

# Application for Suffolk Genetic Acquisition Program (GAP)



## Eligibility for Suffolk GAP registrations

1. Must be a member in good standing of the U.S.S.A. or U.J.S.S.A
2. Certify to the best of your knowledge that the sheep being considered for GAP are of Suffolk descent by signing below.
3. Offspring of these ewes are only eligible for registration if sired by a registered (fullblood) Suffolk ram.

## Instructions for GAP Registrations

- Own 1 or more blackface ewes that are Suffolk in their phenotype
- Papers have not been maintained on these ewes for generations
- Records have been maintained on the ewes and you are confident that they are Suffolk in their genetic makeup
- Fill out the background questionnaire about these ewes on the following page
- An inspection, either physically or photographically, will validate their phenotype and determine their eligibility for registration
  - Physical inspection will be by a USSA director or designee of the USSA Board
  - Two photos per ewe will be required
    - One picture of the animals head (front view)
    - One picture of the animal's profile (side view)
    - Photos should be of reasonable quality and clear
- Once the ewes have been approved for registration, complete the application for Suffolk GAP registration

**Note:** All animals registered through GAP will have a permanent designation on their registration paper noting their original decent.

I hereby apply for the inclusion of \_\_\_\_\_ (please list number of ewes for consideration) ewe(s) for consideration to be registered in the United Suffolk Sheep Association under the provisions of the Genetic Acquisition Program. I furthermore certify to the truth and accuracy of the information to be listed on the application for registry for the above noted ewes.

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Name

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Address

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Email

Phone

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Signed

Date

Please submit this application to the United Suffolk Sheep Association, P.O. Box 121, Holland, IA 50642. You will be contacted by the Association office and a USSA director from your district.

## **Suffolk Genetic Acquisition Program (GAP) Background Information**

1. Briefly explain why these sheep have not been registered.
2. Explain the origin of these ewes in your operation, ie: bred and raised them, acquired from family operation, dissolved partnership, etc.
3. Summarize their genetic background: what are their general bloodlines, who have been the breeders of their sires, any prominent individuals in their lineage.