

Happy 250th Birthday USA! The Suffolk Event Junior Show

June 7, 2026 • 8:00 am • Lebanon, Indiana

ENTRY: VIA SHOWMAN APP “The Suffolk Event Junior Show”

Judge: Cassie Wallpe, Indiana

Suffolk Event Weekend Youth Activities

The Suffolk Event is designed to be a family-friendly event with more than just a junior show. We invite youth to join us for the whole weekend, please visit www.suffolks.org, “The Suffolk Event” for complete details and entry information. Youth who register and attend the educational program will be eligible for 5 - \$500 sale credits good at the 2026 National Suffolk Sale held during the Suffolk Event, sponsored by the United Suffolk Sheep Foundation. May 1st is the entry deadline for all components of the Suffolk Event, including the educational program registration, National Suffolk Sale and junior show.

Weekend youth activities in addition to Sunday’s Junior Show include:

Friday (6/5)

Promotional Contests

Youth Educational Program

Saturday (6/6)

Suffolk Cup: Youth Olympics

Youth Drawing for five- \$500 National Suffolk Sale Credits!

“Happy 250th Birthday USA” Costume Contest /Past & Present Showmanship

Suffolk Cup Awards @ Saturday Banquet

Junior Show Rules & Regulations

The United Suffolk Sheep Association (USSA) Board of Directors and staff reserve the final and absolute right to interpret these regulations and rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incident to the show and contests.

1. Exhibitors compete in divisions based on their age the first day of the junior show. To be a UJSSA member, the individual shall not have reached 22 years prior to January 1st of the current year. With this rule, there will be individuals who have reached 22 years old by the day of the show whom are eligible to participate.
2. Exhibitors must be current members of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA). Annual membership dues are **\$25**. To join, send \$25 and completed membership application to: **USSA, PO Box 121, Holland, IA 50642 or through the Suffolk Event junior show entry.**
3. Entry fee is \$15 per head Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to pre-enter by **May 1** to help us plan for the show. Additional entry can be made in the show by 10 am on Saturday, June 6. **Enter via Showman App “The Suffolk Event Junior Show”**. Suffolks purchased in the June 6th National Suffolk Sale are eligible to show. Contact Chris Auville (540-840-4927) to enter any sheep purchased through the sale by 2 pm Saturday, June 6.
4. Exhibitors must show their own sheep unless they have two entries in the same class, in which case another UJSSA member may show the sheep. Exhibitors are allowed to have a current UJSSA member assist them in showing; however, the registered owner must either hold the head of the animal or set the animal's legs throughout the entire duration of the class. Failure to comply with this rule results in forfeiture of placing and premium money for the animal.
5. All sheep must be registered in the USSA. Original USSA registration certificates must be presented to show officials at check-in. **ONE EXCEPTION: Sheep purchased from a recent sale – a photocopy of the USSA registration certificate and bill of sale must be provided.** Sheep must be registered/current ownership listed in: a) the exhibitor’s name, b) a family partnership/farm name (ex. Grandparent, father, mother, brother, sister, children or grandchildren), or c) a partnership in which all partners are current members of UJSSA.
6. Exhibitors should present a neat, professional image in the show ring.
7. Exhibitors may not wear any clothing or other articles in the show ring, that advertise a sheep flock or membership name or related enterprises.
8. Judging will begin once all entries are in the ring, or up to 5 minutes between classes. Entries not in the show ring at this time will be disqualified.
9. There will be a bedding and hay pre-order available, orders to be placed through the entry process.

General Information

1. There are no pen assignments. For questions on arrival contact Chris Auville (540-840-4927). With ongoing educational sessions on Friday, limited Suffolk representatives will be in the barn for penning questions - contact Jeremy Geske (612-756-1200).
2. Exhibitors are advised to bring their own fans, extension cords, fitting, feeding and pen maintenance equipment such as brooms, shovels, pitchforks, etc.
3. Exhibitors must sign the ethics statement on the entry form.
4. Exhibitors’ show animals must be treated humanely and have all four feet on the ground when in the show ring.
5. Exhibitor and/or parent agree that photographs/videos and likenesses of exhibitor and animals may be used without

compensation for advertising, promotion, and news articles.

6. The show will be livestreamed on Facebook @unitedsuffolksheepassociation.

Health Regulations for Sheep

All sheep must be accompanied by a standard interstate health certificate issued by a licensed accredited veterinarian within 30 days of the entry to the show. The health certificate must show identification as to breed, sex, scrapie flock ID, flock number, etc.

