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Suffolk Friends,

Many exciting things are happening within our breed. One is the upcoming Suffolk Event in Springfield, Illinois, June 7-9. It is going to be a fabulous weekend! The Suffolk Event was started last year in response to our membership requesting more educational opportunities. We expanded the idea to include a sale, junior show, and recognition banquet. If you love Suffolks, this is a great weekend to connect with others who share the love for our breed.

With the outstanding financial support of the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation and our sponsors, we can offer The Suffolk Event to attendees at a very reasonable price. There is a special price for families, so we hope to see all ages in attendance.

Our National Suffolk Sale is also very unique. You get to be the judge! All paid attendees and consignors can vote to rank the top ten rams and ewes for the sale order. The sale will be an excellent showcase of our great breed.

Important Deadlines

April 24 – “Early Bird” National Sale Entry (cataloged in all breeds catalog)

May 1 – National Sale Entry

May 15 – Event Registration

May 15 – Junior Show Entry

Hotel Accommodations - Make hotel reservations now it will be a busy weekend in Springfield!

Holiday Inn Express
3000 South Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 529-7771
Rate: \$124/night + tax
Block: Suffolk Sheep
Room block ends May 25, 2024

Crowne Plaza
(Hall of Fame Banquet Venue)
3000 South Dirksen Pkwy
Springfield, IL 62703
(217) 585-2830
Rate: \$142/night + tax
Block: United Suffolk Sheep Association

Ramada Inn
3281 Northfield Drive
Springfield, IL 62702
(217) 523-4000
Rate: \$105/night + tax
Block: Suffolk Sheep Sale
Room block ends May 16, 2024

I hope to see you in Springfield. It will be so much fun as we all come together from across the country to celebrate the Suffolk breed!

Brenda Reau
The Suffolk Event Committee Chair

Thank you to our sponsors!

Sponsors are still being accepted. Contact Amanda at the USSA office.



Illinois Suffolk Sheep Association
Lloyd & Sheila McCabe
JMG Suffolks
William Fulton Family
Peth Family Farm
Slack Suffolks & Club Lambs
Russell Sheep Company
Dennis & Mary Ann Sorensen
Michael & Debra Jensen, Moonshadow Farm

The Suffolk Event Schedule

This is a tentative schedule. Educational sessions may be moved between time slots.



Friday, June 7

- 10 am** Event registration opens - Lincoln Land Community College
- 11 am** Adult and Youth Educational Sessions - Lincoln Land Community College
Session 1
Tips for Successful Out-of-Season Breeding – Doug Edge
American Lamb Roadshow – Nick & Kathy Forrest
A Sick Sheep is not a Dead Sheep: Practical Treatment Options for Producers – Drs. Preston & Victoria Morris
Cache Valley Virus Prevention and Management – Dr. Todd Wolff & Jim Van Dyke
Youth: Friends and Flocks Mixer- UJSSA Directors
Hands-on Shepherd Survival Skills- Dr. Joe Emenheiser
- 12:30** Lunch Provided
- 1 pm** Adult and Youth Educational Sessions - Lincoln Land Community College
Session 2
Cache Valley Virus Prevention and Management – Dr. Todd Wolff & Jim Van Dyke
Using Estimated Breeding Values for Flock Improvement– Brenda Reau, Alan Culham, and Jeremy Geske
A Dive Into the US Sheep Market: Strategic Marketing to Maximize Profit – Greg Ahart
Development and Management of Pastures for Sheep Production - Matt Bunger, NRCS
Youth: What's in Your Feed Bucket?- Raesa Zelinsky
- 2:15 pm** **Session 3** (in-room snacks available during session)
Getting Started in Suffolks: Lessons Learned – Jeremy & Megan Peth and Russell & Tasha Smith
Passing on Your Farm/Flock – John Scott
A Sick Sheep is not a Dead Sheep: Practical Treatment Options for Producers – Drs. Preston & Victoria Morris
Not Your Boring Nutrition Lecture – Rob Zelinsky
Youth: Reproduction Under the Microscope - Doug Edge
- 3:30 pm** **Session 4**
Reproductive Technologies – Doug Edge
American Lamb Roadshow – Nick & Kathy Forrest
Creating Value-Added Products – Gwen Kitzan, Mechelle Hornbostel, Jon Kulas
Suffolk: The Terminal Sire – Greg Ahart, Joe Olsen, Jim Van Dyke, Issac Swortzel
Youth: Sheep Judging & Evaluation – TBA
- 6 pm** Welcome Dinner - Commodities Pavilion, Illinois State Fairgrounds
- 7 pm** Desserts & Decisions! Sale Sheep Preview Attendees select National Suffolk Sale Order!

