



# the Rambler

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Suffolk Friends,

Many exciting things are happening within our breed, and one is the upcoming Suffolk Event in Springfield, Illinois, June 6-8. It is going to be a fabulous weekend! The Suffolk Event was started in 2023 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 of 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 select the sale order on Friday night. 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  
Event Registration  
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: \$129/night + tax  
Block: United Suffolk Sheep Assn  
Room block ends May 27, 2025  
Direct booking link on website

#### Crowne Plaza

(Hall of Fame Banquet Venue)  
3000 South Dirksen Pkwy  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 585-2830  
Rate: \$130/night + tax  
Block: United Suffolk Sheep Association  
Direct booking link on website

#### Ramada Inn

3281 Northfield Drive  
Springfield, IL 62702  
(217) 523-4000  
Rate: \$112/night + tax  
Block: Suffolk Sheep Sale  
Room block ends May 8, 2025

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 good things happening in the Suffolk breed!

Diane Russell  
The Suffolk Event Committee Chair

### Thank you to our sponsors!

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



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# The Suffolk Event Schedule

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



## Friday, June 6

**10 am** Event registration opens - Lincoln Land Community College

**11 am** Adult and Youth Educational Sessions - Lincoln Land Community College

### Session 1

- Priorities for Selection, Retention, and Management of Ewes|A Panel Discussion–VanDyke, Swortzel, Vinci, Blonquist
- Protecting Your Flock from Vector-Borne Diseases - Rosie Busch, DVM, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- Marketing Lamb from Farm to Table - Sara Hewitt, Maple Wood Farms
- Introducing Sheep into the Flock - Preston Morris, DVM
- Research Updates on Immune Responses in Sheep - Scott Bowdridge, PhD, West Virginia University
- Managing Difficult Deliveries - Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs
- Youth: Friends and Flocks Mixer - UJSSA Directors & Isaac Lewis, Junior Coordinator

**12:30** Lunch Provided

**1 pm** Adult and Youth Educational Sessions - Lincoln Land Community College

### Session 2

- Balancing Flock Management with Career| A Panel Discussion – Greg Ahart, John Scott, Christy Zelinsky
- Protecting Your Flock from Vector-Borne Diseases - Rosie Busch, DVM, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- Marketing Lamb from Farm to Table - Sara Hewitt, Maple Wood Farms
- Introducing Sheep into the Flock - Preston Morris, DVM
- Research Updates on Immune Responses in Sheep- Scott Bowdridge, PhD, West Virginia University
- Youth: Managing Difficult Deliveries- Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs

**2:15 pm** Session 3 (in-room snacks available during session)

- Reproduction Management Tools for Rams and Ewes - Rob Zelinsky
- Healthy Udders, Healthy Flock - Rosie Busch, DVM, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- What's Up with the U.S. Lamb Market? - Greg Ahart, Superior Farms
- Balancing Flock Management with Career| A Panel Discussion - Jeremy Peth, Dino Vinci
- Getting Started with Suffolk Sheep | A Panel Discussion - TBD
- Managing Difficult Deliveries - Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs
- Youth: Are Creepy Crawlers Affecting Your Sheep? - Scott Bowdridge, PhD, West Virginia University

**3:30 pm** Session 4

- Reproduction Management Tools for Rams and Ewes - Rob Zelinsky
- What's Up with the U.S. Lamb Market? - Greg Ahart, Superior Farms
- Getting Started with Suffolk Sheep | A Panel Discussion - TBD
- Parasite Management in Sheep - Scott Bowdridge, PhD, West Virginia University
- Managing Difficult Deliveries - Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs
- Youth: An Udderly Awesome Look at Udder Health - Rosie Busch, DVM, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine

**6 pm** Welcome Dinner - Commodities Pavilion, Illinois State Fairgrounds

**7 pm** Desserts & Decisions! Sale Sheep Preview Attendees select National Suffolk Sale Order!

## Saturday, June 7

**9 am** Youth Suffolk Olympics – Commodities Pavilion, Illinois State Fairgrounds

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 8

**8 am** The Good Shepherd: In the Barn and in the Bible – Diane Russell

**9 am** “Suffolk Superhero” 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Raising Suffolks: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all attendee names: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### EVENT INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

**Educational Sessions (Friday, June 6)**

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

**National Suffolk Sale (Saturday, June 7)**

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

**Hall of Fame Banquet Only (Saturday, June 7)**

Reservations can be made for the Hall of Fame banquet. Children will eat with their parents. Activity bags will be provided for young children.

