

# NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE INFORMATION

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:** Make plans to attend the 2024 *Suffolk Event*. The first-ever “Suffolk Event” held in Springfield last year was a great success and the sale was well received. Last year 35 head sold for an average of \$1,140. In addition to fellowship and fun; the weekend included educational seminars, the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet and a Junior show. Improvements have been made based on feedback from participants, so we expect great things from this year’s *Suffolk Event*! The *Suffolk Event* National Suffolk Sale will be held in conjunction with the Cheviot, Oxford, Tunis & Montadale sales held in Springfield, IL. The **Entry Deadline** is May 1.

**IMPORTANT CONSIGNOR NOTE:** A registration number is required for each entry. We are utilizing Digital Suffolk to build the sale catalog. This will not work if the sheep has not yet been registered. Please contact the USSA Office with any questions. Substitutions will be allowed.

**LOCATION:** Illinois State Fairgrounds, North Sheep Barn Springfield, Illinois. All sale sheep will be housed in this facility. All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June 7.

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE SHOW:** Friday, June 7 at 6:00 PM. Sale Order will be determined by the paid attendees of the *Suffolk Event*. Every attendee, including consignors will get one vote. Sheep will be lined up in the ring by age. The top 10 rams and top 10 ewes will be determined by the vote and sold in that order. All the rest of the rams and ewes will be sold by birthdate (oldest to youngest). Sheep can be presented slick or in fleece. Only requirements, as this is an event where the Suffolk breed is on display, the sheep need to be washed within a week of the show and either sheared or cut out in 2024.

**SALE:** Saturday, June 9, following the Cheviot, Tunis, Oxford and Montadale sales at approximately noon, with Bill MacCauley as Auctioneer. The *Suffolk Event* Sale will not begin before noon.

- **ENTRY DEADLINES** – Early Bird April 24: If you want to be included in the all breeds catalog that will be distributed at the Ohio Showcase sale. Regular May 1: We want to have a digital catalog out ahead of time to prospective buyers so please enter by the deadline. Email entries will be accepted. Emailed entries will not be cataloged until entry fees are received.
- **ENTRY FEES & SUBMISSION**– Entry fees are \$30 for ewes and \$40 for rams, payable at time of entry. Entry fees are non-refundable on any sheep that are sifted or otherwise fail to make the sale. Please use the enclosed entry form. Include a USSA registration number with each entry as we are using Digital Suffolk to create the catalog. Even if you aren’t 100% sure which ones you will bring, enter your best guess. Substitutions will be allowed. Information Sale Day will **NOT** be accepted. Remember the May 1 deadline, and please be on time!!! Make checks payable to: USSA. **SEND ENTRIES TO: USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642 or info@suffolks.org.**
- **COMMISSION & SALE MANAGEMENT** – The American Cheviot Sheep Society (Jeff Ebert: 785-458-9174) will manage the *Suffolk Event* sale. In addition to the entry fee, 11% of the final bid will be charged as a sales commission (10% to ACSS as sale manager and 1% to the USSA).
- **LATE ENTRIES:** All entries received after the deadline date will be charged a late entry fee of \$60 per head and are not likely to be included in the catalog.

**SALE CHECK-IN:** Consignors are encouraged to have sheep checked in with sale management on **Thursday, June 6 by 6 pm**. For sheep arriving after 6 pm Thursday, June 6, contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200). All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June, 7. Trucks and trailers will not be able to enter the barn on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to unload as other breeds will be showing in the barn that day.

**CATALOG:** A sale catalog will be distributed to prospective buyers prior to the sale and it will be posted on the USSA website (and social media). We are using Digital Suffolk to create the catalog so you can upload photos as you have them. We need the registration numbers on all your entries to make this work. Entries will not be accepted without registration numbers.

**PHOTOS:** Consignors are encouraged to upload photos of sale entries on Digital Suffolk. That way they will be viewable by anyone who receives the digital catalog or scans the QR code of your sheep. Also remember to share photos of your entries and sale information on Facebook and other forms of social media. Help us get the word out to as many potential buyers as possible.

**ENTRY IS OPEN TO:** Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2022. GAP and Percentage registered sheep are eligible to be consigned to this sale. Sheep that have reached purebred status (94% or 15/16) are eligible to participate in the sale preview. Sheep that are less than 94% are not eligible for the sale preview and will sell separately.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** All entries must carry Scrapie ID tag. You will need to have Scrapie ID on your Health Papers. The State of Illinois requires out-of-state consignors to obtain an entry permit no more than 72 hours before entering Illinois. This permit number will go on your health papers. The permit may be obtained by calling the Illinois Dept. of Ag. (217-782-4944). ***Though not required for this sale, many states require a negative B Ovis test on any rams over 6 months of age, so consignors are encouraged to have this test if you want your rams eligible to sell into any U.S. state.***

**ON-LINE BIDDING:** There will be an online bidding and viewing option during the sale through Breeders World. Consignors will receive additional instructions on submitting information and photos to Breeders World via e-mail.

**MINIMUM BID:** There will be a minimum bid of \$400 on all entries.

**Sale Schedule: (please refer to the full Event Schedule in this packet for more details)**

No trucks and trailers are allowed in the barn for unloading on Friday, June 7 as other breeds will be showing that day.

- Thursday 6/6 – Sheep barn open for sale sheep to arrive
- Thursday 6/6 – Sale check-in 10 am – 6 pm
- Friday 6/7 – All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am
- Friday 6/7 – Sale sheep viewing / People’s Choice voting 7 pm
- Saturday 6/8 – Suffolk Sale – Noon (or later) following the other breeds

**SUFFOLK SALE CONTACT:** Jeremy Geske: 612-756-1200 or [Jeremy.geske@gmail.com](mailto:Jeremy.geske@gmail.com)

**MAIL BIDS CONTACT:** Jeff Ebert: 785-458-9174

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:** Last year we heard from some potential consignors and buyers that the transportation of sale sheep to and from the sale was a challenge. A few breeders have agreed to be listed as potential haulers. You may contact them directly to discuss fees and arrangements.

**East Coast**

- Issac Lewis (West Virginia) • 304-822-0377 (call or text)
- Steve Majchrzak (Maryland) • 302-388-9191 (call or text)

**West Coast**

- John Baglien (Oregon) • 541-908-4977 (call or text) • [jsbaglien@gmail.com](mailto:jsbaglien@gmail.com)
- Jeremy Geske (Minnesota) will have room returning from Reno June 1 and can deliver to Springfield. 612-756-1200
- Ron Alves (California) • 209-404-6585 (call)

**JUNIOR SHOW:** Sheep sold through the sale are eligible to be shown by the junior buyer on Sunday, June 9, as part of the **Suffolk Event** junior show. There will be classes for fitted and slick-shorn rams and ewes, and a class for Suffolk market lambs. Watch the USSA website and Facebook page and the UJSSA Facebook page for more information on entering the Junior Suffolk Show at the **Suffolk Event**.