Saturday, June 8

- 8:30 am** Adult and Youth Educational Sessions – Illinois State Fairgrounds (donuts, coffee & juice)
Connect with the Experts
Youth Track: Skill-a-thon
Junior Chef Lamb Burger Cook-Off - Nick & Kathy Forrest
- Lunch on your own
- Noon** National Suffolk Sale
- ? – 4 pm** Junior Show Check-in - 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Suffolk Sale until 4 pm
- 6 pm** Social Hour, Banquet Dinner & Suffolk Hall of Fame Recognition - Crowne Plaza

Sunday, June 9

- 8 am** “Walk the Red Carpet” Junior Suffolk Show – Illinois State Fairgrounds
The junior show is again being held in conjunction with the Illinois Junior Preview Show!

Silent Auction Friday – Saturday!

All proceeds go towards the Suffolk Event! Donated items are welcome!



REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Please list all attendee names: _____

For any children that will be attending, please share age(s) _____

EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Educational Sessions (6/7-6/8)

Registration is required for individuals planning to attend the educational sessions. An adult and youth track will be offered.

National Suffolk Sale (6/8)

No registration is required to attend/consign to the sale. Sale entry is separate and found on the USSA website and in this mailing. The early bird sale entry (for all breeds catalog) is April 24, final entry deadline is May 1.

Hall of Fame Banquet Only (6/8)

Reservations can be made for the Hall of Fame banquet. Children will eat with their parents. An activity room will be available for children during the Hall of Fame program.

Junior Show (6/9)

Pre-entry is encouraged for the junior show, the deadline is May 15. Show entry is separate and found on the USSA website and in this mailing. The junior show is again being held in conjunction with the Illinois Junior Preview Show!

FULL REGISTRATION*

**A full registration includes Friday lunch, Friday supper, Saturday Hall of Fame Banquet, and 3 snacks.*

Member Individual Registration x \$75 = _____

Child Registration x \$30 = _____

Member Family Registration* \$200 = _____

**Family registration: please indicate the number of adult(s) (____) and children (____)*

Non-Member Registration x\$125 = _____

HALL OF FAME BANQUET ONLY

Adult Reservation..... x \$45 = _____

Child Reservation..... x \$30 = _____

Total: _____

Make a donation to support the Suffolk Event!(thank you!) = _____

INTEREST INDICATOR (for penning): ___ I/We plan to consign sheep ___ I/We plan to participate in the junior show

PAYMENT OPTIONS: ___ Mailed Check ___ Bill my Digital Suffolk account ___ PayPal

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 15

Adult Educational Sessions

Success for Artificial and Out of Season Breeding - Learn all about the protocols for ensuring the best possible conception rate for out of season and artificial breeding. Use of CIDRs and hormones will be presented. Doug Edge, CSO, Reproductive Specialty Group

Development and Management of Pastures for Sheep Production - Learn what to plant and how to manage forage production to provide maximum nutrition for your sheep operation. Matt Bunger, Natural Resources and Conservation Service

Using Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for Flock Improvement Learn how the National Sheep Improvement Program can help producers to use EBVs to increase performance and profit in a breeding program. Brenda Reau, Michigan, Jeremy Geske, Minnesota, and Alan Culham, Michigan

A Dive Into the US Sheep Market: Strategic Marketing to Maximize Profit – Understand the cycles in the market and how things like holidays affect demand for lamb. Greg Ahart, VP of Operations, Superior Farms

A Sick Sheep is not a Dead Sheep: Practical Treatment Options – Learn how to diagnose and treat illness in sheep. Dr. Preston and Dr. Victoria Morris, Tennessee

