

**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
JULY 2020**

Greetings Suffolk Members,

Well what can I say.... I would really like to accentuate the positive & eliminate the negative, but so far 2020 has been an absolute disaster hasn't it? Extreme weather with flooding in the South, prolonged drought pretty much nationwide, then Facial Excema in the North with an unbelievable count of 1 million plus recorded in Kaikohe, now huge flooding in Whangarei where a breeder reported 362ml rain in 48 hrs last week, then the dreaded Covid19 being added to it all. It surely makes it hard to be remain positive.

Besides being detrimental to our own personal wellbeing, Covid19 posed major problems in level 4 lockdown for all our farming operations, particularly with buying & selling of livestock, lack of space to get your animals slaughtered at the freezing works, transportation of stock, accessing feed supplies for all your animals, or just purchasing many items necessary for your daily farming operations. Thank goodness for Level one now !!

Definitely, with Covid19 happening, the personal touch with many companies has changed. 'Click & collect' & online purchasing mode is maybe here to stay. Recently several livestock companies have partnered with online streaming companies to promote their online Auction selling systems. It will be interesting to see if this method of trading will take off & be the way of the future. Maybe some ram breeders will use this forum to market rams in the future? Most farmers I have spoken to are of the old school & want to view in person what they would like to buy, others say they do not have a computer, or are not 'PC literate', & being rural some are at a disadvantage because of extremely poor internet coverage.

Saleyard values are gaining momentum with the schedules starting to rise. Many forward lambs have already been dispatched to the works due to the drought, so values should gradually take off now & hopefully reach the dizzy heights of last year as supply becomes short.

Stud Ewe Sales. Two Studs have recently had dispersal sales - 'Little River' Stud in February & 'Glenwood' Stud in June. 'Tawhai' Stud also had a sale of surplus females in March. It is good to report that some ewes & lambs from each sale were transferred to new stud breeders and went to Studs all over NZ. *See the report further on in the Newsletter.*

Wishing you all good luck with your lambing, I hope the weather stays kind to you all. Stay safe.... *Debbie*



BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

2020 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT:



As chairman of SuffolkNZ, I am pleased to present this annual report to breed committee members and all other interested parties.

Well, what a year it has been!

And 2020 is not done with us yet.

NZ had a long, hard dry in Canterbury and the North over Summer and Autumn, affecting many of our fellow breeders and farming cousins.

It's a rare and hardened farmer who doesn't feel sympathy for his fellow farmer when going through the extreme effects of unfriendly weather patterns, and those of us not so adversely affected felt deeply for those who were.

Then Covid-19 darkened our doorstep and I know I'm not alone in believing our world will never be quite the same again.

The pressures and challenges this disease has put on all sectors of society has thrown a mirror up to ways of life everywhere.

NZ can be truly grateful for our geographical isolation, ability to work as a national team in times of trouble and our capacity for understanding and kindness towards our fellow man.

Pleasingly, Covid has assisted farming's star to rise once more, as people have come to realise the importance of what we do so well as a nation.

Sadly, Covid put paid to a much-anticipated visit by 23 of our members to South Australia in May and this has been pushed forward to the same time next year.

On the home front, I'd like to thank Stewart Morton for his work on coming up with advertising ideas again this year, Rob Tennent for updating and maintaining across flock data and information and Debbie Holmes for her invaluable work on our newsletter... a largely thankless task that I know she puts hours of effort into. I'm sure some people love the recipes, Debbie.

All ram fairs were largely successful, and that success has shown that SIL sheep with good figures are in demand.

Special thanks, as always to the support from NZSB team of Greg, Anne and Lyndsay and to the breed committee members. We are all busy and the breed benefits greatly from your time and energy.

If anyone has anything they would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me. Ph. 0272017336

Symon Howard, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

Due to the Covid lockdown, the Breed Committee was unable to meet together this year until July 8th in Christchurch.

CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Symon Howard was re-elected as Chairman & Rob Tennent was elected as Vice –Chairman.

CO-ORDINATORS ELECTED:

NATIONAL PROMOTION:

Stu Morton has been appointed again to this role, with Penni Loffhagen assisting.

Clubs will again be allocated \$30 per member & \$10 per member going to a National advertising programme.

