

DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Director Seat Open: one 3-year term



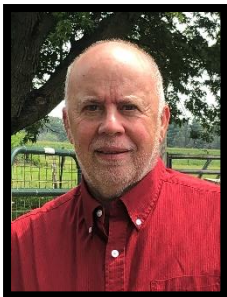
Jeff Baumann, Missouri

I live in Savannah, Missouri with my wife Megan and 2 year old daughter Lula. For the past 16 years I have been a Vocational Agriculture and an FFA Advisor at Savannah High School. I have been involved with sheep production since my grandfather bought me a bottle lamb when I was a very young boy. As a 5th generation family sheep producer, I grew up raising and showing Suffolk sheep at state and local fairs along with several national level shows. My family continues to show and I take great joy in seeing my nieces, nephews and daughter pursuing that wonderful activity.

My family's Suffolk flock isn't solely centered around the show ring. We raise purebred breeding stock, range rams for commercial flocks and butcher lambs for customers that demand a high quality carcass. The flock consists of 100 ewes, 60 of which are Registered Suffolks. I continue to grow our flock in all areas as they can simultaneously bring productivity and profitability to our family. Along with the sheep our family maintains a commercial cattle herd, corn and soybeans and many different varieties of forages to supply our livestock.

The Suffolk breed allows our farm to reach several different markets and this is one attribute our association needs to focus on. I truly understand how the Suffolk breed influences all areas and we as a United Suffolk Association need to continue to flex our muscle, as a director I can continue to help our association do this. Suffolk producers are intelligent and resourceful and with help from a strong association presence can continue to thrive. I am very passionate about my sheep and want to share that passion with my association and its members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey W. Baumann



Dennis Sorensen, Illinois

My name is Dennis Sorensen and I am seeking the position of USSA District 2 Director.

I grew up on a grain and livestock farm where we managed a 200 plus commercial ewe operation. After a short experience with a couple of other breeds, I started raising Suffolks during my early 4-H and FFA years. Sixty years later and I still have the passion to raise them! Along with my wife, Mary Ann, we live on and operate a small farm in Chebanse, Illinois. We typically run 25-30 Suffolk ewes.

For the first 8 years of a 38 year educational career, I taught secondary vocational agriculture and advised the FFA program. I continued my teaching career as a full-time instructor in the the agriculture department at a local community college. Eventually, I served in several other administrative positions at the same college. During the instructional years I coached numerous livestock and meat judging teams.

The USSA Board has been working hard to identify and work on numerous initiatives to benefit it's membership. This past year I chaired the Hall of Fame committee, the Education Committee and the Foundation Scholarship committees and served on the Bylaws and Event committees. I continue to look forward to working on those initiatives and would once again appreciate your consideration for another term.

Respectfully,
Dennis Sorensen