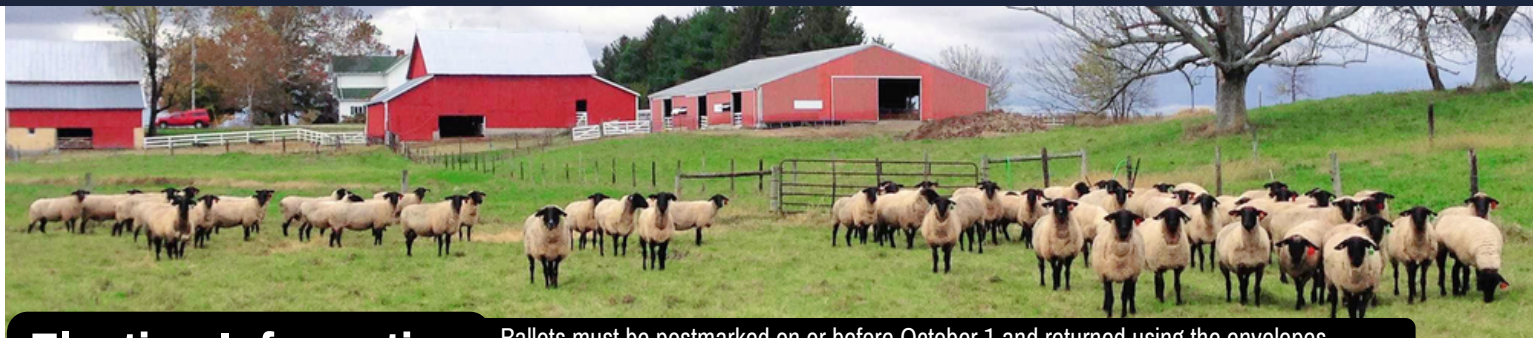




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Election Information

Ballots must be postmarked on or before October 1 and returned using the envelopes included in the election mailing (addressed to the American Dorper Sheep Breeders Society).

Director Elections*

*For districts with more than one seat up for election, the candidate receiving the most votes will fill the longest term, the candidate with the second most votes will fill the second longest term, etc.

District 1

One Seat up for election: 3-year term

District 1 Vacancy Notice – No intent to run submitted.

If you are interested in filling this position, please submit your name and brief bio to the USSA Office by Oct. 1, the vacancy will be filled in early October. Please submit information to amanda@suffolks.org or fax 734.335.7646.

District 2

Three seats up for election: 3-year term, 2-year term, 1-year term

Bill Fulton, IL
Diane Russell, IN
Bill Zwyers, IN

District 2 Candidate Bios

District 3

One seat up for election: 3-year term

District 3 Vacancy Notice – No intent to run submitted

If you are interested in filling this position, please submit your name and brief bio to the USSA Office by Oct. 1, the vacancy will be filled in early October. Please submit information to amanda@suffolks.org or fax 734.335.7646.

District 4

Two seats up for election: 3-year term, 2-year term.

Chris Auville, VA
Joe Emenheiser, CT
Randy Hodges, MI
District 4 Candidate Bios

Proposed Bylaw Amendments

There are two proposed bylaw amendments on the ballot the fall of 2023:

Allowance for Electronic Correspondence and Voting - Article V. Directors. Section 4. Election of Directors.

Proposed Amendment: Candidates for a director's position shall be delivered to the USSA office a letter or correspondence via email stating intent to seek election as a director in the organization by August 1 of that year. An official ballot containing the names and resumes of district candidates shall be mailed or emailed (based on membership preference specified when annual dues are paid) to all members of the association by September 1 of that year. To vote in the election of Directors, a member must either return the ballot to a location at the board of directors' discretion by October 1 of that year or vote electronically by the third-party electronic voting process the association is utilizing at that time (based on membership preference specified when annual dues are paid). Director applicants receiving the most votes in his/her district shall be deemed elected. In the event of a tie, the present directors will pick the winner or one of the tie candidates may choose to refrain from election. The secretary of the USSA will inform all voting members of the election results.

