

## *Roger Nichols*

Roger Nichols is a Suffolk breeder and Pharmacist from Prairie City, Iowa. Roger began raising Hampshire sheep as a 4-H project as a kid. In 1970 Roger purchased 150 large Suffolks from the Western U.S. after selling most of his Hampshire flock. Most of his foundation flock was purchased from the Olsen Brothers in Utah. Over time, Roger developed his own bloodlines which included the rams "Premier", "Exciter" and "Pipeline".

At peak Roger had around 200 head of Suffolks; he currently runs 20 head. Roger sells everything he raises. Roger semi-retired from showing Suffolks in 1986.

Roger is known to be an out-of-the-box thinker when it comes to breeding and raising sheep. Roger's breeding is like a science – his barn is his laboratory and the sheep are his specimens. Stud rams that Roger bred were on the "edge" and many foundation Suffolk breeders invested in Nichols lines to get a genetic "punch".