junior coordinator(s)

To apply for the USSA Ambassador Position, the application can be found on the USSA (www.u-s-s-a.org) and USSA (www.ujssa.org) websites or contact the USSA Office. Application deadline: June 1, 2017.

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Sheep Handling Video Nears 10,000 Hits

Reprinted from ASI Weekly

The How to Handle Sheep video series released by the American Sheep Industry Association, in collaboration with Temple Grandin, Ph.D., the Livestock Marketing Association and Colorado State University, is approaching 10,000 hits on YouTube. The three-part video details the process of handling sheep through the entire life span of the animal.

The training tool is available in English and Spanish. From producers and auction-facility workers to the transportation industry and harvesting personnel, everyone can follow Dr. Grandin as she discusses the best practices to use in handling sheep.

ASI Executive Director Peter Orwick strongly encourages all sheep operations to ensure their livestock workers, whether full- or part-time employees or neighbors, are educated.

"These videos are a convenient way to accomplish this goal," said Orwick. "Poorly trained or uneducated workers who help with sheep are a business liability that is not necessary with today's access to training."

The videos are available on ASI's YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/SheepUSA1.

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Greek-Style Meatball Bites

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!



Perfectly seasoned meatballs bake in pizza dough cups. Top these appetizers in a snap with a purchased Greek sauce.

Ingredients

- 1 box (9 oz) frozen chopped spinach
- 3/4 lb ground lamb
- 2 teaspoons Watkins™ Italian Seasoning
- 1 teaspoon Watkins™ Onion Powder
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese (2 oz)
- 1 can Pillsbury™ refrigerated classic pizza crust
- 1/3 cup tzatziki sauce (from 12-oz container)



Directions

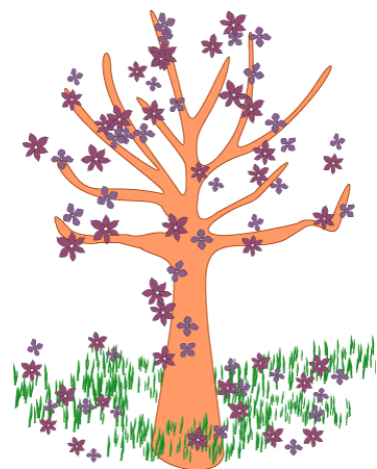
- 1) Heat oven to 400°F. Spray 36 mini muffin cups with Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray. Microwave frozen spinach as directed on box 3 to 4 minutes to thaw. Drain well; squeeze dry with paper towels.
- 2) Meanwhile, in large bowl, mix lamb, Italian seasoning, onion powder, 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Add spinach and feta cheese; mix with spoon or hands until well blended.
- 3) Lightly sprinkle work surface with Pillsbury BEST® All Purpose Flour. Unroll dough onto floured surface. Cut in half crosswise; press or roll each half to 10x8-inch rectangle. Using 2-inch round cutter, cut 18 rounds from each dough rectangle. Press 1 dough round in bottom and up side of each muffin cup. Scoop or spoon 1 tablespoon lamb mixture into each cup; press in lightly.
- 4) Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until crust is golden brown, lamb is no longer pink in center and meat thermometer inserted in center reads 160°F. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Top each cup with 1/2 teaspoonful tzatziki sauce. Serve warm.

Recipe Source: Pillsbury.com

Have Ewe Checked Out the New Lamb Industry Resource Center?

The new lamb industry resource center was developed to provide the industry with a clearinghouse of information about lamb, from production resources and marketing tools to events and funding opportunities. The site is meant to help industry members learn where to find information, and to promote programs and resources provided by national lamb industry organizations.

Visit www.lambresourcecenter.com



USSA FUTURITY PROGRAM

Breeders and juniors are encouraged to participate in the 2017 USSA Futurity Program! Last year the program paid out more than \$2400 in premiums to participants! Taking advantage of participating in this program can help you pay for your purchased futurity nominated ewe lamb! For example, if you placed 2nd in your district in last year's futurity you won \$100! The overall ewe lamb futurity winner received \$600 and the yearling ewe futurity winner received \$150! I hope you're interested...all you have to do is purchase a futurity nominated ewe lamb **and** turn in your futurity points forms to the office, that's it!