Special Meeting Notice Requirements - Article V. Directors. Section 10. Special Meetings.

Proposed Amendment: A special meeting of the Board may be called at any time by the President, or any three or more of the Directors by giving five days' notice of such meeting to each member of the Board of Directors, either personally or by mail, stating the time, place and purpose of any such meeting.

Please reach out to a USSA board member with any question you may have - more information on this can be found on the USSA website.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- October 1 - Postmark deadline to return director election and bylaw amendment ballots.
- October 23 - USSA Online Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale - [@integritylivestocksales.com](https://www.integritylivestocksales.com)
- November 10 -13 - North American International Livestock Exposition - [livestockexpo.org](https://www.livestockexpo.org)
- November 27 - USSA Annual Meeting, 7:30pm central on Zoom



Monday, November 27th
7:30pm central

Join Zoom Meeting (clickable link can also be found at www.suffolks.org)

[Click for Zoom Link](#)

Call-In Number: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 822 4229 9208

Passcode: 257186

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Understanding GFI #263

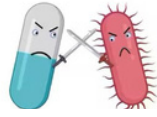


Over-the-Counter Antimicrobials Changing to Prescription Only

Presented by Dr. John King at The Suffolk Event, June 2023

Rationale for GFI #263

Guidance for industry (GFI) #263 is part of a broader effort by FDA to combat antimicrobial resistance (AMR), a serious threat to animal and public health. Antimicrobial use in humans, animals, and horticulture can contribute to the development of AMR. Using antimicrobials judiciously, in all settings, can help slow the rate at which AMR develops.



FDA supports judicious use of medically important antimicrobials in all settings. Labeling changes as a result of GFI #263 are one example of how we can assist farmers and ranchers to strengthen their stewardship efforts when using these drugs.



The Center for Disease Control states that when food animals are given antibiotics, disease resistant bacteria can develop in their intestines and continue to survive and grow. As animals are processed, these antibiotic resistant bacteria can pass through to humans in undercooked meats or feces in runoff and contaminate fruits and vegetables. These 'super bugs' can threaten human and animal health as they don't respond to traditional medications.

Label for Procaine Penicillin G



- For use in Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Horses.
- Penicillin Injectable is indicated for treatment of bacterial pneumonia (shipping fever) caused by *Pasteurella multocida* in cattle and sheep, erysipelas caused by *Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae* in swine, and strangles caused by *Streptococcus equi* in horses.
- Penicillin Injectable is administered by the intramuscular route.
- The daily dose of penicillin is 3,000 units per pound of body weight (1 ml per 100 lbs body weight). Continue for at least one day after symptoms disappear
- Treatment should not exceed four consecutive days.
- No more than 10 mL should be injected at any one site. Rotate injection sites for each succeeding treatment.

Medically Important Antibiotics

Transitioning from OTC to Rx in 2023 (all manufacturers):

Injectable Products

- Penicillins
- Tetracyclines
- Sulfonamides
- Erythromycin
- Tylosin
- Lincomycin
- Spectinomycin
- Gentamicin

Intramammary Products

- Erythromycin
- Penicillin
- Dihydrostreptomycin
- Novobiocin
- Cephalixin
- Cephalixin Benzathine

Oral Liquids/Boluses

- Dihydrostreptomycin
- Sulfonamides
- Tetracyclines
- Spectinomycin
- Gentamicin

Eye Ointments

- Gentamicin
- Tetracyclines

"Federal law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."



Defining A Veterinarian-client-patient relationship

"Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means a relationship in which the conditions in paragraphs (a) to (d) have been met.

- (a) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment, and the client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.
- (b) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate at least a general, preliminary, or tentative diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal. The veterinarian must be acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal by virtue of an examination of the animal or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.
- (c) The veterinarian is available for consultation in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.
- (d) The veterinarian maintains records documenting patient visits, diagnosis, treatments, and drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered, and other relevant information.

When does this happen and what's the next step?