Cache Valley Virus Prevention and Management – This challenging disease is sweeping the country and causing economic losses in sheep operations. New research on prevention will be shared. Dr. Todd Wolff, Technical Lead, Cambridge Technologies and Jim VanDyke, South Dakota

Creating Value-Added Products – Producer panel will discuss ways they have generated income beyond selling live animals or direct marketing of meat. Michele Hornbostel, Illinois, Gwen Kitzan, South Dakota, and Jon Kulas, Minnesota

American Lamb Roadshow – Taste samples of easy recipes to use in promoting lamb and learn ideas on how to educate consumers. You will enjoy this entertaining session! Nick and Kathy Forrest, Lambassadors

Getting Started in Suffolks – Lessons Learned– Hear from two families on why they chose Suffolks and what they have learned with their new flocks in the last five years. Jeremy and Megan Peth, Ohio, and Russell and Tasha Smith, Minnesota

Passing on Your Farm/Flock – Having a succession plan is important in a smooth transition of your farm or flock to family or new owners. John Scott, Attorney, Patton, Hoversten & Berg, P.A.

Suffolk: The Terminal Sire – Discussion on the role of the Suffolk as a terminal sire in the commercial industry across the US. Greg Ahart, VP Operations, Superior Farms, Joe Olsen, Utah, Isaac Swartzel, Virginia and Jim VanDyke, South Dakota

Not Your Boring Nutrition Lecture - This presentation will look at all-natural feed additives that increase gut health, improve digestion and absorption of nutrients, build immune defense, and subsequently improve animal performance and profitability. Rob Zelinsky, Small Ruminant Nutritionist, Hubbard Feeds

Reproductive Technologies - Reproductive technology continues to advance in the sheep industry. This session will discuss Artificial Insemination and Embryo Transfer and what it takes to utilize these technologies and in a breeding program. Doug Edge, CSO, Reproductive Specialty Group

Connect with the Experts – A group of session speakers and guest experts will be available during this time for one-on-one questions and discussion. You can enjoy a continental breakfast in the Commodities Pavilion while visiting with the experts.

Youth Educational Sessions

Friends and Flocks – Get to know other youth from across the country who are interested in Suffolks. UJSSA Board of Directors

Reproduction Under the Microscope – Learn about the breeding process and get an up-close view of semen and embryos. Doug Edge, CSO, Reproductive Specialty Group

Hands-on Shepherd Survival Skills – Learn important skills for taking care of sheep like taking a temperature, giving an injection, tube feeding a lamb. Dr. Joe Emenheiser, Vermont

What's in Your Feed Bucket? – Understanding feeds and how to meet the nutritional needs of sheep. Raesa Zelinsky, UJSSA Board Member

Sheep Judging & Evaluation - Learn from the judge's perspective what they look for when evaluating sheep, and how you can use the same techniques in evaluating your own flock.

Junior Chef Lamb Burger Cook-Off – Youth will be divided into teams and will work together to create and cook their own special lamb burger that they will get to eat and will present for tasting to a panel of judges. Prizes will be given! Nick and Kathy Forrest, Lambassadors

Junior Skill-A-Thon – There will be hands-on stations set up to test your sheep knowledge. Prizes will be given for both junior and senior divisions.



National Suffolk Sale

ENTRY FORM

SALE DATE: **June 8**

Entry Deadline: May 1 [Early Bird – April 24 (for the all breeds catalog)]

Consignor Name: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____ **Facebook/Website:** _____

Entry Rules

Entry is open to United Suffolk Sheep Association and United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association members.

Ewe Entry - \$30 per head commitment fee

- Open to ewe lambs and yearling ewes. All entries are subject to a quality sift.
- Ewe lambs are eligible to be futurity nominated (optional). Futurity nominations are \$25/head.

Ram Entry - \$40 entry fee

- Open to ram lambs and yearling rams. All entries are subject to a quality sift.

Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2022. GAP and Percentage registered sheep are eligible to be consigned to this sale. Sheep that have reached purebred status (94% or 15/16) are eligible to participate in the sale preview. Sheep that are less than 94% are not eligible for the sale preview and will sell separately.

