

# United Suffolk Sheep Association

2018 DIRECTOR ELECTION - DISTRICT 1

## Candidate: Matt Wolf, Caldwell, Idaho



Hi there! I would like to take a moment to introduce myself and my background in the sheep industry. My name is Matt Wolf and I have enjoyed working in the sheep industry for 25 years dating back to when I was a young boy growing up doing 4-H with my family in North Dakota. Participating in the business with my family and 4-H has taught me a great work ethic that I wanted to share with my kids as they grew up. I started the Whispering Hills Suffolk's located in, Caldwell, ID 8 years ago. I now partner with my dad, Galen who has been the biggest inspiration and support in getting me started in the sheep business. I also have the wonderful support of my wife

Mandi, and kids: Haille, Jayce and Brody. During the week, I work as an Engineer for ON Semi at High end Semiconductor Company that deals with an ever-changing technology environment on a daily basis.

As far as our flock goes, we maintain 15 brood ewes that are bred to produce Suffolk's for multiple purposes form seed stock to freezer lambs. I take pride in running a smaller family style business. I feel that this allows me to work my normal job and I am able to truly enjoy this hobby. I am also able to maintain my flock at a high end and pay the utmost attention to raising a high quality Suffolk's. As a new business owner I have a different perspective then I did when I was younger and have several ideas in ways to improve the Suffolk breed. I also want to incorporate the some of the things I loved a young boy growing up back into the Suffolk industry. I believe it really starts with the youth and them having a love for this business as I did since they one day will carry it on. I am hoping to do things that make the raising Suffolk's fun and family centered given the chance. I feel that the Suffolk breed has opportunities with the diversity we have to grow and flourish. As breeders we need to embrace some of our differences and work to promote the breed that we all have such passion for. With the agriculture landscape changing we as a breed need to change as well to continue to be the breed in the lead.