

# United Suffolk Sheep Association

2018 DIRECTOR ELECTION - DISTRICT 2



## **Matt Beals, Kirwin, Kansas**

To the dedicated Suffolk breeders of District 2; please let me re-introduce myself. My wife Amy and I operate Dry Sandy Sheep Company and currently we are running 90 Suffolk ewes. We entered the Suffolk business in the spring 2012, after dispersing our herd of Red Angus cows the previous fall.

I have served one term on your board of directors, this past year as the board's president. Prior to being an USSA board member, I had been a committee member of the USSA performance committee as well as the Suffolk breed coordinator for the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP).

For the past 10 years and for the entire existence of Dry Sandy Sheep Company we have been located in Southeast Nebraska. This summer we purchased a little ranch and moved our operation to Northwest Kansas near the town of Kirwin. There we plan to continue producing right-sized, production oriented, performance Suffolks, with the primary focus of producing commercial rams.

The primary role of a breed association is to create the programs that allow individual breeders to achieve increased market-share for the breed. As your director I will advocate for those programs.

Matt Beals