ACROSS FLOCK & CPT:

Rob Tennent has been appointed to this role again, with Symon Howard, Chris Hampton & Stu Morton assisting.

SIL / CPT UPDATE

I think there are positives to report in this area, however as always there is room for improvement as a breed.

Positives in the latest GE run for April show some very impressive indexes coming through in both the current ram hoggets in our across flock analysis, and some of the top sire rams. These results give our breeders the confidence in using these sires to improve for particular traits especially if these sires have been used in multiple flocks adding accuracy to their figures.

Our breeders will have their own views on why our breed numbers have dropped, however I believe the best way we can improve is to work together. Initiatives such as the Beef and Lamb Genetics talk at the Suffolk breeders tour in Christchurch may have stoked more interest from breeders to come on board SIL.

Please remember you are welcome to contact one of our sub-committee for a confidential chat about SIL or the across flock analysis, Penni Loffhagen, Stu Morton, or Rob Tennent. All the best for 2020, cheers. *Rob Tennent*

'SHEEP 125'

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF STUDBREEDING

The NZ Agricultural Show is planned for 10-12th November 2021 in Christchurch.

All breeds are invited to display with information boards on each breed.

An All Breeds Dinner is planned on Wednesday 10th November & will feature several speakers.

A pre-Wanaka Show Breeders Tour is to be organised for those who are interested.

For details please contact: *Greg Burgess*

RAM SALE DATABASE

This has been very successful & is to continue.

Ram sales - it was agreed by the Committee that there was a very good clearance of Suffolk's overall this year.

Clubs are to update their agent lists with NZSBA office.

NEWSLETTERS

These are to continue to keep you all informed of anything happening in the Suffolk world....



BREED LEVY / PROMOTIONAL LEVY

These are to remain the same

Breed levy – \$25 per flock & 30 cents per ewe

Promotional levy – 0-50 ewes \$30 + gst

51-100 ewes \$60 + gst

100 ewes + \$80 + gst

SUFFOLK AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Suffolk members are asked to please contact your local breed representative if you wish to nominate anyone for this very prestigious award.

WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Flk. 1035 'Taurimu', Jayden Charteris, Marton.

Flk. 1036 'Shade Hill', WJ & SL Adams, Gore.

Flk. 1037 'Springdale', JS Thompson, Christchurch.

Flk. 1028 'Tui Springs', Tui Springs Suffolks, Springston.

Flk. 1039 'Schaap Suffolks', Daniel Schaap, Oxford.

Flk. 1040 'Stony Gully', WJ & H Millar, Leeston.

Flk. 1041 'Kereru Creek', James Herkt, Papakura.

NEXT BREED COMMITTEE MEETING:

It is proposed that the next Breed Committee Meeting be held on an electronic 'ZOOM' platform, that is if data connections allow.

If you have any issues that you would like the Committee to discuss, please don't hesitate to call your Committee Member below.

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Chris Hampton	0272025679	036143330
Penni Loffhagen	0211494413	033144551
Stu Morton	0274453110	063285772
Rob Tennent	0279321034	068554943
Dave Collett	021778285	-
Debbie Holmes	0274988069	092358776



SUFFOLK NZ EXPO

ASHBURTON A & P SHOWGROUNDS THURSDAY, NOV 12th, 2020

In lieu of the 2020 Canterbury A&P Show being cancelled, Suffolk NZ is holding an Open day/Expo for all interested Suffolk breeders.

It is a chance for us to all to get together, share fellowship & inspect those Ram Hoggets offered for sale in the annual ram fairs.

It is open to & promoted to ALL Suffolk breeders. Judges will be appointed for each class.

1. OPEN RAM HOGGET CLASS
2. EXPORT CARCASS CLASS
3. NOVICE CLASS – RAM & EWE HOGGET
(for breeders who have not previously exhibited)
4. EWE HOGGET CLASS

**** limited to 4 Ram Hoggets per breeder.**

A breeder's dinner will be held that night in Ashburton after the Expo.

Further details will follow in the next Newsletter & a flyer will be mailed out.

For further information contact:
Symon Howard 0272017336
Chris Hampton 0272025679

2020



SUFFOLK NZ
TOUR TO



SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Unfortunately, the 2020 Tour SUFFOLKNZ Breeders Tour to South Australia in May has been postponed due to the Covid19 virus.