1. Effective June 11, 2023.
2. If you haven't already done so, develop a relationship with a veterinarian.
3. Self assessment of when and how you determine that prescription medications are needed to treat your livestock.

Products NOT impacted by this change:

- Products Already Under Veterinary Oversight
 - Prescription Products
 - Veterinary Feed Directive Products
- OTC Animal Health Products
 - Vaccines
 - Dewormers
 - Fly Control
 - Hormone Implants
 - Teat Sealants
 - Ionophore Products



Entry Deadline is October 10th!

Sheep Events: November 10 -16

Complete schedule, judges, premium book and entry information can found at www.livestockexpo.org.

Open Show Exhibitors: As listed in the NAILE premium book, there is a \$10 per head entry fee for open show entries, paid directly to the United Suffolk Sheep Association prior to the show. There is no additional entry fee for the junior show. After NAILE, unpaid open show entries are \$20 per head.

Suffolk Juniors: Let's go to the rodeo together on Friday, November 10th. Tickets are only \$5! Contact Jodie Hoover (jodiehoover@gmail.com) by Oct. 1 to purchase tickets/make reservations!

When do you shear your mature ewes?

"We shear in May and November. In our NJ climate, we don't usually get cold temperatures until mid-December, and if we shear in November the ewes are warm enough in winter, but in a nice short, cleaner & drier fleece for lambing. I think having them in short fleece is much more sanitary in winter, because the longer the fleece the longer it takes to dry out after snow or rain, and we try to keep the barn as dry as possible. "

-John Peck, New Jersey

"We try to shear the ewe flock in late May or early June before the hottest weather sets in. It allows us to best evaluate body condition scores, treat and worm and allows for some regrowth for both protection and appearance. The ewes present better in short fleece we think."

-Bill Zwyers, Indiana

"We shear the end of October/ early November. This helps with feeder space in the barn as well as keep the barn dry and lambs have less wool to contend with when they are first born. This is after breeding season to also help against Cache Valley. We then shear again late March/ early April."

-Bill MacCauley, Pennsylvania

"Twice a year: In the fall before the bulk lambing starts, usually September to Early October and again in the spring before stickers and summer happen, usually April. For me I've seen that shearing the ewes before lambing (as well as culling heavily on intelligence) keeps newborn lambs from getting laid on in the lambing jails. Don't want to jinx myself, but it's been years since I've had that be an issue. Shearing again in the spring makes it easy to monitor and manage the ewe's condition through the summer months. While twice a year is an added expense, it's one that I've very comfortable pays for itself."

-Greg Ahart, California

"I am moving to a late fall shearing for mature ewes for three reasons in particular:

- It encourages the ewes to move to the barn in extreme colder weather.
- In my location, we either get heavy wet snow or freezing rain, the lighter fleece doesn't carry that moisture into the barn. Hence, less moisture carried into the barn and the need for less change in bedding.
- The ewes with a lighter fleece can tell where the lambs are by feel in the lambing pens and not accidentally lay on them and also they shed more body heat to the newborn lambs in extremely cold conditions."

-Bill Fulton, Illinois

"We shear in late October-early November. We are located in Indiana and we lamb in late December - February. Ewes in short fleece during the cold winter months will stay in the barn, where we want the lambing to occur. We find that ewes in short fleece contribute to a dryer barn, and it provides easier access to lambing/ nursing assistance."

-Diane Russell, Indiana

"I have always sheared the mature ewes in spring and late fall or early winter. Twice a year."

-Bill Royer, Illinois

"I always schedule my shearer to shear my brood ewes 2-6 weeks prior to the start of the winter lambing season (which typically starts for me the very end of December). Shorn ewes give off more body heat and less moisture than ewes in long fleece, resulting in a warmer, dryer lambing barn. Shorn ewes are less likely to lay on a lamb in the jug, and it's easier for the newborn lambs to find the udder."