**Junior Show (Sunday, June 8)**

**Bam! – Zing! – Pow! – Kazam! – Have No Fear – A Suffolk Superhero Is Here!**

Pre-entry is encouraged for the junior show, the deadline is May 1. Show entry is separate and found on the USSA website. 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 \$80 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child Registration** ..... **x \$35 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Member Family Registration\*** ..... **\$220 =** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Non-Member Registration** ..... **x \$135 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1

## Adult Educational Sessions

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**Priorities for Selection, Retention, & Management of Ewes:** A panel of Suffolk producers, from a variety of different management scenarios, will discuss their priorities for selection, retention, and management of breeding ewes. *Jim VanDyke, Isaac Swortzel, Dino Vinci, and Gavin Blonquist*

**Protecting Your Flock from Vector-Borne Diseases:** Cache Valley and Blue Tongue viruses, once thought as being contained to the western U.S., are now popping up across the country. Learn to recognize, prevent, and manage these potentially devastating diseases. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**Marketing Lamb from Farm to Table:** Understand the regulations, economics, and marketing expertise required to successfully sell your farm raised lamb directly to consumers. *Sara Hewitt, Maple Wood Farms*

**Introducing Sheep into the Flock:** Tips for ensuring healthy purchase and transition of sheep onto your farm and then keeping them healthy. *Preston Morris, DVM*

**Research Updates on Immune Responses in Sheep:** A look into new developments in understanding why some sheep are more resistant to parasites and diseases. Learn how genetics play a role in immune response and flock health. *Scott Bowdridge, PhD, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

**Managing Difficult Deliveries:** Learn techniques for dealing with dystocia in this hands-on session using a ewe dystocia simulator. *Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs*

**Balancing Flock Management with Career:** A panel of producers will share tips and advice about working away from the farm and still managing the flock successfully. *John Scott, Christy Zelinsky, Jeremy Peth, Greg Ahart, John Baglien, and Dino Vinci*

**Reproduction Management Tools for Rams and Ewes:** Learn how to recognize and manage stressors that impact productivity and performance from pre-breeding through weaning. *Rob Zelinsky, Small Ruminant Nutritionist, Hubbard Feeds*

**Healthy Udders, Healthy Flock:** Learn the basics of udder health, common causes of mastitis, important routes of transmission, and how to detect these issues with a hands-on learning approach. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**What's Up with the U.S. Lamb Market?** An economic outlook and discussion on factors impacting lamb prices in the current economy. *Greg Ahart, VP Sales, Superior Farms*

**Getting Started with Suffolk Sheep:** A panel of new and young producers will have a guided discussion to share the lessons they've learned along their journeys.

**Parasite Management in Sheep:** The role of nutrition in grazing systems to improve an animal's ability to effectively respond to parasite infestation. *Scott Bowdridge, PhD, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

## Youth Educational Sessions

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**Please note the youth sessions are designed for youth 8 years and older. Younger children are welcome (and encouraged) to participate. For younger attendees we ask parents to join to help maintain an optimal learning environment.**

**Flocks and Friends:** An action-packed record keeping relay that will have Suffolk youth learning important skills while getting acquainted – attendees will be paired into to working groups with UJSSA Directors. *Isaac Lewis, UJSSA Jr. Coordinator*

**Assisting with Difficult Births:** With the help of a ewe dystocia simulator, participants will be able to see difficult lambing positions and participate in a hands-on learning experience. *Courtesy of American Sheep Industry Association's Young & Emerging Entrepreneurs*