The entire existing group who were to travel this month (23) have unanimously agreed to push the tour forward to similar dates next year.

Proposed dates are 12-19 MAY, 2021 and are 100% dependant on Air NZ renewing their AKL-ADL schedule, but assuming they will (and I'm fairly confident on this), the tour will go ahead next year, all things being equal.

There is room for more breeders to join us next year, seeing as long-haul international travel may well be still off the cards in 12 months' time, it may allow some to come along who were unable to this year due to existing UK/EUR/USA travel plans.

Up to 11 more people could join us if they wanted to. At this stage, prices remain the same: \$1829 per person for twin share and \$2119 for single travellers. Same-sex single sharing is possible. Non-refundable deposits of \$800 per person would be required to confirm people's intentions to travel. Anyone who is keen should email me on simsym@xtra.co.nz or call on 03 4859 136 and I'm happy to discuss / send an itinerary.

All the Suppliers in South Australia were thrilled to have us only postpone the tour, rather than cancel and I know for sure they would fully welcome any extra bookings if there are more people who would have liked to come this year, but who were unable to due to existing plans.

Simone Budge 😊



2020 RAM & EWE FAIRS



CANTERBURY

FRIDAY,

NOVEMBER 27TH, 2020

** The Mint Lamb Competition is to be run in conjunction with this sale.

FEILDING

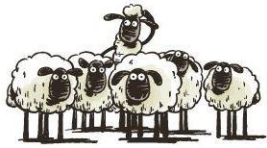
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DECEMBER 8TH, 2020

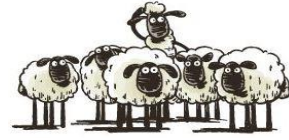
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TUESDAY,

JANUARY 19TH, 2021



2020 SHOWS



WAIKATO A & P SHOW

31st October - 1st November 2020

HASTINGS A & P SHOW

21st - 23rd October 2020

NZ ROYAL IS CANCELLED



THE NZ AGRICULTURAL SHOW (CHRISTCHURCH)



CANCELLED



EWE SALES



'LITTLE RIVER', Suffolk Flk. 664

Stuart & Teresa Sinclair, Ashburton

The 'Little River' Suffolk Stud had a complete Dispersal sale held at the Ashburton Showgrounds on February 7th, 2020 & attracted a large crowd with 70 buyers registering, including several from the North Island.

Also included in this sale were their flocks of 143 Stud



South Suffolk's & 118 Stud Cheviots, both under the 'Inver' Prefix. The South Suffolk's sold first; Suffolk's second & the Cheviots sold last.

SUFFOLKS.

Up for sale were 46 Suffolk Ewes & 36 Suffolk Ewe Lambs with all sheep well presented & they were well sort after. The top priced Suffolk Ewe hogget Lot 144 'Little River' 13/18 made \$1400 & was purchased by Studholme Suffolk's. Two older ewes sold at \$1000. Lots 162 'Little River' 125/17 went to Snowdon Suffolk's & Lot 169 'Little River' 132/16 went to Taronga Stud, both selling at \$1000. The average price for all 46 Suffolk Ewes was particularly good at \$650, and the great line-up of 36 Suffolk Ewe Lambs sold at a great average of \$526.



Stud sire 'Pine Grove' 17/16, pictured left, was judged Supreme Champion Suffolk at CHCH show 2019 & was sold after the Ewes & made \$2700. He was purchased by Brooklands Stud. All sheep sold on the day with 61 transferring to other studs, of these 15 went to North Island studs.

'TAWHAI', Suffolk Flk. 717,

Penni Loffhagen, Hawarden

The Tawhai Suffolk Stud had a sale of surplus 2018 Ewes & 2019 Ewe Lambs held on-farm on March 7th, 2020 & attracted a lot of interest, but only a small crowd. Several buyers registered from the North Island & agents had several orders from around the South.