-Jeremy Geske, Minnesota

"We try to shear 3 to 4 weeks before lambing. Weather, availability of a shearer dictate if this happens. There have been some years we didn't shear till after we lambled. Doing it before lambing makes it easier for the lamb to find his dinner. Also the ewe can feel her lambs when she lays down and she won't lay on them."

-Joe Olsen, Utah

"We shear our mature ewes the middle of January, about 2 weeks before lambing starts. Since we live in Wisconsin, they are in an insulated barn through lambing. They take up less room, keep the barn warm and it is much easier to see as ewes are closer to lambing as well as making nursing much easier for the lambs."

-Marlin Subra, Wisconsin

"We shear our replacement ewe lambs in October and the mature ewes in November..."

Early enough for a bit of protection for wintering outside (mild winters here in VA) but late enough that it's still a relatively short fleece for lambing time."

-Radell Schrock, Virginia



New Members!

Brittain's Laurel Crest Ranch, OR
Nathan Brown, PA
Mike Christensen, IA

Corbett & Leedy Sheep Farm, OH
Charles Fowler, OH
Brit Gingrich, IN
Brandon Gouge, DE
Douglas Hartford, NH

Sara & Mark Hewitt, MN
Samantha Johnson, WA
Joe Neil, VA
Amanda Olsen, UT
Madysen Parmer, OK

Andrew & Amanda Paul, IA
Sara Poff, TN
Tom Reay, MN
Jim Sappington, MO
Cassandra Skal, NY

Lauren Slick, PA
Mat Smith, IN
Marlon Thomsen, NE
West Virginia University Farms, WV

Junior Show RECAP



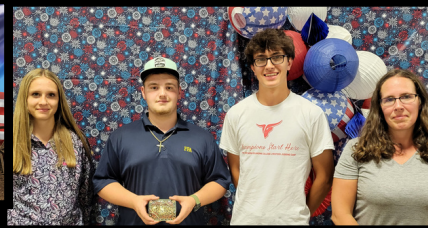
UJSSA Member Group Photo



UJSSA Leadership Contest Award Winners



Top Gun
Fitted: Austyn Groves, MI/CAN
Slick: Allee Hoover, PA



Jeff Bollinger Memorial Award Winner: Creed Harker



2023 All-American Junior Show
July 4-7, East Lansing, Michigan

AAJS Suffolk Stats



186 sheep
73 exhibitors
12 states

Full Results

<https://allamericanjuniorshow.com/results-full/>



Learn More

<https://suffolks.org/wp/2022/2022-ujssa-contests/>

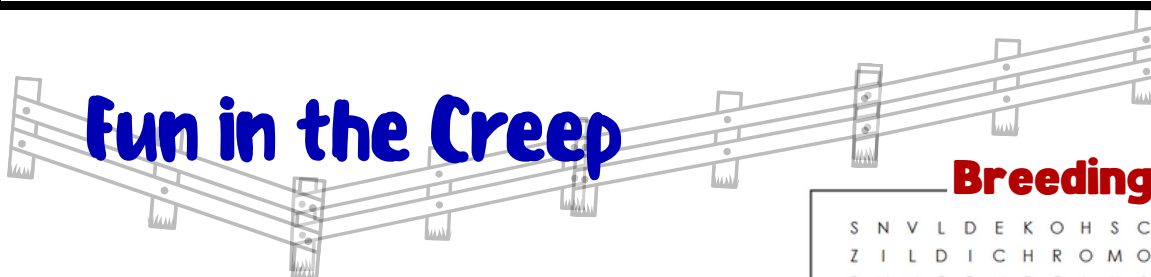
WELCOME

Eli, Brynn, Kyra & Leah Baumgartner
Max, Mason & Mattson Bergsieker
Ben Bonnell
Nolyn Brown
Taylor Corey
Abbey Goff
Lyndsay Huffman
Jaiden Johnson
Reid Keever

New UJSSA Members

Aaren & Helen Kulas
Vedah Langel
Arabella & Aileana Lightle
Arabella McDowell
Maddy McDowell
Paige Minter
Megan Monson
Carter Murphy
Olivia Olson
Brittany Palmore

Colin Peterson
Cody Schneider
Lucille Schwieterman
Cashlee Smith
Vivian Stephenson
Brooklyn Torrone
Klynt Verhaeghe
Cohen Weisner
Nehemiah Williams-Bostwick & Neenah Williams
Benton Yandell
Claire Young



Sheep hEWEmer

Answers on page 8

- Q1. Where did the sheep watch videos online?
Q2. What kind of car does a rich sheep drive?



