

## NATIONAL SUFFOLK SALE INFORMATION

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:** Make plans to attend the 2025 **Suffolk Event** in Springfield, IL. In addition to fellowship and fun; the weekend included educational seminars, the National Suffolk Sale, the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Hall of Fame Banquet and a Junior show. In 2023, 35 head sold for an average of \$1,140. Last year, 39 head sold for an average of \$1,160. 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 6.

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW:** Friday, June 6 at 7:00 PM. Suffolk Event paid attendees, including consignors, help determine the sale order by voting for their favorite entries in each class. The Slido app will be used for voting. The sale preview will be livestreamed via the United Suffolk Sheep Association Facebook page. 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 2025.

**SALE:** Saturday, June 7, following the other breeds (approximately noon). The **Suffolk Event** Sale will not begin before noon. Billy MacCauley will be the auctioneer.

**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, \$40 for rams, and \$30 for wethers, payable at time of entry. All entries subject to a quality sift. Maximum of 2 rams per consigner. Ewe lambs can be futurity nominated prior to the sale for \$25 per head. Entry fees are non-refundable on any sheep that are sifted or otherwise fail to make the sale. 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.**

**ENTRY PROCESS:** Consignors are encouraged to enter via Digital Suffolk but can also 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. **Express Sale Entry with Digital Suffolk! – 1) log in 2) left menu "Flock Mgmt" 3) "Consignments"**

**COMMISSION & SALE MANAGEMENT** – The United Suffolk Sheep Association will manage the **Suffolk Event** sale. In addition to the entry fee, 11% (with approximately 1% going toward the youth buyer credit fund for next year). of the final bid will be charged as a sales commission.

**YOUTH BUYERS CREDIT:** For 2025, we are holding a drawing for one \$250 youth buyer credit for a junior member in attendance at the Event, to be used at the 2025 event sale. Must be present to win. The number (and \$ value) of the youth buyer credits may vary based on the sale commission each year.

**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 5 by 6 pm.** For sheep arriving after 6 pm Thursday, June 5, contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200). All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am on Friday, June, 6. Trucks and trailers will not be able to enter the barn on Friday, June 6th 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 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 without registration numbers will not be accepted.

**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. Remember to share photos and sale information on social media. Help us get the word out to as many potential buyers as possible.

**ENTRY IS OPEN TO:** Rams and ewes born after 8/31/2023. Suffolk wethers born after 12/1/2024 are eligible to enter. 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 6 as other breeds will be showing that day.

- Thursday, June 5 – Sheep barn open for sale sheep to arrive
- Thursday, June 5 – Sale check-in 1pm – 6 pm
- Friday, June 6 – All sale sheep must be penned by 10 am
- Friday, June 6 – Sale sheep viewing / People's Choice voting 7 pm
- Saturday, June 7 – Suffolk Sale – Noon (or later) following the other breeds

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

**TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE:** There are several options for sheep to and from the National Suffolk Sale listed below. Please contact them directly to discuss fees and arrangements. Lots of consignors heading to most states will have room to deliver purchased sheep. Contact Jeremy Geske for assistance in lining up delivery for on-line/phone purchases.

**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) returning from Reno May 31 and can deliver to Springfield. 612-756-1200
- Ron Alves (California) • 209-404-6585 (call)

**DNA INFORMATION:** Consignors are asked to declare DNA for spider, scrapie and the dwarf gene. The codon provided by consignor will be included on the sale orders, but is not guaranteed by the United Suffolk Sheep Association.

**DEFERRED PAYMENT:** Consigner settlement checks will be mailed within 30 days of the sale.

**JUNIOR SHOW:** Sheep sold through the sale are eligible to be shown by the junior buyer on Sunday, June 8, 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**.