Late Entries - \$60 per head. Late entries may not be included in the preliminary sale catalog.

Commission - There is a 11% commission on the sale (10% to the American Cheviot Sheep Society, 1% to USSA).

Sale Managed by: American Cheviot Sheep Society (Jeff Ebert: 785-458-9174).

All Entries must include a USSA registration number. Even if you are not 100% sure which sheep you will be bringing, enter your best guess. We need the registration numbers so we can build the sale catalog in Digital Suffolk. Substitutions will be allowed. **All sheep must have a Scrapie tag.**

Quality Sift – Entry fee will be non-refundable on any sheep removed from the sale by the quality sift committee.

Photos/videos – Consignors are encouraged to upload photos of entries on Digital Suffolk. Share photos/videos and sale information on Facebook prior to the sale.

Sale Order – Sale order will be determined by “People’s Choice Voting”. All Suffolk Event participants, including consignors will rank their top rams and ewes. The top 10 rams and ewes will be determined by the vote, the remainder will be sold by age (oldest to youngest).

Online bidding option – Online bidding will be available through [BreedersWorld](#). Consignors will receive more details about submitting photos and information to Breeders World.

Sale Guarantee: Except for those stated below, there are no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the fitness for a particular purpose with respect to sheep being sold in this sale. The warranties and guarantees set forth below, are in lieu of all other warranties, either expressed or implied, and the remedies provided therein shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the buyer, or party representing the buyer, for any breach of warranty or guarantee therein provided. Every ram and ewe sold will be guaranteed as a breeder if properly handled. It shall be the responsibility of the buyer to return a non-breeder to the seller in acceptable breeding condition. The seller, after a fair trial and the animal is found to be a non-breeder, shall have the privilege of replacing the ram or ewe with one of equal value to the satisfaction of the seller, or refund the purchase price. This guarantee shall not apply to any sheep that are shown subsequent to the date of the sale. Notification of non-breeder rams must be made to the seller prior to October 1st following the sale; notification of non-breeder ewes must be made to the seller prior to April 1st following the sale. Spring born ram lambs and ewe lambs are exempt the first year. This guarantee shall constitute a contract between the buyer and the seller only, and no other parties assume any liability, legal or otherwise, expressed or implied.

Sale Entry

Ewe Sale Entry x \$30 = _____
 Ram Sale Entry x \$40 = _____
 Late Sale Entry (after May 1)..... x \$60 = _____
 Futurity Nominations (Ewes only) x \$25 = _____

Membership Renewal (if applicable)

USSA Membership (Adult)..... x \$90 = _____
 UJSSA Membership (Youth)..... x \$15 = _____
 Total: _____

ENTRY SUBMISSION: EMAIL(preferred) to info@suffolks.org or **MAIL** to USSA, PO BOX 121, Holland, IA 50642

PAYMENT OPTIONS: ___ Mailed Check (payable to USSA) ___ Bill my Digital Suffolk account ___ PayPal

National Suffolk Sale Entry Information (please include all information for all entries)

Entry #1

USSA Registration #: _____ Flock Name & Number: _____ Sex: _____ (ram/ewe)

Date of Birth: _____ Birth Type: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

DNA: _____ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No If applicable, circle: GAP Percentage

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Entry #2

USSA Registration #: _____ Flock Name & Number: _____ Sex: _____ (ram/ewe)

Date of Birth: _____ Birth Type: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

DNA: _____ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No If applicable, circle: GAP Percentage

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Entry #3

USSA Registration #: _____ Flock Name & Number: _____ Sex: _____ (ram/ewe)

Date of Birth: _____ Birth Type: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

DNA: _____ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No If applicable, circle: GAP Percentage

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

Entry #4

USSA Registration #: _____ Flock Name & Number: _____ Sex: _____ (ram/ewe)

Date of Birth: _____ Birth Type: _____ Sire: _____ Dam: _____

DNA: _____ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No If applicable, circle: GAP Percentage

Comments: (limit 250 characters)

NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE INFORMATION

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Make plans to attend the 2024 *Suffolk Event*. The first-ever “Suffolk Event” held in Springfield last year was a great success and the sale was well received. Last year 35 head sold for an average of \$1,140. In addition to fellowship and fun; the weekend included educational seminars, the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet and a Junior show. Improvements have been made based on feedback from participants, so we expect great things from this year’s *Suffolk Event*! The *Suffolk Event* National Suffolk Sale will be held in conjunction with the Cheviot, Oxford, Tunis & Montadale sales held in Springfield, IL. The **Entry Deadline** is May 1.