**Are Creepy Crawlers Affecting Your Sheep?** A microscopic look at the world of parasites that impact the thriftiness of sheep and lambs. *Scott Bowdridge, Ph.D, Professor of Food & Animal Production, West Virginia University*

**An Udderly Awesome Look at Udder Health:** In an interactive activity, participants will practice selecting ewes based on udder shape and structure, learning how these traits affect milk production and flock health. *Rosie Busch, DVM, Sheep & Goat Specialist, Cooperative Extension, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine*

**Suffolk Olympics** On Saturday youth attendees are invited to join their Friday team for a fun sheep-based event testing their skill on things they learned on Friday through a skill-a-thon, cooking contest and more! *Isaac Lewis, UJSSA Jr. Coordinator*



# National Suffolk Sale

## ENTRY FORM

Electronic Entry Via Digital Suffolk Strongly Encouraged

SALE DATE: June 7

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

Consignor Name:

Address, City, State, Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Facebook/Website:

*Express Sale Entry with Digital Suffolk! - 1) log in 2) left menu "Flock Mgmt" 3) "Consignments"*

### Entry Rules

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

- Open to **registered Suffolk rams, ewes and wethers**. All entries are subject to a quality sift.

**SHEEP AGE FOR ENTRY:** Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2023. Suffolk wethers born after 12/1/2024 are eligible to enter. 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.

**COMMISSION:** There is an 11% commission on the sale. Approximately 1% of the commission will go towards the Youth Buyer Credit fund for the following year.

**Youth Buyers Credit:** New for 2025, we are holding a drawing for one \$250 youth buyer credit for a junior member in attendance at the Event, to be used at the 2025 event sale. Must be present to win.

**SALE MANAGEMENT:** United Suffolk Sheep Association (Jeremy Geske: 612-756-1200).

**REGISTRATION:** 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.

**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 PREVIEW:** Sale order will be determined during the Sale Preview Friday night. Suffolk Event attendees help determine the sale order. The sale preview will be livestreamed via the United Suffolk Sheep Association Facebook page.

**ONLINE BIDDING OPTION:** Online bidding will be available through [BreedersWorld](#). Consignors will receive more details about submitting photos and information to Breeders World.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Each consigned animal will need its own health paper **and** 3 photo copies are needed. **All entries must carry a Scrapie ID tag**. You will need to have a 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.**

**DNA DECLARATION:** Consignors are asked to declare DNA for spider, scrapie and the dwarf gene. The codon provided by consignor will be included on the sale orders, but is not guaranteed by the United Suffolk Sheep Association.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT:** Consignor settlement checks will be mailed within 30 days of the sale.

**SALE TRANSPORTATION:** There are several breeders who have agreed to be listed as potential haulers both to and from the sale. Refer to the Suffolk Event Sale information sheet for more details. There will be trailers coming and going from both coasts and to the majority of states in between.

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 (2 max)..... x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_  
Wether Sale Entry ..... x \$30 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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

**→ CONSIGNERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ENTER VIA DIGITAL SUFFOLK!**

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

USSA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ (ram/ewe/wether)  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  
DNA: \_\_\_\_\_ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No    If applicable, circle: GAP    Percentage  
Comments: (limit 250 characters)

USSA Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Flock Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_ (ram/ewe/wether)  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Sire: \_\_\_\_\_ Dam: \_\_\_\_\_  
DNA: \_\_\_\_\_ USSA Futurity Nominated (ewes): Yes or No    If applicable, circle: GAP    Percentage  
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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 2025 **Suffolk Event** in Springfield, IL. In addition to fellowship and fun; the weekend included educational seminars, the National Suffolk Sale, the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet and a Junior show. In 2023, 35 head sold for an average of \$1,140. Last year, 39 head sold for an average of \$1,160. 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 6.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW:** Friday, June 6 at 7:00 PM. Suffolk Event paid attendees, including consignors, help determine the sale order by voting for their favorite entries in each class. The Slido app will be used for voting. The sale preview will be livestreamed via the United Suffolk Sheep Association Facebook page. 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 2025.

