

United Suffolk Sheep Association

*Hall of Fame
Banquet*



June 7, 2025

Evening Program

Welcome

Dinner

Foundation Highlights

Suffolk Hall of Fame Inductee Recognition

Auction

Entertainment

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Suffolk Hall of Fame

2025 Inductees

Alan Batt

David Bogue

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Year	Inductee
2025	Alan Batt
2025	David Bogue
2024	Ron Alves
2024	Terry & Joanne Renn
2024	Robert Wagner
2023	Martin & Chris Auville
2023	Stan & Sharon Heitz
2022	Bill & Betsy MacCauley
2022	Bill Royer
2020/2021	Marlin Berg & Family
2020/2021	Alan Culham
2020/2021	Jim Peifer / Kurt Birky
2020/2021	William & Susan Shultz, Bunker Hill Farm
2019	John Ascuaga
2019	Spelman B. Collins
2019	Rob Frost
2019	Ken McMillan
2018	Greg Deakin, The Banner Sheep Magazine
2018	Richard & Cindy Jones Family, Five Star 'J' Farms
2018	Larry & Linda Pauly, Double L Livestock
2018	Sam & Pat Wiford, Wiford Suffolks
2018	Bob & Mary Wilson
2017	Johnson Club Lambs, Weldon & Brian Johnson
2017	Alan & Mary Kjedaard
2017	Ansel Luxford
2017	Buckeye Acres, Ron & Carla Young
2016	Clyde & Justina George & George Brothers
2016	Millers Livestock, Brentford & Brenda Miller
2016	Chuck Ream, Windswept Ranch
2016	Duane & Marcia Sickels
2016	John & Pam Sponaule
2016	Dwight Stone, Stonemark Suffolks
2015	B.B. Burroughs
2015	Bob & Mark Chapman
2015	John Eagle
2015	Dr. Ben Huff
2015	George Hunter
2015	Sherwood Jackson
2015	Donna Mays
2015	Pearce McKinney
2014	Andrus Suffolks, Ken & Jim Andrus
2014	Andy Asberry

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2014 Tom Burke
2014 Jim & Jacky Caras
2014 Hawkins Farm Suffolks, Glen "Sadie" Hawkins & Joy Hawkins
2014 Marvin & Sandy Heupel
2014 Joe Holbrook
2014 Bob Kimm
2014 Norman Olsen Family
2014 Tom Slack, Slack Club Lambs
2013 Wes Azeltine
2013 Betty Biellier & Family
2013 George and Fred Buckham
2013 Fred A. & Marian Coble
2013 Robert Hall
2013 Heggemeier Sheep Farms, Bill & Alice Heggemeier & James & Jody Heggemeier
2013 Dr. Harold A. Henneman
2013 Bill & Helen Hurst
2013 Jarvis Sheep Co.
2013 Allan & VeNeal Jenkins & Annette Benson
2013 Warren Kuhl
2013 Jack Larsen
2013 Pearson Linn
2013 Larry Mead
2013 Roger Nichols
2013 Olsen Brothers, Alden & Snell
2013 Bob & Margie Paasch & Family, Donner Trail Ranch
2013 Richard Roe
2013 Roland (Rollie) & Ruth Rosenboom
2013 Wayne & Mary Skartvedt
2013 DuWayne Swenson
2013 Craig Van Arkel, Van Arkel Suffolks
2013 Harlan & Edwina Wagner
2013 Farrell Wankier
2013 Roy & Joe Warrick
2013 Bud & Julia Westlake & Family

More information on Suffolk Hall of Fame inductees can be found at:
suffolks.org/hof.html

Alan Batt

Idaho

Alan Batt was raised on a small farm near Idaho Falls, Idaho. He began his Suffolk Sheep breeding journey at age 14 through a 4-H project. He started his flock by purchasing three bred ewes for \$35 each from a neighbor of his aunt. All three ewes had twins their first year, laying a strong foundation for growth. With support from local breeders, his flock steadily expanded.

After spending two years in Brazil serving a mission for his church, Alan returned home, married, and re-entered the sheep business with a determination to breed the very best animals he could. He soon discovered that Utah was a hotspot for quality Suffolk sheep and purchased a pickup load of older ewes from a prominent breeder. When he went to pay, the breeder handed him a stack of registration papers and said, "Match them up the best you can." Alan spent days cross-referencing tag numbers on the sheep with registration numbers, then sent the papers in for transfer. A few days later, the American Suffolk Sheep Society secretary called to inform him that some of those ewes were 15 or 16 years old. Alan, somewhat naive at the time, said, "I know, I can't believe how well they've held up." This experience cemented his commitment to honest pedigrees and knowing exactly what each registered animal truly was. His motto became, "I'm not going to hell for a stupid sheep."

