

# THE SUFFOLK EVENT

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

June 9-10 • Springfield, Illinois

Registration form is available at [www.suffolks.org](http://www.suffolks.org) – registration deadline is **May 15**.



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### New USDA Drug Regulations/Off Label Drug Uses



**Dr. John King, DVM**, is a veterinarian and sheep producer from Le Sueur, Minnesota. He will present New USDA Drug Regulations/Off Label Drug Uses to help producers make sense of the new regulations that take effect in June and offer suggestions on how sheep producers can effectively provide health care for their flocks. Dr. King has a long career in both private practice and public service and has been recognized with the Outstanding Service Award from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. He serves as the Minnesota Coordinator for the Secure Sheep & Wool Supply Program and is the former Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

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### Breed Standard Discussion

**Dr. Scott Greiner**, Animal Science Professor and Sheep Extension Specialist at Virginia Tech University will lead a discussion on the Suffolk Breed Standard on Saturday morning, June 10. The standard outlines phenotypic, genetic, and performance considerations and provides a common identity for all Suffolks found in various segments of the sheep industry. Attendees will be able to participate in a live animal demonstration illustrating the concepts outlined in the Suffolk Breed Standard.



Dr. Greiner grew up raising sheep on the family farm in Iowa and received his B.S. in animal science from Iowa State University. He then completed a M.S. at Michigan State University and Ph.D. at Iowa State University. He has been with Virginia Tech University since 1998, where he conducts research and Extension outreach with sheep producers. He works with the university-registered Suffolk and Dorset flocks and a commercial hair sheep flock. Dr. Greiner also provides leadership for the annual production sales and the Virginia Ram Test.

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### Using Ultrasound Scanning for Carcass Evaluation

Event participants will be able to participate in small groups working with hands-on scanning of Suffolks. This will be a great opportunity to get an up-close look at ultrasound scanning!



**Zach Schoelerman** is a Certified National Sheep Improvement Program Scanner and attends South Dakota State University. Zach grew up raising Suffolks on a diversified crop and livestock operation and plans to follow in his father's footsteps as a large animal veterinarian. He is an intern at Collison Embryo and has worked for the SDSU Animal Disease and Research Diagnostic Laboratory.

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### Digital Suffolk 101 & Digital Suffolk: Bells & Whistles



Digital Suffolk sessions will be offered during The Suffolk Event - these are sure to be popular sessions! Come and learn how to use this online registration and data management tool to get the most out of your flock. There will be internet access in the facility that will allow you to bring your laptop to the session for some hands-on experience. Amanda Everts, USSA Executive Secretary and members of the USSA Digital Suffolk Committee will lead the sessions and help producers learn how to use this exciting new program.

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### Data 101: How to Improve Your Bottom Line

**Ann Kohltoff**, Assistant Teaching Professor, at Iowa State University, will lead the session at The Suffolk Event Data 101: How to Improve Your Bottom Line and will discuss data collection and analysis.



**Ann Kohltoff** holds a B.S. in Animal Science and a M.S. in Ruminant Nutrition from South Dakota State University, where she also served as manager of the SDSU Sheep Unit, a 400-head sheep operation. Before coming to ISU, she served as an instructor in the Pipestone Lamb and Wool Program, working with producers from 120 farms across Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa.

## Producer Panel: Lessons Learned for a Successful Operation

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Suffolk Producer Panel - Lessons Learned for a Successful Operation will feature four experienced producers and is sure to be a popular session at The Suffolk Event. It will be offered during two different time slots to enable attendees to participate. Producers will share their experiences and respond to questions from the audience. Featured producers will be Jim Van Dyke – Van Dyke Suffolks, Wessington Springs, South Dakota, Bret Henderson – Henderson Suffolks, Atlanta, Indiana, Bob Kimm – Kimm Suffolks, Willow Springs, Missouri, and Evan Snyder – MacCauley Suffolks, Atglen, Pennsylvania.



**Jim VanDyke** has been raising Suffolk sheep since he was 10 years old. He currently runs an operation of 200 Suffolk ewes and 150 commercial ewes. He specializes in rams for the commercial market and sells 125 rams a year to operations in the west and Midwest. Jim has served as president of the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association and is a USSA director.



**Bret Henderson** has been raising Suffolks all his life with the family flock that started out as a 4-H project. The primary goal of the breeding program is raising and selling show sheep and selling rams to commercial breeders. Bret is a former USSA Director.



**Bob Kimm** has raised Suffolks since 1972 striving to breed complete sheep that are functional, productive, predictable, healthy, and structurally correct. He has held an annual spring production sale for the past 35 years and his genetics have been used across the country.



**Evan Snyder** has been the flock manager at MacCauley Suffolks since 2012 and manages the flock of approximately 500 purebred brood ewes and 100 crossbred ewes that are used as ET recipients and wether dams. In 2014 a transition was made from a fitted frame flock to a slick shorn flock. In addition to the purebred Suffolks, the operation markets lamb to local restaurants.

## Preventing Loss from Abortion Diseases

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**Dr. John King, DVM**, a sheep producer from Le Sueur, Minnesota will provide producers with an understanding of abortion diseases and how to prevent and manage abortion outbreaks in a flock. Dr. King has a long career in both private practice and public service and has been recognized with the Outstanding Service Award from the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine. He serves as the Minnesota Coordinator for the Secure Sheep & Wool Supply Program and is the former Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine.

## Farm to Table Direct Marketing of Lamb

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Three Suffolk breeders will discuss direct marketing and share their experiences marketing lamb raised in their operations.



**Gwen Kitzan** of Nisland, South Dakota is the past president of the American Lamb Board. In addition to marketing cuts of lamb, she has launched five heat-and-serve prepared lamb dishes from Kitzan Family Farm, LLC to make it easy for consumers to enjoy lamb.



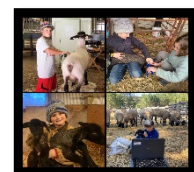
**John Peck** of Pittstown, New Jersey has direct marketed lamb through farmers markets and direct to restaurants. His business, Mt. Salem Farm, has grown so much that he now purchases lamb from other Suffolk breeders to meet the demand.



**Diane Russell** of Eaton, Indiana is a veteran expert in direct marketing of lamb across many venues and has a keen understanding of product development and how to work with consumers. Join us to learn about regulations, processing, marketing, and resources available for successful direct marketing.

## Youth Track

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The Suffolk Event will offer plenty of educational sessions for the whole family, with special youth sessions on Friday and Saturday. Kids of all ages can participate in **Creepy Crawlers that Affect Sheep**, **Where's the Meat?**, **Sheep Skill-A-Thon**, **Lamb Jam Tasting**, and **Hands-on Ultrasounding**. There will also be a fun time reviewing sheep facts in a game of **Shepardy** and playing in the **Corn Hole Tournament**. Don't miss this exciting event! Special prices for children and families that includes two dinners. 4-H and FFA clubs are welcome.