To encourage more participation in this program the following **changes** to the Futurity Program:

Ewe Lamb Futurity

1. Points due to the USSA Office by December 1st
2. Allow futurity nominated ewe lambs to show, for points, in any class (Suffolk, crossbred, market lamb, etc.). Points are obtained, using the current point schedule, based on how the ewe places in the class, no matter the number of Suffolks in the class.
3. Eliminate double points for the National Junior Show and NAILE; both shows are still eligible for single points.
4. Futurity rules and one point form will be mailed with the registration paper to the junior buyer
5. Increase the number of shows from 5 to 7 as a maximum number of shows eligible for total points (more than 7 points forms can be submitted to the office, however, only the top 7 count)

Yearling Ewe Futurity

1. If the ewe was futurity nominated as a lamb, the \$25 nomination fee is waived to participate as a yearling
2. #1, #2, #3 and #5 Ewe Lamb Futurity changes listed apply to the Yearling Ewe Futurity

Complete Program Rules are now posted on the USSA website!

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Entry Rules:

Consignors may enter a maximum of two head per sale. If a consignor enters a ram, a ewe must be entered as well.

Ewe Entry - \$25 per head commitment fee

- If the ewe sells \$25 is credited back to the consignor's USSA account.
- If the ewe does not sell the \$25 will be paid to Willoughby Sales.
- Ewe lambs are eligible to be futurity nominated. Futurity nominations are \$25/head.

Ram Entry - \$50 entry fee

- Consignor is required to enter a ewe if a ram is consigned.
- If the ram sells \$25 is credited back to the consignor's USSA account and the USSA retains \$25.
- If the ram does not sell \$25 is paid to Willoughby Sales and the USSA retains \$25.

Consignors are encouraged to submit 3 good photos of each entry and a short video. For both sales, entries are on a first come basis. If a member consigns to the first sale and would like to consign to the second sale, their name goes to the end of the list for the second sale, giving equal opportunity for members to consign. There is a maximum of 36 entries per sale. Percentage registered Suffolks are eligible to consign but breed percentage must be disclosed in the catalog information. There is a 10% commission on the sale. Entry forms are available on the USSA website and on the wlivestock.com Suffolk Association Online Sale page.

Entry #1

Check one: ☐ Ram ☐ Ewe USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes No Starting Bid: _____
Flock Name, Number & Reg #: _____ DNA: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Sire Flock Name, Number, Reg # _____ Dam Flock Name, Number, Reg # _____
Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

Entry #2

Check one: ☐ Ram ☐ Ewe USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes No Starting Bid: _____
Flock Name, Number & Reg #: _____ DNA: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Sire Flock Name, Number, Reg # _____ Dam Flock Name, Number, Reg # _____
Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Transportation:

Warm and Fuzzy

Nonprofit group puts discarded wool to good use

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Story by Ching Lee ♦ Photos by Ching Lee and Matt Salvo and courtesy of Cal Poly Pomona

People who tend small flocks of sheep often find their flocks don't produce enough wool to warrant selling.

Mendocino County businessman Ray Sarna recognized that as an opportunity to help a good cause.

His nonprofit organization, Wool for Worthy Causes, collects what would otherwise be discarded wool from farms and schools throughout the state and donates it to charitable organizations that hire people with disabilities. Those individuals then process and sew the wool into blankets destined for U.S. military department stores; they're also available for purchase online.

"This is a way to be able to offer high-quality blankets for a very low price," Sarna said.

Wool for Worthy Causes grew out of Sarna's desire to pursue public service in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. He founded the company Good Deed Organization, which manufactures and supplies fabrics and clothing to service programs such as AmeriCorps and the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. In trying to help the institute find more work for its employees, Sarna suggested making blankets for the U.S. military. Rather than purchasing the raw materials to make the blankets, Sarna had a different idea: to make use of the mounds of wool that small farms often can't use.

"What we're doing is we're reducing (the institute's) cost," he said.



Stanislaus County sheep rancher Ron Alves, left, and Wool for Worthy Causes founder Ray Sarna examine donated wool being bagged for collection.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

To find enough wool and to round up potential donors, Sarna first attended a sheep show, where he connected with Stanislaus County sheep rancher Ron Alves. A retired agriculture and science teacher, Alves has been raising sheep since 1974, primarily show lambs that students raise as part of their projects for Future Farmers of America or the 4-H youth development program.

Alves had been selling his wool to a broker, but he said the wool market has been in the doldrums for years and the price he earns is so small that the cost of shearing and hauling the wool to market makes it almost a wash. Some sheep breeds, such as those raised for meat, do not produce the type of luxury fleece that has a high value. Some ranchers may also choose not to market lower grades of wool.