IMPORTANT CONSIGNOR NOTE: A registration number is required for each entry. We are utilizing Digital Suffolk to build the sale catalog. This will not work if the sheep has not yet been registered. Please contact the USSA Office with any questions. Substitutions will be allowed.

LOCATION: Illinois State Fairgrounds, North Sheep Barn Springfield, Illinois. All sale sheep will be housed in this facility. All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June 7.

PEOPLE’S CHOICE SHOW: Friday, June 7 at 6:00 PM. Sale Order will be determined by the paid attendees of the *Suffolk Event*. Every attendee, including consignors will get one vote. Sheep will be lined up in the ring by age. The top 10 rams and top 10 ewes will be determined by the vote and sold in that order. All the rest of the rams and ewes will be sold by birthdate (oldest to youngest). Sheep can be presented slick or in fleece. Only requirements, as this is an event where the Suffolk breed is on display, the sheep need to be washed within a week of the show and either sheared or cut out in 2024.

SALE: Saturday, June 9, following the Cheviot, Tunis, Oxford and Montadale sales at approximately noon, with Bill MacCauley as Auctioneer. The *Suffolk Event* Sale will not begin before noon.

- **ENTRY DEADLINES** – Early Bird April 24: If you want to be included in the all breeds catalog that will be distributed at the Ohio Showcase sale. Regular May 1: We want to have a digital catalog out ahead of time to prospective buyers so please enter by the deadline. Email entries will be accepted. Emailed entries will not be cataloged until entry fees are received.
- **ENTRY FEES & SUBMISSION**– Entry fees are \$30 for ewes and \$40 for rams, payable at time of entry. Entry fees are non-refundable on any sheep that are sifted or otherwise fail to make the sale. Please use the enclosed entry form. Include a USSA registration number with each entry as we are using Digital Suffolk to create the catalog. Even if you aren’t 100% sure which ones you will bring, enter your best guess. Substitutions will be allowed. Information Sale Day will **NOT** be accepted. Remember the May 1 deadline, and please be on time!!! Make checks payable to: USSA. **SEND ENTRIES TO: USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642 or info@suffolks.org.**
- **COMMISSION & SALE MANAGEMENT** – The American Cheviot Sheep Society (Jeff Ebert: 785-458-9174) will manage the *Suffolk Event* sale. In addition to the entry fee, 11% of the final bid will be charged as a sales commission (10% to ACSS as sale manager and 1% to the USSA).
- **LATE ENTRIES:** All entries received after the deadline date will be charged a late entry fee of \$60 per head and are not likely to be included in the catalog.

SALE CHECK-IN: **Consignors are encouraged to have sheep checked in with sale management on Thursday, June 6 by 6 pm.** For sheep arriving after 6 pm Thursday, June 6, contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200). All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June, 7. Trucks and trailers will not be able to enter the barn on Friday, June 7th to unload as other breeds will be showing in the barn that day.

CATALOG: A sale catalog will be distributed to prospective buyers prior to the sale and it will be posted on the USSA website (and social media). We are using Digital Suffolk to create the catalog so you can upload photos as you have them. We need the registration numbers on all your entries to make this work. Entries will not be accepted without registration numbers.

PHOTOS: Consignors are encouraged to upload photos of sale entries on Digital Suffolk. That way they will be viewable by anyone who receives the digital catalog or scans the QR code of your sheep. Also remember to share photos of your entries and sale information on Facebook and other forms of social media. Help us get the word out to as many potential buyers as possible.

