



**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
FEBRUARY 2021**

Greetings Again Suffolk Members,

Although VERY belated.... Here's wishing you all a VERY happy & prosperous New Year from the Suffolk Breed Committee. Hopefully you have all enjoyed the Holiday break, refreshed yourselves, and are back in the business of marketing your rams & getting your ewes sorted & ready for mating.

The talk is as always, the weather... a huge range of extremes it seems from one end of the country to the other in January, with parts of Otago getting a drowning, Southland getting snow & North Canterbury reporting 40°. It certainly makes it difficult planning your cropping & general farming regimes. In the North – Harvesting of hay & silage have been happening since early November with many farmers getting their 2nd cut of hay/silage in & planning on a third. The Auckland area had warm rain and high humidity in January. Looking at week one (Jan.14th) on the Facial Eczema Report, spore levels had rocketed away and were already at danger levels in many North Island areas with Matamata taking the record at 1.18 million! These kinds of numbers are not usually expected until April (week 12-13). Rain, with a wintery blast, cooled off the spore levels a little, but they are rising rapidly again. AsureQuality website has weekly updates for FE Spore Counts.

<https://www.asurequality.com/industries/livestock/disease-management/facial-eczema-monitoring>

Check out the count in your area..

LAMBS. Schedule values for prime lambs have dropped back a bit post Xmas. Store lamb values are fairly stable & hopefully prices will pick up again when there is a shortage later in the year.

EWES. Ewes are selling exceptionally well. Most livestock centres have already held their Ewe Fairs with values at all being very good, particularly at Temuka and Lorneville where they made in excess of \$300 at both fairs.

RAMS. Ram Sales have been chugging along steadily, with several rams selling exceptionally well at Christchurch Elite Fair. Most breeders (in the North) have or almost sold out; If you do still have rams available, please use the Ram database to help sell them.

STUD EWES. One of the highlights of this year was held early this month when Courtenay Stud had a Ewe dispersal sale. It was sad to see such a renowned stud changing tack and dispersing their Ewes, but they were keenly sort after and the majority were transferred to other Stud breeders. A report is further on in the Newsletter.

Good luck everyone with your Ram Sales....

Debbie ☺



**** RAMS AVAILABLE DATABASE... SEE FORM ATTACHED TO BACK PAGE ****

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

CHAIRMANS REPORT:



Hello from sunny south Otago, where we have enjoyed a good grass growing season.

Hope everybody has a successful ram selling season, but if you have any left please contact Greg and get them put on the ram sale data base. The more Suffolk's used the better for the meat industry.

Congratulations on well-deserved life membership to Leslie Seaton, a recognition for all her hard work for Suffolk NZ and particularly the Canterbury club. Hopefully she can still remain part of all things Suffolk.

All the best for mating season which will be well under way for some of you by the time you receive this newsletter. If any breeder as any issues, please feel free to contact me or any of the breed committee members. Ph. 0272017336 *Symon Howard, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ*

COMMITTEE NEWS:

SUFFOLKNZ AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR 2020

Symon Howard presenting the Trophy to Norm Carr



This award is in recognition of your long service to the Suffolk Breed in NZ and especially the Canterbury Club.

Norm Carr is a staunch supporter of the Suffolk Breed. He has been involved with the Canterbury Club and a valued committee

member for many years.

He is a doer, who tracks down sponsorship for shows and is always happy to help out at shows. Norm and Margaret have also organised many 'Feature' shows at Mayfield.

Remembering back at a Breeders Club meeting before a Feature show at Mayfield, it was decided we needed to hire a tent or gazebo. Norm said he would sort it. He subsequently turned up at the show with a tent he had bought. He and I then had to try and work out how to put it up. We used this tent for many years.

Over the years a lot of Canterbury Breeders would do the annual pilgrimage in convoy to the Feilding Ram Fair. This was a 5-day gruelling event. Once in Feilding, Margaret and Norm would organise where we would go for dinner each night and always have nibbles in their room.

Norm spent 8 years on the Suffolk NZ Breed Committee where he held the position of Vice Chairman. He always had a level head especially when some discussions got exciting!

Norm is a very good breeder of Suffolk Sheep with a good eye for quality. He and Margaret have been very successful in the Show pen and Ram Fairs. Most Flocks in NZ would have used at least one Omagh ram.

His sheep are a great example of if you have good genetics and you feed them well, they will perform very well. This was not the only case with his Suffolk's, but also when he used to farm exceptional commercial ewes (4000) with which he and Margaret were finalists in the National Ewe Hogget contest on numerous occasions with both Romney and Border Romney.

Norm is not only a great ambassador for the Suffolk Breed but for the NZ Sheep industry too.

Congratulations Norm.

You are a worthy recipient of this award.

Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ

NATIONAL PROMOTION

A promotional poster for Suffolk sheep. At the top, it says 'BLACK COLOUR MATTERS' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'SUFFOLK - NO. 1 TERMINAL BREED THAT WILL GIVE YOUR LAMBS 100% BLACK COLOUR'. There are two bullet points: 'BLACK COLOUR = PROVEN STORE PREMIUMS' with the subtext 'it's real, just ask your stock agent', and 'BLACK COLOUR = 100% HYBRID VIGOR' with the subtext 'that's more growth, more meat and more live lambs'. On the left, there is a small text box that says 'That's more money for you, proving that BLACK COLOUR DOES INDEED MATTER when using terminal sires' and 'FOR YOUR NEAREST SUFFOLK BREEDER VISIT nzsheep.co.nz/suffolk'. On the right, there is a photograph of a flock of Suffolk sheep. A small circular logo is in the bottom right corner of the photo.