43 Ewe hoggets were presented in good order with the top priced Ewe 'Tawhai' 294/18 selling to Tui Springs Stud at \$650 & top priced ewe lamb 'Tawhai' 401/18 to Karendale Stud at \$320. This farm experiences a drought 4 out of 5 years, and it was definitely in drought mode this year. As a result, some of the 161 ewe lambs offered were showing lighter weights but sold well accordingly. A good percentage of both Ewes & lambs went to the North Island & I have heard reports from some purchasers to say that they have shifted very well.

'GLENWOOD' Suffolk Flk. 366,

Michael & Christine Howie, Oxford

The 'Glenwood' Suffolk Stud had a complete Dispersal of 2015, 2016, 2017 & 2019 Ewes held at the Sheffield Saleyards on July 3rd, 2020. The sale attracted a select bench of buyers, with animals finding new homes from Whangarei to Southland. Up for sale were 46 Stud Suffolk Ewes & 23 Suffolk Ewe Lambs. Bidding was steady for the Ewes with the top price Ewe 'Glenwood' 137/17 going to Castlerock Stud at \$725 & the top ewe lamb 'Glenwood' 18/19 going to M.Keens at \$425. Michael was philosophical regarding the sale & said that the farm had gone through a huge drought, then bleak weather for 10 days prior to the sale, and as a result some sheep were showing lighter weights than he had wished. Michael & Christine were happy all stock was sold & hoped that a Glenwood purchase will produce another \$5500 ram.

BOUNCING FORWARD FROM A CRISIS



Well known speaker and author of 'The Resilient Farmer' Doug Avery shares his thoughts about building a new future in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more](#)

IMPACTS OF COVID-19 ON NZ's RED MEAT SECTOR TRADE

B+LNZ provide an update on how COVID-19 is affecting New Zealand's red meat sector and international trade. [Read more](#)



KIWI LAMB IN LIMELIGHT

Farmers Weekly. 15/5/20. Annette Scott
Beef + Lamb market development general manager Nick Beeby says Chinese consumers are looking for more protein in their diet, which opens an opportunity for New Zealand lamb to take centre stage.



Photo: Annette Scott

In a move to encourage online sales of NZ lamb in China, Beef + Lamb and Alliance have joined forces to launch a digital campaign aimed at leveraging the new consumer behaviour.

The e-campaign is focused on driving online red meat sales as Chinese consumers seek out healthier food options in the wake of covid-19.

Click on the link below to read more:

<https://farmersweekly.co.nz/section/sheep-2/view/kiwi-lamb-in-limelight>

ONE ARMED SHEARER...

Please click this Facebook link below for a Today Tonight video about this Aussie shearer, Josh Talbot.

<https://www.facebook.com/TodayTonight/videos/1098500430189412/>

If you have any other topics that you wish to discuss, News, Updates or anything interesting pertaining to the Suffolk Breed in general, please send to me at:

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HAPPY LAMBING

HARIRA - WINTER WARMER...

www.recipes.co.nz

A twist on a traditional Moroccan soup - made with Lamb & lentils

Cook: 1 hour 30 mins

Serves: 4



INGREDIENTS

350g Quality Mark diced lamb, shoulder or neck chops
½ teaspoon ground cumin
½ teaspoon smoked paprika
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 bay leaves
Pared rind of ½ lemon
4 cups Campbell's Real Stock - Vegetable
400g can chopped tomatoes in juice
½ cup lentils
1 onion, diced
1 carrot, diced
2 handfuls fresh coriander leaves, chopped

METHOD

Soup

Cut lamb shoulder into 3cm pieces & place in a large saucepan with a dash of oil, ground cumin, paprika, cayenne pepper, bay leaves, lemon rind & vegetable stock.

Place over a low heat and simmer, covered, until the lamb is tender, about an hour.

Pour in 2 cups water, tomatoes, lentils, onion & carrot, and simmer for a further 30 minutes until all is tender.

To serve

Sprinkle with fresh coriander leaves & serve with warm crusty bread if you wish.

Slow cooker option

Preheat slow cooker for 20 minutes. Trim away excess fat from lamb & place in slow cooker with remaining ingredients, except coriander.

Slow cook on low for 6-8 hours.



For any information required from NZSBA, Greg Burgess & his team are always ready to help at greg@nzsheep.co.nz
Phone 03) 3589412.

Don't forget you can download forms at the NZSBA website

www.nzsheep.co.nz