GESTATION

the length of time a ewe is pregnant, in sheep the average gestation length is 148 days.

Breeding Time



BCS	ESTRUS	GRAZE	LINEBREEDING	PASTURE	SUFFOLK
BUCK	EWE	HEREDITY	MARKED	PEDIGREE	
CHROMOSOME	FLUSHING	HETEROSIS	MATURITY	RAM	
CIDR	GESTATION	INBREEDING	OUTCROSS	SIRE	

New words? Learn more in The Suffolk Source!



Lambtastic!

Margarita Lamb Walking Taco

By Nick Forrest, Ohio

2 pounds American mutton / lamb, cubed
 2 taco seasoning packets
 ¾ cup diced onions
 1 cup diced tomatoes
 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 1 lime cut & squeezed
 ¾ cup of Margarita mix
 single serving bags of Frito chips or nacho chips
 Optional: salsa, sour cream, guacamole

Directions

Sauté onions in fry pan. Once caramelized, add ground lamb. Cook ground lamb and cook. Once meat is almost all browned, then add taco seasoning, lime, and margarita mix. Ready to eat once cooked to 160 degrees.

Serving tips: Open bag of chips at the seam or cut open lengthwise towards the top. Add meat, tomatoes, cheese, top with sour cream, salsa or guacamole. Can use nacho chips instead of Frito chips.

Do you have a LAMBTASTIC recipe to share?

Submit the recipe and photo to info@suffolks.org for a chance to be featured in the next issue!



The Clever Cleaver

Because lamb fat melts at a low temperature - expect to see fat accumulation when cooking with lamb. So watch for splatter when frying or grilling at high temperature, and know that because the fat is exiting - you will enjoy a lean finished product in most cases.

Sheep hEWEmer: Q1 A. EweTube. Q2: A lamb-borghini.

National Suffolk Sale

[Click here to view complete sale results.](#)

Champion Ram
 Consigner: Chuck Ream, CA



Champion Ewe
 Consigner: 5 Star J Farms, IN



Champion Wether Sire
 Consigner: Brockelman/Troxell, TX



Champion Wether Dam
 Consigner: Wright's Rocky Acres, MO



The Member Connection

Births

Burke Deeter to Taylor (Peck) & Jack Deeter, April 2023
 Harper Berg to Kiah & Andrew Berg, May 2023

Marriages

Katherine (Parsley) & Tyler Purvis, July 2023

Deaths

(click to link to obituary)

Donald Bacon, Montana

Gary Heilig, Montana

Anita Philips, Idaho

Please share member connection updates by email: info@suffolks.org.

NEW

BREEDER LISTINGS

Breeders can have their name, flock/farm name, location, phone, email and website listed for \$100 per year or prorated at \$25 per issue. Contact the USSA Office to be added!

MICHIGAN

Reau Suffolks, Mark & Brenda Reau
 Petersburg, MI
reau@msu.edu • 734-755-8285
 Facebook: [Reau Suffolks](#)

MINNESOTA

Cannon River Suffolks
John & Christy Scott, Kilkenny, MN
John.scott@phblawoffice.com
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 Facebook: [Cannon River Suffolks](#)

SOUTH DAKOTA

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 605-770-1095
 Facebook: [Van Dyke Suffolks](#)



An organization supporting the Suffolk breed through:

- Youth Development
- Education
- Research



MacCauley Foundation Scholarship

\$10,000 • \$7,500 • \$5,000 • \$2,500_{x2}

Offering up to one \$10,000, one \$7,500, one \$5,000 and two \$2,500 scholarships to be awarded in **2023!** The scholarship application will be posted soon at <https://suffolks.org/scholarships.html>

Application Deadline: October 20

2023 AAJS Cash Award Winners

Each year the Suffolk Foundation provides cash prizes to any 1st - 3rd placing Suffolk exhibitor in the AAJS leadership events. Entries must be promoting Suffolk sheep - \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$50 for 3rd place. These awards are given in addition to the UJSSA awards given to the top placing Suffolk exhibitor in each of the leadership contests/divisions.