Donating it to Sarna—and receiving a tax credit for it—actually makes more economic sense, Alves said. His ranch now serves as a collection hub for seven other small producers who also donate their wool to Sarna.

"From a standpoint of trying to be as sustainable and environmentally conscious as possible, why throw something like that away?" Alves said. "We also feel we need to give back to the communities as much as we possibly can, and this is one of the ways of doing it."

From there, it became "friend tell a friend," Sarna said, adding that most sheep producers know others with sheep, and they're helping to spread the word.

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"When you multiply this among the many, many small growers, you get a lot of wool," he said.

Sarna also sought the help of agriculture teachers, making a pitch at one of their conferences. Some 60 teachers have expressed interest in helping him collect wool. Most of them have students with project lambs or own sheep themselves, he said.



Claire Southerland, left, a veterinary student at Cal Poly Pomona, shears wool that will be donated to Wool for Worthy Causes. East Nicolaus High School FFA teacher, right, Laura Goss shows her students how wool from different parts of the animal's body has different characteristics.

LESSONS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Laura Goss, an FFA teacher at East Nicolaus High School in Sutter County, has been involved in the project for the last two years. Before that, she had been giving the wool from student-raised sheep to the shearer. If he didn't want it, "we just tossed it," she said.

"I knew there really wasn't a market for it and there really wasn't any place for me to go with it at that point," she added.

Her shearer had heard about Wool for Worthy Causes and suggested she contact Sarna. The school now acts as a collection

point for donated wool. Three of Goss' students also have contributed directly as part of their senior FFA projects. One student helped build racks that support the wool-collecting sacks, enabling more wool to be packed and for loading to be easier. Another student made a presentation to a sheep-producers association, encouraging members to donate their unwanted wool. A third student is working on a marketing brochure for Wool for Worthy Causes.

"The kids are learning something from it," Goss said. "They feel a sense of pride for being a part of the work and collecting the wool."

She's also telling other teachers and parents about the project, letting them see and touch the blankets the donated wool is used to make.

"They find out that it's the school of the blind that's making blankets that are going to the military, and they're like, 'Oh, my goodness,'" Goss said. "They get that 'aha' moment. The students, too—they're like, 'This is cool.'"

She said she's gotten great response from producers who have donated wool, many of whom were throwing it away.

"They feel like there's actually a purpose and they're not wasting it anymore," she said.

A MODEL FOR THE NATION

Once Sarna collects enough wool, he transports it to a holding facility in Ojai before donating it to the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind. It takes about 2 1/2 pounds of wool to make a blanket. Last year, Sarna collected about 40,000 pounds of wool; he started with just a couple hundred pounds his first year in 2012. At that time, he was making individual trips to the various donating ranches up and down the state. Now, with the help of teachers such as Goss and schools as collection hubs, he's making fewer trips, but he acknowledged the work is still very time-consuming and the method inefficient. His hope, he said, is to find more volunteers "to take on the responsibilities of coordinating things." He said he also wants to take Wool for Worthy Causes nationwide, with the state project as a model for other programs around the country. That way, more unwanted wool may be put to good use.

"It's a noble effort for everybody," Sarna said. "Those who are involved recognize that same idea—that it really is a good thing to do."



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

April

- 1 USSA Logo Contest Entries Due – email to info@u-s-s-a.org
- 7-8 Illini All-Breeds Spring Sale, Bloomington, IL, www.bannersheepmagazine.com
- 8 Slack's 39 th Annual "Formula of Champions" Market Lamb Sale, Whitely Co. Fairgrounds, Columbia City, IN, 1:30pm, www.slacksuffolks.com
- 8 California Ram Sale, Potterville Fairgrounds, Potterville, CA, www.cawoolgrowers.org/sale/ramsale.html
- 10 46th annual Ebert Sheep Farm Production & Club Lamb Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 16 Baumgartner Suffolks Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 18 Quam Suffolks & Southdowns Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 19 Bakersfield Ram Sale, Bakersfield, CA
- 21-22 Corporation /Black and White, Chickasha, OK, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 25 The Show Stoppers (McClure Suffolks, Wayne Skartvedt, Paul Skartvedt & Kevin Slack), Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 26 Stars of the North Online Breeding Sheep Sale, Contact: Jeremy Geske, jeremy.geske@gmail.com or 612-756- 1200, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 27 USSA Online Sale Contact USSA Office - info@u-s-s-a.org, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 30 MacCauley Suffolks Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 30 Mountain Range to Midwest Plains Online Suffolks Sale (Hoskins Stock Farm & Ruby Mountain Sheep Co.) Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 30 Wolff's Suffolks 13th Annual Private Treaty, Held at the farm, Oakes, ND, 10am to 3pm. Facebook: Wolff's Suffolks or www.wolffssuffolks.com