**SALE:** Saturday, June 7, following the other breeds (approximately noon). The **Suffolk Event** Sale will not begin before noon. Billy MacCauley will be the auctioneer.

**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, \$40 for rams, and \$30 for wethers, payable at time of entry. All entries subject to a quality sift. Maximum of 2 rams per consigner. Ewe lambs can be futurity nominated prior to the sale for \$25 per head. Entry fees are non-refundable on any sheep that are sifted or otherwise fail to make the sale. 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.**

**ENTRY PROCESS:** Consignors are encouraged to enter via Digital Suffolk but can also 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. **Express Sale Entry with Digital Suffolk! – 1) log in 2) left menu "Flock Mgmt" 3) "Consignments"**

**COMMISSION & SALE MANAGEMENT** – The United Suffolk Sheep Association will manage the **Suffolk Event** sale. In addition to the entry fee, 11% (with approximately 1% going toward the youth buyer credit fund for next year). of the final bid will be charged as a sales commission.

**YOUTH BUYERS CREDIT:** For 2025, we are holding a drawing for one \$250 youth buyer credit for a junior member in attendance at the Event, to be used at the 2025 event sale. Must be present to win. The number (and \$ value) of the youth buyer credits may vary based on the sale commission each year.

**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 5 by 6 pm. For sheep arriving after 6 pm Thursday, June 5, contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200). All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June, 6. Trucks and trailers will not be able to enter the barn on Friday, June 6th 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 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 without registration numbers will not be accepted.

**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. Remember to share photos and sale information on social media. Help us get the word out to as many potential buyers as possible.

**ENTRY IS OPEN TO:** Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2023. Suffolk wethers born after 12/1/2024 are eligible to enter. 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 6 as other breeds will be showing that day.

- Thursday, June 5 – Sheep barn open for sale sheep to arrive
- Thursday, June 5 – Sale check-in 1pm – 6 pm
- Friday, June 6 – All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am
- Friday, June 6 – Sale sheep viewing / People's Choice voting 7 pm
- Saturday, June 7 – Suffolk Sale – Noon (or later) following the other breeds

**SUFFOLK SALE CONTACT | MAIL BIDS:** Jeremy Geske: 612-756-1200 or [Jeremy.geske@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.geske@gmail.com)

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:** There are several options for sheep to and from the National Suffolk Sale listed below. Please contact them directly to discuss fees and arrangements. Lots of consignors heading to most states will have room to deliver purchased sheep. Contact Jeremy Geske for assistance in lining up delivery for on-line/phone purchases.

**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](mailto:jsbaglien@gmail.com)
- Jeremy Geske (Minnesota) returning from Reno May 31 and can deliver to Springfield. 612-756-1200
- Ron Alves (California) • 209-404-6585 (call)

**DNA INFORMATION:** Consignors are asked to declare DNA for spider, scrapie and the dwarf gene. The codon provided by consignor will be included on the sale orders, but is not guaranteed by the United Suffolk Sheep Association.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT:** Consigner settlement checks will be mailed within 30 days of the sale.

**JUNIOR SHOW:** Sheep sold through the sale are eligible to be shown by the junior buyer on Sunday, June 8, 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 8, 2025 • Springfield, Illinois

**SHOW THEME: "Suffolk Superhero"**

**ENTRY: Via Showman.app "The Suffolk Event Junior Show"**

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 1** to help us plan for the show. Entry can be made during show check-in on Saturday, June 7. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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... "Suffolk Superhero" see rules for class details.