- \$100 • Hutsyn Hohertz, TX • 1st place Junior Poster
- \$100 • Hutsyn Hohertz, TX • 1st place Junior T-Shirt Design
- \$75 • Felcity Groves, MI/CAN • 2nd place Junior T-Shirt Design
- \$75 • Greeley Everts, IA • 2nd place Junior Logo
- \$75 • Allee Hoover, PA • 2nd place Intermediate Advertisement

2023 Foundation Scholarship Winners

Suffolk Foundation Scholarship

Two \$1000 scholarships offered to Suffolk youth who is at least a senior in high school who maintains 3.0 minimum GPA, enrolled or plan to enroll into a degree or certificate program at a 2 year or 4 year college, university or technical college, currently own and have registered Suffolks, and is actively involved with Suffolk sheep at the local, state, regional and/or national level.



Caleb Antram of Somerset, Pennsylvania is son of Dave and Jodell Antram. Caleb is currently an Animal Science major at Penn State University and plans pursue a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. Upon completion of veterinary school, Caleb plans to serve his local community as a mixed animal veterinarian and continue to farm with his family. Caleb attributes his personal experiences with his own flock of sheep in creating and working towards his career goals. Caleb is a member of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association, active in Army ROTC at Penn State and active in various other collegiate clubs at Penn State.



Raesa Zelinsky of Brookings, South Dakota is currently a freshman at South Dakota State University majoring in Animal Science with a specialization in industry relations. Raesa is the daughter of Rob and Christy Zelinsky, and has been actively involved with the Suffolk breed at the local, state and national level since a small child. Aside from showing, she has her own sale corresponding to her SAE project the end of March merchandising Suffolk market lambs to youth from various states. Raesa currently serves as the South Dakota State FFA Secretary, an United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association board member, and volunteers for numerous organizations.

Royer Farm Suffolk Scholarship

One \$2000 scholarship is offered to Suffolk youth who reside in the state of Indiana, Illinois or Iowa, maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, have shown, exhibited registered Suffolk sheep at least four years in Indiana, Illinois or Iowa and has enrolled in a 2 year or 4 year college or university within one year of scholarship winning notification.



Kylie Ketcham of Alhambra, Illinois is the daughter of Kerry and Jessie Ketcham. Kylie is currently a freshman at the Western Kentucky University majoring in Agri-Business and plans to pursue a career in sales upon graduation. She was introduced to Suffolks by her grandfather Kim as a young girl and has since been involved with the family's Suffolk flock. At the age of 7 Kylie began showing Suffolks at the local level and then expanded her involvement to the state and national level. Kylie was an active 4-H and FFA member, a State FFA Degree recipient and has volunteered for numerous organizations and causes.

LEARN MORE >>

<https://suffolks.org/scholarships.html>

Apply

2024 Application Deadline is February 1st

Support

Contact the Suffolk Office!



Join us to celebrate the Suffolk Foundation!

WHERE

NAILE, Suffolk Open Show

WHEN

Monday, November 13th

TIME

Stop by the Suffolk booth during the Suffolk Open Show for snacks and a glimpse of the Foundation's success

Foundation Fundraiser Items

Keychain - Bottle Opener - Charm - Pin/Tie Tack



All items \$20/each

Contact the Suffolk Office to order!