ENTRY IS OPEN TO: Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2022. GAP and Percentage registered sheep are eligible to be consigned to this sale. Sheep that have reached purebred status (94% or 15/16) are eligible to participate in the sale preview. Sheep that are less than 94% are not eligible for the sale preview and will sell separately.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All entries must carry Scrapie ID tag. You will need to have Scrapie ID on your Health Papers. The State of Illinois requires out-of-state consignors to obtain an entry permit no more than 72 hours before entering Illinois. This permit number will go on your health papers. The permit may be obtained by calling the Illinois Dept. of Ag. (217-782-4944). ***Though not required for this sale, many states require a negative B Ovis test on any rams over 6 months of age, so consignors are encouraged to have this test if you want your rams eligible to sell into any U.S. state.***

ON-LINE BIDDING: There will be an online bidding and viewing option during the sale through Breeders World. Consignors will receive additional instructions on submitting information and photos to Breeders World via e-mail.

MINIMUM BID: There will be a minimum bid of \$400 on all entries.

Sale Schedule: (please refer to the full Event Schedule in this packet for more details)

No trucks and trailers are allowed in the barn for unloading on Friday, June 7 as other breeds will be showing that day.

- Thursday 6/6 – Sheep barn open for sale sheep to arrive
- Thursday 6/6 – Sale check-in 10 am – 6 pm
- Friday 6/7 – All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am
- Friday 6/7 – Sale sheep viewing / People's Choice voting 7 pm
- Saturday 6/8 – Suffolk Sale – Noon (or later) following the other breeds

SUFFOLK SALE CONTACT: Jeremy Geske: 612-756-1200 or Jeremy.geske@gmail.com

MAIL BIDS CONTACT: Jeff Ebert: 785-458-9174

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE: Last year we heard from some potential consignors and buyers that the transportation of sale sheep to and from the sale was a challenge. A few breeders have agreed to be listed as potential haulers. You may contact them directly to discuss fees and arrangements.

East Coast

- Issac Lewis (West Virginia) • 304-822-0377 (call or text)
- Steve Majchrzak (Maryland) • 302-388-9191 (call or text)

West Coast

- John Baglien (Oregon) • 541-908-4977 (call or text) • jsbaglien@gmail.com
- Jeremy Geske (Minnesota) will have room returning from Reno June 1 and can deliver to Springfield. 612-756-1200
- Ron Alves (California) • 209-404-6585 (call)

JUNIOR SHOW: Sheep sold through the sale are eligible to be shown by the junior buyer on Sunday, June 9, as part of the **Suffolk Event** junior show. There will be classes for fitted and slick-shorn rams and ewes, and a class for Suffolk market lambs. Watch the USSA website and Facebook page and the UJSSA Facebook page for more information on entering the Junior Suffolk Show at the **Suffolk Event**.



The Suffolk Event Junior Show

June 9, 2024 • Springfield, Illinois

SHOW THEME: "Walk the Red Carpet"

Please use the form to enter exhibitor(s) for the Suffolk Event Junior Show. Multiple entries/families can be made through this form. For sheep entries, please designate the individual exhibitors. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to enter by **May 15** to help us plan for the show. Entry can be made during show check-in on Saturday, June 8. Sheep purchased at the sale the day prior are eligible to be shown. All exhibitors must be a current member of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. 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 who are eligible to participate. The Illinois Junior Preview Show will again be held in conjunction with the Suffolk Event Junior Show. Illinois youth exhibitors will be automatically entered in the state show by completing this entry form.

Exhibitor Name(s) _____

Email _____ Phone Number(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Submit the entry form to:

Email: info@suffolks.org

Mail: USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642

UJSSA Membership Dues ____ x \$15= _____

Total Sheep Entries ____ x \$15= _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Payment Option: Mailed Check

Bill my Digital Suffolk account

PayPal

OFFICIAL CONSENT FORM

As an exhibitor of The Suffolk Event Junior Show, I fully understand and agree to comply with all the rules listed on the United Suffolk Sheep Association website. Failure to do so will disqualify me and forfeit my premiums. The exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs and likenesses of the exhibitor and animals may be used without compensation for advertising, promotion, and news articles.

