

Larry & Linda Pauly, Double L Livestock

Larry Pauly started his first sheep project when he was 8 years old. It was a Targhee ewe with a white lamb that had a black ear. He had his first champion market lamb, a crossbred, when he was a sophomore in high school. He won the sheep award from the state of Montana and was able to pick out a Hampshire we lamb from Mt. Hagen Ranch in Deer Lodge, Montana. He also won three Hampshire ewe lambs for wining showmanship three years in a row. Then received a scholarship award from the state of Montana – thus affording him to purchase three old bred Hampshire ewes and three aged bred Suffolk ewes. This was the start of his flock.

Larry married in 1969 and divorced later in 1982. He had 3 sons – Larry Jr., Lance and Layne. He then married Linda Gage in 1983, she had three children from a former marriage – Tami, Marty and Stacy. Larry and Linda purchased 20 head of bred ewes from Jim Thomas of Tekoa, Washington who was Ray Craig's son-in-law. These became the start of their flock. The now have around 250 registered Suffolk, Hampshire and Dorset ewes.

In 1995 while selecting rams for the range pens there was one that just didn't fit. So it was decided he would go to the All-American in Reno. The ram was selected as Champion Ram and sold for \$10,500 – named "Zion". When asked how many of these rams they had, Larry's answer was "It takes a good ram to fit in a range pen."

Larry and Linda have sold sheep from Washington to New York – most of the purebreds sold in Reno and Sedalia.

In 2010 Larry was named Sheepman of the Year by the Utah Registered Sheep Breeders Association. The Pauly's sheep have had much success at Reno, winning Best Consignment ('13, '16, '17 & '18), Supreme Ewe ('14, '15, '17 & '18), Supreme Ram ('15, '16 & '17) and the Townsend Best Flock (2013 thru 2018).

Although their flock is registered, their main sales involve range rams, selling around 300 head per year. Larry currently manages the Bakersfield Ram Sale. He consigns to several range ram sales throughout the year including the California Ram Sale, Bakersfield Ram Sale, Utah Ram Sale, Wyoming State Ram Sale and the Craig Ram Sale where he has had much success – including the consignment of the Top Suffolk Pen at the California Ram Sale in 2016.

Larry served two terms on the United Suffolk Sheep association board of directors from 2010 to 2016, holding the office of Vice President in 2016. He also served as a board member for the Oregon Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association.

The sheep have been very good to the Pauly's through the years, however, the best part is the friends and people they have met.