Entry Deadline Oct 12



Nutritional Considerations for Flocks During Breeding Season

Jaelyn Whaley, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Managing nutrition during breeding season is critical for improving lambing rates, but it can often be a challenge. When breeding for spring-born lambs, forages are declining in nutritional value while nutrient requirements for sheep are increasing. Fall lambing requires breeding when heat can challenge conception. Regardless of the time of year, it's important to keep ewes and rams in mind before, during and after breeding season. Prior to and throughout breeding, many producers utilize flushing to increase ovulation rates. During the breeding season, rams are working hard to service ewes in heat while attempting to meet their own nutritional needs. Increasing the flock's plane of nutrition continues to play an important role in ewes by reducing early embryonic death and helping rams recover after breeding.

Ewe Management

Success of breeding is largely dependent on nutrition. Simple management techniques, such as flushing or managing ewe lambs that are still growing separately can boost breeding success. Simply put, flushing means increasing your flock's plane of nutrition at least two to three weeks before and after breeding. Flushing helps to initiate estrus, improve ovulation and increase conception rates by promoting the ewe's body to signal to the reproductive tract that she is ready to support herself plus a growing fetus or fetuses. Additionally, flushing improves embryonic attachment to the uterine wall, hence reducing the number of early embryonic deaths, which most commonly occur within the first 30 days of conception. Ensuring that ewes are bred within that first 21 days (the first heat cycle) can help shorten your lambing window. High-energy feeds, such as corn, are commonly used for flushing at approximately one pound per head daily. Moving ewes to a higher-quality pasture or cover crop can also elicit a similar response to flushing. Ovulation and weaning rates are positively influenced when ewes can consume greater amounts of quality forage. Maintaining an increased plane of nutrition is even more important for first-time mothers. In many cases, young ewes aren't finished growing while also being asked to also carry offspring. However, it has been shown that young ewes that raise offspring their first year may have greater lambing performance as mature ewes. If infrastructure and feed resources allow, increasing supplementation to ewe lambs and having a separately managed breeding group specifically for ewe lambs will promote conception and maintained pregnancy.

Ram Management

Ram care is also important before, during and after breeding and should be monitored. The energy requirement of a ram increases by approximately 9% from maintenance to pre-breeding. This improves semen quality and allows for excess body stores during an energy-demanding breeding season. On average, a ram can lose up to 25% of his own body weight throughout a breeding season. It's generally recommended to utilize one ram per 30 ewes, but if breeding groups are placed in large pastures, or greater than one

ram per 30 ewes, a ram's requirement to travel farther or service more ewes will increase energy expenditures. Additionally, adverse weather conditions and low forage quality further challenge a ram's energy demand. Extra supplementation may also be needed for ram lambs utilized during the breeding season. Improving the longevity of rams is a common concern on range operations, so take care of the rams that play a huge role in conception rates and, ultimately, your bottom dollar.

Body Condition Score Prior to Breeding

Body condition also plays an integral role in improving conception. Body condition scores (BCS) should be assessed at least three weeks prior to breeding to make nutritional decisions, especially because increasing body condition takes longer than decreasing condition. While there may be incidences of sheep maintaining or improving body condition on low-quality pasture, this is extremely difficult when considering the nutritional demands of the breeding season. Both ewes and rams should be in a BCS 3 to 3.5 prior to breeding. Ewes in BCS 3 or slightly lower typically show an improved response to flushing effects. Rapid weight losses after joining ewes and rams should be avoided to achieve maximum conception and pregnancy rates. Therefore, flushing diets should be provided to ewes and rams for two to three weeks before and after breeding. For more information on BCS, check out the article, [Managing Sheep Body Condition Score Throughout the Year](#).

Optimizing flock nutrition throughout the breeding season can help improve conception rates, lambing percentages and ram longevity. Utilizing high-energy feedstuffs, such as corn supplemented at about one pound per head daily, or the use of nutrient-dense pastures and cover crops make excellent options for both ewes and rams. For the best results, a flushing diet should be made available at least two to three weeks prior to breeding, throughout the season and two to three weeks after breeding. Proper nutritional management is one simple way to positively influence your lamb crop and, in turn, increase the profitability of your flock.