Alan developed relationships with key breeders like Warren Kuhl at BYU and the Andrus brothers, buying all the old ewes and ewe lambs they would sell. He worked with them to acquire top rams and to blend superior bloodlines into his flock. At one point, his flock numbered over 300 brood ewes, and he sold range rams and breeding stock directly from his farm.

Warren Kuhl, after visiting England, told Alan about a remarkable ram he had seen influence many impressive sheep—Stockton 95. Unfortunately, the ram had died and no semen was believed to be available. Alan did some digging online and discovered that some Stockton 95 semen had been imported years earlier and was still available. He quickly purchased it and called Warren to ask if he wanted to use the ram. Warren responded that the semen wasn't available, to which Alan replied, "Yes, it is—I found it." They incorporated this British bloodline into their breeding programs. While neither Alan nor Warren intended to breed the smaller-framed British sheep, the introduction of Stockton 95 genetics brought valuable traits—ruggedness, bone, and overall quality—that complemented and elevated their existing lines.

Though Alan spent most of his professional life in real estate and custom home and apartment construction, he continuously reinvested in farms and ranch properties whenever he had the chance. Now living just three miles from his childhood home in Grant, Idaho, Alan looks back on his time in the sheep business as more than just a quest to breed better animals—it's the people, relationships, and memories that have made it truly meaningful. Alan and his wife Millie have four children and four grandchildren who all live close by where they enjoy being together often.

David Bogue

South Dakota

For nearly eight decades, David Bogue raised, fed and supported the sheep industry in South Dakota, nationally and internationally. The Bogue Family Farm, near Beresford, South Dakota, was established in 1899. David remembers helping his Dad and Grandfather with their lamb feeding operation. His first paycheck was at the age of 9 for 20 lambs sold at the Sioux Falls Stock Yards.

By 1959, David, had finished his military obligations and came back home to the family farm. In the fall of 1960 David and Bonnie were married, and the couple took over the family farm in 1972. It included a farrow to finish hog operation and a sheep and grain operation. At that time, the sheep were a Targhee/Suffolk cross – or a commercial focused flock.

With three young boys who all had an interest in 4-H, David decided to start a purebred Suffolk Flock. In addition to providing 4-H lambs, the Suffolk breed's rate of gain and vigor complemented his commercial flock. Eventually, the right focus for David was raising dual-purpose Suffolk Rams and for the next 40 years, he was a reliable source for Suffolk rams. Some of the early genetics he used were from Gary TeStroete and then later Bob Kimm.

Eventually, DuWayne Swenson encouraged David to get on the National Suffolk Sheep Association board. DuWayne's advice was that if you have an interest – get involved. This was a mindset that resonated with David. He served on the NSSA board for about 6 years and served as President during 1997-1998. Looking back, he states that the most important moments are the times when he was able to build relationships and friendships that helped propel his operation and others forward. His tenure on the NSSA encompassed a time when the formation of the United Suffolk Sheep Association was being considered. He served as the last President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association during the merger between the American Suffolk Sheep Association and the National Suffolk Sheep Association. Bogue is a man of high integrity. When he gives his word or takes on a commitment, you can count on him to get the job done.

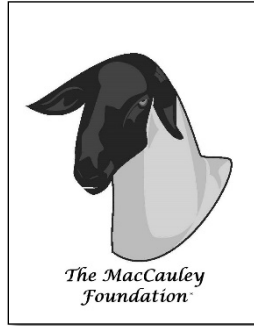
For example, David, representing the U.S. Suffolk industry, was part of a delegation sent to Brazil to work with Brazil sheep industry leaders. In addition, the Bogue Farm has been a stop for local and international sheep producers to learn and see an example U.S. sheep production. He has served as Chairman of

the American Sheep Industry – Seedstock Committee, held leadership roles in the South Dakota Sheep Association, was honored as Master Lamb Producer in 1984 and Friend of 4-H in 1984. He has served as President of the South Dakota Soybean Association, chairman of the SD Southeast Research Farm, and was part of the nucleus committee that organized the South Dakota Pork Producers Council. In 1995, he followed his grandfather and father by becoming an Eminent Farmer.

Most recently, he started the family's 5th generation in sheep production. In 2023, David sent the Suffolk flock from the Southeast corner of South Dakota to the Northeast corner of the State. Here his granddaughter and family are now actively involved with the Suffolk flock. He is humbled and honored to be recognized and will always cherish the friendships and memories built on the Suffolk breed.

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