Exhibitor or Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian must also sign if exhibitor is under 18 years of age. Signature(s) required to participate in the show.

ENTRY DIVISIONS

Up to 2 entries per class per exhibitor. One entry per sheep. Registration number, sire and dam information are preferred at the time of entry. Classes with more than 15 head will be split.

Class 1- Another Opening, Another Show... all participants "Walk the Red Carpet" for introductions.

RAMS

- Class 2 - Fitted Early Senior Ram Lambs (born 9/1/23 to 11/15/23)
- Class 3 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Rams Lambs (born 9/1/23 to 11/15/23)
- Class 4 - Fitted Late Senior Ram Lambs (born 11/16/23 to 12/31/23)
- Class 5 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ram Lambs (born 11/16/23 to 12/31/23)
- Class 6 - Fitted January Ram Lambs (born 1/1/2024 to 1/31/2024)
- Class 7 - Slick Shorn January Ram Lambs (born 1/1/24 to 1/31/24)
- Class 8 - Fitted February & Later Ram Lambs (born 2/1/24 and after)
- Class 9 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ram Lambs (born 2/1/24 and after)
 - Fitted Champion and Reserve Champion Ram
 - Slick Shorn Champion and Reserve Champion Ram

EWES

- Class 12 - Fitted Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/22 to 8/31/23)
- Class 13 - Slick Shorn Yearling Ewes (born 9/1/22 to 8/31/23)
- Class 14 - Fitted Early Senior Ewe Lambs (born 9/1/23 to 11/15/23)
- Class 15 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Ewe Lambs (born 9/1/23 to 11/15/23)
- Class 16 - Fitted Late Senior Ewe Lambs (born 11/16/23 to 12/31/23)

- Class 17 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ewe Lambs (born 11/16/23 to 12/31/23)
 - Fitted Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe
 - Slick Shorn Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe
- Class 20 - Fitted January Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/24 to 1/31/24)
- Class 21 - Slick Shorn January Ewe Lambs (born 1/1/24 to 1/31/24)
- Class 22 - Fitted February & Later Ewe Lambs (born 2/1/24 and after)
- Class 23 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ewe Lambs (born 2/1/24 and after)
 - Fitted Junior Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Slick Shorn Junior Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Fitted Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe
 - Slick Shorn Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe

MARKET LAMBS

- Class 28 - Suffolk Market Lamb

SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 29 - Beginning Showmanship Age 9 and younger
- Class 30 - Intermediate Showmanship Age 10-14
- Class 31 - Senior Showmanship Age 15 and older

***“Walk the Red Carpet”* The Suffolk Event Junior Show**

June 9, 2024 • Springfield, Illinois

Rules & Regulations

For Your Information

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors and staff reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these regulations and rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the show and contests.

1. Exhibitors must be current paid members of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA). Dues are **\$15.00** for an annual membership. To join, send \$15.00 along with your completed membership application to: **USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642 or through the Suffolk Event junior show entry form.**
2. Entry fee is \$15 per head Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter by **May 15** to help us plan for the show. Entry can be made at the show. See entry form for submission and payment options.
3. Exhibitors must show their own sheep unless they have two entries in the same class, in which case another UJSSA member may show the sheep. Exhibitors are allowed to have a UJSSA member assist them in showing; however, the registered owner must either hold the head of the animal or set the animal's legs throughout the entire duration of the class. Failure to comply with this rule results in forfeiture of placing and premium money for the animal.
4. All breeding sheep must be registered in the USSA. Original USSA registration certificates must be presented to show officials at check-in. **ONE EXCEPTION: Sheep purchased from a recent sale – a photocopy of the USSA registration certificate and bill of sale must be provided.** Sheep must be registered/current ownership listed in: a) the exhibitors name, b) a family partnership/farm name (ex. Grandparent, father, mother, brother, sister, children or grandchildren), or c) a partnership in which all partners are current members of UJSSA.
5. The Illinois Junior Preview Show will again be held in conjunction with the Suffolk Event Junior Show. Illinois youth exhibitors will be automatically entered in the state show by completing the Suffolk Event Junior Show entry form.
6. Exhibitors should present a neat, professional image in the show ring.
7. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles in the show ring, that advertise a sheep flock or membership name or related enterprises.
8. Exhibitors compete in divisions based on their age the first day of the junior show. 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.
9. Exhibitors have five minutes to enter the show ring from the time the last entry of the previous class leaves the show ring. Judging will begin when this time limit has expired. Entries not in the show ring at this time will be disqualified.
10. All sheep must be bedded with straw or shavings. Exhibitors need to bring their own bedding and hay.