May

- 2 Quam Suffolks & Southdowns Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 6 Kimm Suffolks 28th Annual Production Sale, 5:30pm - Tippee Beef Center, Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA, All ewe lambs are futurity nominated! [Kimm Suffolks Website](http://KimmSuffolksWebsite)
- 9 Double L Livestock Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 11-13 National Suffolks Sale in conjunction with the Big Ohio Sale Weekend, Eaton, OH www.bannersheepmagazine.com
- 27-28 Great Lakes All Breed Sale, Wooster, OH www.bannersheepmagazine.com

June

- 1 USSA Ambassador Applications Due www.ujssa.org
- 1 UJSSA Director Applications Due www.ujssa.org
- 1-3 Nugget All-American, Sparks, NV wlivestock.com
- 8 USSA Online Sale, contact USSA Office, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 9 Wayne Skartvedt Online Brood Ewe Dispersal Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com skartvedtsuffolks.com
- 10 Entry deadline for National Junior Suffolk Show www.ujssa.org
- 10 MacCauley Suffolks Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 12 Ebert Sheep Farm Ram & Ewe Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 13 Quam Suffolks & Southdowns Online Sale, Hosted by wlivestock.com
- 19-24 Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO www.midwestsale.com
- 29 - 2 National Junior Suffolk Show, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI www.ujssa.org

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July

- 29 - 1 National Junior Suffolk Show, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI www.ujssa.org
8 96th Annual Idaho State Ram & Ewe Sale, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m. in the Sheep Barn and Ring www.idahowool.org
14-15 Crossroads of the West Sale, Heber City, UT www.bannersheepmagazine.com
22 Minnesota Jr. Suffolk Show, Fairbault, MN Contact: Jeremy Geske, jeremy.geske@gmail.com or 612-756- 1200
23 Minnesota Open Suffolk Show, Fairbault, MN Contact: Jeremy Geske, jeremy.geske@gmail.com or 612-756- 1200
29 Center of the Nation Sale, Clay County Fairground, Spencer, Iowa www.nsip.org

August

- 1 Deadline to submit to Intent to Run for USSA Director
3 Mid West Regional Junior Suffolk Show, Ohio State Fairgrounds Contact: Sam & Pat Wiford (sampat@watchtv.net, 937-596-5229 or 419-773-0048), Deanna Knapke (knapped@msn.com) or Tom Begg (TomBegg@aol.com)

**Contact the USSA Office to
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LET'S GROW GRANT UPDATE



The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the 2015 Let's Grow Grant recipients. A major focus of our grant proposal is to offer an opportunity for USSA members to enter their NSIP data through the USSA.



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USSA Director Spotlight — Rob Zelinsky

Brookings, South Dakota

How long have you raised Suffolks? 38 years

What/Who inspired you to raise Suffolks? Dick Barth (Grandfather)

Discuss the marketing of your Suffolks. Utilize all options: Internet, Facebook, USSA email blasts, direct mailings, word of mouth, cold calling. Most important of all sales process is repeat customers. Without them I feel like a dog chasing my tail. Progress would be minimal.

Currently, how many Suffolks do you own? 50 Registered Suffolk Ewes

What is one of your fondest memories related to Suffolks? Vast, a lot of things pass thru the dark matter, but in the end, being able to share my Suffolk passion with immediate family takes the cake!

What is something you have gained from raising Suffolks? Relationships last and Purple Fades

Why did you want to become a USSA Director? Change the mojo of past boards. Establish a culture of working together, embracing change, and trying nonpopular ideas to establish a solid foundation and new identity for the Suffolk breed.

As a USSA Director, what committees do you serve on? Hall of Fame, Breed Improvement, Bylaws

Where can be improvements be made within the USSA to benefit it's membership, gain new members and retain it's current members? NSIP Performance Testing to expand commercial sales of rams in Suffolk flocks across the US. No matter if you live in heavily populated commercial sheep area or not, transportation is available to get elevated growth, feed efficient, high cutability Suffolk Rams to commercial ewes. EBV's transfer across state lines.