NEW

INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP

CURRENT MEMBERS CAN NOW PURCHASE AN INTRODUCTORY MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS FOR **\$20**

ELIGIBILITY

MEMBER MUST TRANSFER AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED SHEEP TO NEW OWNER

WORK IN PROGRESS

Plans are in progress for the USSA to partner with Flock 54 to link Flock 54 results into Digital Suffolk. Stay tuned to learn more about this venture.



Youth

[Click to view Junior Show results!](#)



The Suffolk Event
120 attendees
15 states

Sale
35 head
Sale average \$1,140
Sold to 12 states

Junior Show
60 head
18 exhibitors
6 states

Sale

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USSA MESSAGE BOARD

2023 USSA ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The 2023 United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting will be virtual via Zoom. The board decided to move forward with a virtual annual meeting again this year as they received positive feedback from the membership after last year's meeting, support through the Needs Assessment and feels it's the best way to allow all members of the association to participate.

We encourage all members to join us on Monday, November 27th at 7:30pm central via Zoom. Please note you do not need a computer to join, you can call in!! Be sure to save this connection to join – this will also be posted on the USSA website – www.suffolks.org.

Join Zoom Meeting ([clickable link](#) found at www.suffolks.org)

Call-In Number: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 822 4229 9208

Passcode: 257186

**Submission Deadline
Winter Newsletter**

December 1st

SUFFOLK HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Is there a individual / flock / industry ambassador you feel should be considered for the Suffolk Hall of Fame? Members are encouraged to nominate individuals they feel are deserving for consideration into the Suffolk Hall of Fame. Please submit nominations by December 31st. Find nomination forms and more information about the Suffolk Hall of Fame, including past inductees at: <https://suffolks.org/hof.html>

SUBMIT PHOTO /FREE REGISTRATION

Submit a favorite Suffolk photo you've taken for a chance to receive one of ten free registrations. This opportunity is open to USSA and UJSSA members. We're looking for photos of Suffolks from across the US to use in promotion of the Suffolk breed. The USSA has the right to use and reprint the photos that are submitted.

Submit photos to info@suffolks.org with the subject line "Favorite Suffolk Photo".

FEE STRUCTURE CHANGES

Recently the USSA Board of directors approved some changes to our fee structure that will be implemented in the near future. These changes are a result of careful evaluation of the association's finances and the needs of our members. We strive to provide our USSA members with the best customer service and work our hardest to promote the Suffolk breed. We appreciate your membership and enthusiasm to raise and promote registered Suffolk sheep!

- Most members prefer to pay by credit to expedite the completion of transactions, but often send a check to save the credit card fees which resulted in more work for the member and the USSA office. Effective January 1, 2024 there will no longer be a 3% convenience fee on payments made by credit card.
- Effective January 1, 2024 transfers will decrease to \$8 per head and lamb registrations will increase to \$10 per head.
- With rising costs and implementation of new member benefits 2024 dues will be \$75 and late dues (paid after March 1) will be \$90. Anyone wishing to join or renew their dues for the balance of 2023 will be at the old fee structure. Those wishing to pay for 2024 before the end of the calendar year will be charged at the new rate of \$75.

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THE SUFFOLK RAM

BIG, GROWTHY, MUSCULAR, 3-DIMENSIONAL, POWERFUL TERMINAL SIRE

THE SUFFOLK EWE

ENCOMPASSES MATERNAL MOTHERING AND MILKING ABILITY TO GET GROWTHY SUFFOLK LAMBS OFF TO GREAT START

Suffolks are found in the western range, farm flocks, purebred operations, commercial operations, feedlots, a part of youth projects and in the showing. Reflect on the fact that Suffolks are the essential terminal sire and demanded in the US Sheep Industry. Nearly 60% of American lamb is genetically influenced by black faced rams; progress of the Suffolk breed is not only impactful in your flock but essential to the US Sheep Industry.