General Information

1. Upon arrival, please report to the Suffolk booth area for complete instructions and entry information. Depending on the exhibitor's arrival date/time (Friday, June 7) there may be no Suffolk representatives in the barn as the educational sessions are at Lincoln Land Community College. Exhibitors are asked to pen sheep in the Suffolk area. There are no assigned pen assignments.
2. Exhibitors check with show officials for registration check-in times or see schedule.
3. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting, feeding and pen maintenance equipment such as brooms, shovels, pitchforks, etc.
4. A photographer will be present to take pictures.
5. Exhibitors must sign the ethics statement on the entry form.
6. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely and have all four feet on the ground when in the show ring.
7. Exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs and likenesses of exhibitor and animals may be used without compensation for advertising, promotion, and news articles.

Health Regulations for Sheep

All sheep must be accompanied by a standard interstate health certificate issued by a licensed accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the entry to the show. The health certificate must show identification as to breed, sex, number, etc.

Sheep Show Rules

Judge: TBA

1. All premiums will be determined by number of entries and awarded as sheep leave the ring.
2. Arrival Time: Sheep may arrive beginning on Thursday afternoon. For Juniors coming to the show only, entry information must be submitted by 4 pm on Saturday, and animals must be penned by 7 am Sunday.
3. **Check-In** will be on Saturday, June 8, approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the sale until 4:00pm.

4. All sheep must have flock tags in their ear, which match the private flock number officially recorded on the USSA certificate of registration and on the health papers.
5. Suffolk market lambs cannot be exhibited in breeding sheep classes. Breeding sheep cannot be exhibited in market lamb classes.
6. Sheep must be shown without artificial coloration including oils, paints, dyes, powders or other compounds. Artificially colored sheep are subject to disqualification. All sheep may be randomly checked prior to entering the show arena. Any animal found with artificial coloration will be disqualified. This includes market lambs and breeding sheep.
7. A maximum of two (2) entries per exhibitor in any one class. Sheep are limited to being shown once (only one entry per sheep) other than showmanship classes.
8. Substitutions may be made within the same division at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
9. All animals that receive premiums must stay in the ring for judge's reasons.
10. No muzzles will be allowed on any sheep entered in the show.
11. For slick shorn ewe and ram classes, no patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body.
12. USSA reserves the right to perform random drug testing. Any exhibitor found showing sheep that test positive for drugs will be banned from showing in United Suffolk Sheep Association shows for two (2) years.
13. Sheep containing a "D" for the dwarf gene are not eligible. The USSA reserves the right to conduct random testing.
14. Suffolk Market Lamb Rules
 - a. All Suffolk market lambs must slick shorn over the whole body and possess Suffolk breed characteristics with black legs, black head, bell-shaped ears and be approved by a sifting committee at check-in, to be qualified as a Suffolk to be eligible to show. ***Excessive Leg shag and head wool may be cause for disqualification.***
15. Breeding Sheep Rules
 - a. Breeding sheep classes are broken by the birth date of the entry. ***Classes with greater than 15 head will be split.***
 - b. It is recommended, but not required, that breeding sheep not carry more than 3/4 of an inch fleece on any part of their body.

“Walk the Red Carpet” Join the excitement as a new show season gets underway.

Class 1: Another Opening...Another Show”. All junior show exhibitors will walk the red carpet into the showing, accompanied by a sheep, as introductions are made. Simple costuming or accessorizing of youth and/or sheep is encouraged. Onlookers will be casting People's Choice Award ballots for the exhibitor best expressing the spirit of the show and theme. A group photo will be taken. There will be a ten-minute break for exhibitors to be in proper show attire before the show resumes with Class 2.