Discuss any major challenges facing the USSA or Suffolk breed. The days of our association being able to survive on shows are long gone. It is imperative to have a multi-faceted approach to re-establishing the value of Suffolk Sheep. In today's ovine economy, the USSA needs to have an equal three-prong commitment to:

1. NSIP Performance tested Suffolks for the both Purebred and Commercial Stakeholders for Adult and Youth Members.
2. Youth Development and Retention
3. Maintain an economically viable office.

Purebred sheep registrations are continuing to decline (within almost all sheep breeds), as a USSA Director, what do you do to promote the association and registered Suffolk sheep?

See USSA Mission and Vision Statement on website. Longevity requires producing a sustainable product that is low maintenance, user friendly and accomplishes its intended purpose.



ASI Weekly's Upcoming Events Calendar

Reprinted from ASI Weekly—ASI does a great job of sharing upcoming sheep industry events in their weekly newsletter. To sign-up for the ASI Weekly electronic newsletter please visit: <http://www.sheepusa.org/> - scroll to the bottom of the homepage and type in email address under "CONTACT US" and then click "subscribe".

- **April 1** - Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Spring Workshop - Sheep Health Day and U of MN Sheep Barn Tour - www.mlwp.org
- **April 1** - 2017 Nebraska Sheep and Goat Producers Spring Tour - www.nebraskasheepandgoat.org/2017-spring-tour - ne.sheep.goat@gmail.com or Kiley at 308-390-3001
- **April 3-7** - Washington Beginning Shearing School - Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake - www.animalag.wsu.edu - Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or 509-760-6946
- **April 8** - California Ram Sale, Porterville, CA - <http://cawoolgrowers.org/sale/ramsale.html> -- Erica Sanko at eri-ca@woolgrowers.org or 916-444-8122.
- **April 8** - Washington Advanced Shearing School - Grant County Fairgrounds, Moses Lake - www.animalag.wsu.edu - Sarah Smith at smithsm@wsu.edu or 509-760-6946
- **April 8-9** - Vermont Shearing School - Jim McRae at vtshearer@yahoo.com
- **April 13-15** - Oklahoma Shearing School - Shepherds Cross, Claremore - www.shepherdscross.com or 918-342-5911/918-231-6947
- **April 14-15** - Maryland Shearing School, Uniontown - <http://sheepandwool.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/17-Shearing-Registration.pdf> -- Aaron Geiman at mdsheepshearingschool@gmail.com
- **April 21** - Mountain and Plains Fibershed - Textiles West, Colorado Springs - RSVP to localinfo@mountainplainsfibershed.com or Anne-Marie at 720-202-8833
- **April 21-22** - Tennessee Sheep Shearing School - MTSU Campus in Murfreesboro -- <http://tennesseesheep.org/events.htm> -- Mark Powell at 615-519-7796 or Warren Gill at 615-478-3828
- **April 25** - Let's Grow Webinar - Lamb Meat Quality - Dr. Travis Hoffman, North Dakota State University/University of Minnesota
- **April 28-29** - Florida Sheep, Wool and Herding Dog Festival - Greater Ocala Dog Club Grounds - www.floridasheep.com or Ruth Taber at ruthtaber@embarqmail.com / 352-528-4843
- **April 28-30** - Minnesota Beginner/Intermediate Shearing School - Hutchinson - Doug Rathke, info@lambshoppe.com or 320-587-6094
- **April 29** - Connecticut Sheep, Wool and Fiber Festival - Tolland Agricultural Center, Vernon - www.CTsheep.com
- **May 3-4** - 2017 Animal Ag Alliance Stakeholders Summit - Kansas City - www.animalagalliance.org/summit or info@animalagalliance.org
- **May 5-7** - Washington Fiber Festival Event - Okanogan Fairgrounds - Vicki Eberhart, 509-485-3232
- **May 6-7** - Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival - Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship - <http://sheepandwool.org>
- **May 8-12** - California State Shearing School - University of CA Cooperative Extension in Ukiah - John Harper at 707-463-4495 or jmharper@ucanr.edu
- **May 12-14** - Shepherd's Harvest Sheep and Wool Festival -- Washington County Fairgrounds Lake Elmo, MN - <https://shepherdsharvestfestival.org>
- **May 13-14** - New Hampshire Sheep and Wool Festival - Deerfield -- <https://festivalnet.com/49011/Deerfield-New-Hampshire/Fiber-Arts-Festivals/NH-Sheep-Wool-Festival>
- **May 27-28** - 43rd Annual Massachusetts Sheep and Woolcraft Fair - Cummington - www.masheepwool.org
- **May 27-28** - Great Lakes Fiber Show - Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio - www.greatlakesfibershow.com



The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project

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



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.