Sheep Show Rules

1. Premiums will be determined by number of sheep shown and awarded as sheep leave the ring.
2. Arrival Time: Sheep may arrive beginning on Thursday afternoon. For Juniors coming to the show only, entry information must be submitted by 10 am Eastern on Saturday, and animals must be penned by 7 am Sunday.
3. **Check-In:** Thursday, June 4: 4:00-6:00 pm, Friday, June 5: 7:30 - 8:00 am, 4:00-5:30 pm, and Saturday, June 6: 8:00-10:00 am. Junior show contact: Chris Auville (540-840-4927). Please have health papers and registration papers available, an animal health committee reserves the right to inspect sheep.
4. All sheep must have flock tags in their ear, which match the private flock number officially recorded on the USSA certificate of registration and on the health papers.
5. Suffolk market lambs cannot be exhibited in breeding sheep classes or vice versa.
6. Sheep must be shown without artificial coloration including oils, paints, dyes, powders or other compounds. Artificially colored sheep are subject to disqualification. All sheep may be randomly checked prior to entering the show arena. Any animal found with artificial coloration will be disqualified. This includes market lambs and breeding sheep.
7. A maximum of two (2) entries per exhibitor in any one class. Sheep are limited to being shown once in individual classes (only one entry per sheep) other than showmanship classes.
8. Substitutions may be made within the same division at check-in, prior to the determination of class breaks.
9. All animals that receive premiums must stay in the ring for judge's reasons.
10. No muzzles will be allowed on any sheep entered in the show.
11. For slick shorn ewe and ram classes, no patch shearing is allowed. Lambs must be slick shorn over the entire body.
12. USSA reserves the right to perform random drug testing. Any exhibitor found showing sheep that test positive for drugs will be banned from showing in USSA and UJSSA shows for two (2) years.
13. Sheep containing a "D" for the dwarf gene are not eligible. The USSA reserves the right to conduct random testing.
14. Suffolk Market Lamb Rules
 - Suffolk market lambs must be registered.
 - All Suffolk market lambs must slick shorn over the whole body and possess Suffolk breed characteristics with black legs, black head, bell-shaped ears and be approved by a sifting committee at check-in, to be qualified as a Suffolk to be eligible to show. **Excessive leg shag and head wool may be cause for disqualification.**
15. Breeding Sheep Rules
 - Breeding sheep classes are broken by the birth date of the entry. **Classes with greater than 15 head will be split.**
 - Recommended, but not required, that breeding sheep not carry more than 3/4 of an inch fleece on any part of their body.

Junior Show Classes

RAMS

- Class 1 – Fitted Yearling Ram (born 9/1/24 - 8/31/25)
- Class 2 – Slick Shorn Yearling Ram (born 9/1/24 - 8/31/25)
- Class 3 - Fitted Early Senior Ram Lamb (born 9/1/25 - 11/15/25)
- Class 4 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Ram Lamb (born 9/1/25 - 11/15/25)
- Class 5 - Fitted Late Senior Ram Lamb (born 11/16/25 - 12/31/25)
- Class 6 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ram Lamb (born 11/16/25 - 12/31/25)
- Class 7 - Fitted January Ram Lamb (born 1/1/2026 - 1/31/2026)
- Class 8 - Slick Shorn January Ram Lamb (born 1/1/26 - 1/31/26)
- Class 9 - Fitted February & Later Ram Lamb (born 2/1/26 & after)
- Class 10 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ram Lamb (born 2/1/26 & after)
 - Fitted Champion and Reserve Champion Ram
 - Slick Shorn Champion and Reserve Champion Ram

EWES

- Class 13 - Fitted Yearling Ewe (born 9/1/24 - 8/31/25)
- Class 14 - Slick Shorn Yearling Ewe (born 9/1/24 - 8/31/25)
- Class 15 - Fitted Early Senior Ewe Lamb (born 9/1/25 - 11/15/25)
- Class 16 - Slick Shorn Early Senior Ewe Lamb (born 9/1/25 - 11/15/25)

- Class 17 - Fitted Late Senior Ewe Lamb (born 11/16/25 - 12/31/25)
- Class 18 - Slick Shorn Late Senior Ewe Lamb (born 11/16/25 - 12/31/25)
 - Fitted Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe
 - Slick Shorn Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe
- Class 21 - Fitted January Ewe Lamb (born 1/1/26 - 1/31/26)
- Class 22 - Slick Shorn January Ewe Lamb (born 1/1/26 - 1/31/26)
- Class 23 - Fitted February & Later Ewe Lamb (born 2/1/26 & after)
- Class 24 - Slick Shorn February & Later Ewe Lamb (born 2/1/26 & after)
 - Fitted Junior Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Slick Shorn Junior Champion and Reserve Champion
 - Fitted Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe
 - Slick Shorn Grand and Reserve Champion Ewe

MARKET LAMBS

- Class 29 - Suffolk Market Lamb

SHOWMANSHIP

- Class 30 - Beginning Showmanship Age 9 and younger
- Class 31 - Intermediate Showmanship Age 10-14
- Class 32 - Senior Showmanship Age 15 and older