- Class 18 - Fitted Late Senior Ewe Lamb (born 11/16/24 - 12/31/24)
- Class 19 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ewe Lamb (born 11/16/24 - 12/31/24)  
Fitted Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe  
Slick Shorn Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe
- Class 22 - Fitted January Ewe Lamb (born 1/1/25 - 1/31/25)
- Class 23 - Slick Shorn January Ewe Lamb (born 1/1/25 - 1/31/25)
- Class 24 - Fitted February & Later Ewe Lamb (born 2/1/25 & after)
- Class 25 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ewe Lamb (born 2/1/25 & 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

**RAMS**

- Class 2 - Fitted Yearling Ram (born 9/1/23 - 8/31/24)
- Class 3 - Slick Shorn Yearling Ram (born 9/1/23 - 8/31/24)
- Class 4 - Fitted Early Senior Ram Lamb (born 9/1/24 - 11/15/24)
- Class 5 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Ram Lamb (born 9/1/24 - 11/15/24)
- Class 6 - Fitted Late Senior Ram Lamb (born 11/16/24 - 12/31/24)
- Class 7 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ram Lamb (born 11/16/24 - 12/31/24)
- Class 8 - Fitted January Ram Lamb (born 1/1/2025 - 1/31/2025)
- Class 9 - Slick Shorn January Ram Lamb (born 1/1/25 - 1/31/25)
- Class 10 - Fitted February & Later Ram Lamb (born 2/1/25 & after)
- Class 11 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ram Lamb (born 2/1/25 & after)  
Fitted Champion and Reserve Champion Ram  
Slick Shorn Champion and Reserve Champion Ram

**MARKET LAMBS**

- Class 30 - Suffolk Market Lamb

**EWES**

- Class 14 - Fitted Yearling Ewe (born 9/1/23 - 8/31/24)
- Class 15 - Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe (born 9/1/23 - 8/31/24)
- Class 16 - Fitted Early Senior Ewe Lamb (born 9/1/24 - 11/15/24)
- Class 17 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Ewe Lamb (born 9/1/24 - 11/15/24)

**SHOWMANSHIP**

- Class 31 - Beginning Showmanship Age 9 and younger
- Class 32 - Intermediate Showmanship Age 10-14
- Class 33 - Senior Showmanship Age 15 and older

~ See the reverse side for individual exhibitor entry ~



# **Bam! Zing! Pow! Kazam! – Have No Fear - A Suffolk Superhero Is Here! | The Suffolk Event Junior Show**

June 8, 2025 • 9:00am • Springfield, Illinois

**ENTRY: VIA SHOWMAN APP “The Suffolk Event Junior Show”**

Judge: Cruz Nichols, Jerseyville, Illinois

## **Rules & Regulations**

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.**
2. Entry fee is \$15 per head Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter by **May 1** to help us plan for the show. Additional entry can be made at the show (by 4 pm Saturday, June 7). **Enter via Showman App “The Suffolk Event Junior Show”.**
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 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 entering via Showman App.
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. Exhibitors are asked to pen sheep in the Suffolk area. There are no assigned pen assignments. For questions at arrival contact Chris Auville (540-840-4927) or Isaac Lewis (304-822-0377). If arriving on Friday, June 6 there may be limited Suffolk representatives in the barn as the educational sessions are at Lincoln Land Community College – contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200).
2. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting, feeding and pen maintenance equipment such as brooms, shovels, pitchforks, etc.
3. A photographer will be present to take pictures.
4. Exhibitors must sign the ethics statement on the entry form.
5. Exhibitors' show animals must be treated humanely and have all four feet on the ground when in the show ring.
6. Exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs and likenesses of exhibitor and animals may be used without compensation for advertising, promotion, and news articles.
7. The show will be livestreamed on the United Suffolk Sheep Association Facebook page.

## **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. The State of Illinois requires out-of-state exhibitors 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).

## **Sheep Show Rules**

1. All premiums will be determined by number of entries and awarded as sheep leave the ring.



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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 held beginning on Thursday, June 5 through 4pm on Saturday, June 7. There will not be formal check-in, contact Chris Auville (540-840-4927), Isaac Lewis (304-822-0377), Amanda Everts (319-230-0134) or a UJSSA director to check-in. Check-in will happen at the exhibitor's pen. Please have health papers and registration papers available.
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
  - Suffolk market lambs must be registered.
  - 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
  - Breeding sheep classes are broken by the birth date of the entry. ***Classes with greater than 15 head will be split.***
  - 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.