NSIP UPDATE

Submitted By Brenda Reau

In January, I was elected to the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) Board of Directors at the ASI Convention in Denver. My role is to represent the 42 Suffolk flocks that are currently enrolled in NSIP and serve as a liaison between NSIP and USSA. I am also serving on the USSA breed improvement committee. I believe NSIP has much to offer to USSA members who are interested in using quantitative genetics in their flocks. Other species have been way ahead of the sheep industry in utilizing this type of technology for selecting breeding stock and making breeding decisions. NSIP is a valuable tool that is available to all Suffolk breeders.

My husband Mark and I have been raising Suffolk sheep for over 30 years and have been enrolled in NSIP for 15 years. We have added value to our sheep by participating in NSIP. We have made improvements in growth and carcass quality by using the Estimated Breeding Values (EBV's) that are generated by NSIP. These types of Suffolk sheep are in demand by progressive producers in the commercial industry where decisions are driven by the profit margin. There is tremendous opportunity for our breed to make a real impact on the viability of the American sheep industry.

In future newsletters I will plan to provide more information about NSIP. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions about the program or wish to offer feedback. I can be reached at brendareau@gmail.com or 734-755-8285. I look forward to visiting with you!

Brenda Reau

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.

Upcoming Midwest Stud Ram Sale Deadlines

www.midwestsale.com

ENTRY DEADLINE

April 20th – for Cataloged Entries

Entries received after April 20th will not be included in the printed catalog, but will be accepted into the sale.

This hard and fast deadline is to insure that the catalog is out in early June!

Send entry questions to: entries@midwestsale.com

ADVERTISING, SPONSOR & VENDOR DEADLINES

April 20th – Ad & Sponsorship Commitment and Content Due

May 1st – Camera Ready Ads DUE (must commit by April 20th)

May 1st – Vendor Contracts & Payment DUE (to guarantee space & location)

Send advertising questions to: ads@midwestsale.com

SCHEDULE NOW POSTED: <http://www.midwestsale.com/schedule/>

Note to Midwest Stud Ram Sale Consigners:

If consigning registered animals, please make sure to have your registration papers for entries to turn in at Check-in. If registration papers are not provided prior to sale, NEW - fee of \$10.00 per registration will be billed or deducted and your consignor check will be held until papers are provided.

*****NEW CLASSES AT THE 2017 MIDWEST STUD RAM SALE!*****

Wether Sires & Dams: December Ram Lamb & Ewe Lamb Class

Breeding Sheep: There will be a slick class to match EVERY current class!

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

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

MINNESOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jeremy Geske, New Prague, MN Phone: 612.756.1200 Email: jeremy.geske@gmail.com

MISSOURI SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

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

MONTANA SUFFOLK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Website

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

NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

Website

Facebook Page

President : Josh Miller, Schoharie, NY Phone: 518-231-8113 Email: millers@midtel.net

OHIO SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

Facebook Page

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

PENNSYLVANIA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

Facebook Page

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

SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jim Van Dyke, Wessington Springs, SD Phone: 605-770-1095 Email: seedstock@venturecomm.net

WISCONSIN SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

Website

Facebook Page

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

NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW ENTRIES

DUE JUNE 10

*****PLEASE NOTE THAT LATE ENTRY FEE WILL BE ENFORCED THIS YEAR!*****

United Suffolk Sheep Association

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Holland, IA 50642

Phone: 641.684.5291

Fax: 734-335-7646

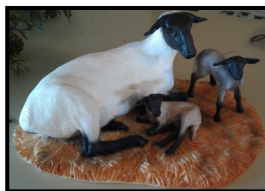
E-mail: info@u-s-s-a.org



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www.ujssa.org

SUFFOLK ITEMS FOR SALE

Prices include the cost of shipping. Please contact the USSA office to order!



Suffolk Sculpture \$190



Suffolk Print \$80



**T-shirts \$20
Sweatshirts \$30**

Sheep Resources

The USSA Office often gets phone calls asking for resources producers can go to for sheep-related questions. The following are resources the office is aware of for producers to use. Since this may not be a complete list, if there are additional resources that you use and would like to share please email those to news@u-s-s-a.org.

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.

A Guide to All Things Sheep©

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