Part of Suffolk NZ's role is to promote the breed to commercial farmers and make them aware that the Suffolk breed should be their No.1 terminal option. This year we have focused on a take of a topical international catchphrase, highlighting the importance of black colour in the commercial farmers progeny. Ads were run in the lead up to most breeders ram sales in the Farmers Weekly. These ads are made possible by the funding from the annual advertising levy.

Stewart Morton



SUFFOLK NZ TOUR 2022

The next SUFFOLKNZ tour will be held in 2022 and be located in the upper North Island.

It is expected that it will be organised for some time in May.

An update will be given once plans are finalised and will be in this Newsletter.

WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Flk.1044 'Red Tussock', Iris Broekema, Te Anau

Flk.1045 'Maratoto', Maratoto Valley Suffolks, Hikutaia

Flk.1046 'Burrows', J, A & H Borrows, Rangiora

Flk.1047 'Rapaura', James Taggart, Blenheim

SUFFOLKNZ ASHBURTON EXPO, 12th NOVEMBER 2020

When the SuffolkNZ Committee heard that the Christchurch Show had been cancelled, a decision was made by the Committee to arrange an Expo day at Ashburton A & P Showgrounds so breeders could exhibit their sheep prior to the National sale held in November. The Expo was held on a spectacular sunny day at the Showgrounds. It drew a large crowd & everyone was in good spirits.

All sheep were presented in very good order.

The 5 classes were:

Open Ram Hogget

Commercial Ram Hogget

Ewe Hogget

Novice Ram Hogget

Novice Ewe Hogget- both of these classes held to encourage new breeders that hadn't shown their sheep before.

There was a great line-up of 36 Ram hoggets, 14 Commercial Rams, 17 Ewe Hoggets & 2 Rams & a Ewe entered in the Novice Classes. The entries were from the Canterbury/North Otago Area.



Open Ram Hogget

- 1st Norm & Marg Carr
- 2nd Kerry Dwyer
- 3rd Stu Sinclair
- 4th Eric Ross
- 5th Kerry Dwyer



Top five.... 'The bottom end'



Commercial Ram Hogget

- 1st Norm & Marg Carr (centre),
- 2nd John Miles (Right)
- 3rd Symon Howard left)



Ewe Hogget

- 1st Chris Hampton
- 2nd Norm & Marg Carr
- 3rd Penni Loffhagen

Novice Ram Hogget Class

- 1st Elizabeth Hampton
- 2nd Elizabeth Hampton

Novice Ewe Class

- 1st Elizabeth Hampton



Thanks go to Carrfield's & PGGWrightson who kindly put on a terrific BBQ for all those who attended and later in the evening a dinner was held at Ashburton hotel for any breeders that wished to attend.

WELL DONE to all entrants and the organisers for making the effort & putting on what was a great Expo !!

Debbie Holmes

Sale Results from Canterbury Ram Sale DECEMBER, 2020					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1st	130	Rep 51/19 Tw	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	10,000
2nd	144	50/19 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	7,000
1	153	92/19 Tw	Calluragh	K & R Dwyer	6,000
1	138	58/19 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	5,200
2	170	119/19 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	5,250
1	151	114/19 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	4,200
1	137	67/19 Tw	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	3,400
2	160	107/19	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	3,000
1	139	46/19 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	2,800
1	129	242/19 Tw	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	2,600
3rd	145	73/19	Omagh	N & M Carr	2,500
1	142	590/19	Coleford	JT Miles	2,100
4th	135	56/19 Tw	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	2,000
1	154	89/19 Trp	Calluragh	K & R Dwyer	2,000
1	156	Rep 12/19	Taronga	SW Howard	2,000
1	158	42/19 Tw	Idaview	G Lindsay	2,000
2	168	30/19	Omagh	N & M Carr	2,000
2	171	102/19	Mornish	G & D Abbott	2,000
1	155	20/19 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	1,800
1	146	31/19 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,700
1	149	454/19 Tw	Limavady	C Miller-Brown/ E Simpson	1,600
2	166	582/19 Tw	Coleford	JT Miles	1,300
1	136	112/19 Tw	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	1,100
1	132	Rep 175/19	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1,000
1	133	125/19 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1,000
1	147	6/19 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,000
1	150	105/19 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	1,000
1	152a	208/19 Tw	Tawhai	P Loffhagen	1,000
2	167	67/19 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	1,000
1	140	24/19 Tw	Little River	S Sinclair	900
1	131	249/19	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	800
1	141	98/19 Tw	Little River	S Sinclair	800
2	164	85/19	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	800
2	169	111/19	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	800
34 OUT OF 44 ENTERED WERE SOLD = 77% AVERAGE \$\$\$					2,460



PRETTY BOYZZZ... (2nd, 3rd, 1st, 4th Left >>> Right)

CHRISTCHURCH

RAM & EWE SALE, 2020

SALE SUMMARY:

The Christchurch Stud Ram & Ewe Fair was held on 27th November 2020 & comprised 44 Stud Suffolk Rams.

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pertains to people's choice for most popular ram.

Top price of \$10,000 went to Lot 130, Collie Hills 51/19 Tw Rep. (which was also 1st in the people's choice) & was purchased by the Limavady, Pinegrove & Taronga Studs.



Collie Hills 51/19 Tw with Wade Newlands, Collie Hills Stud.

In my opinion, presentation in general was very good.

Bidding was reasonably steady throughout the sale, and BIDR made its first appearance at this annual sale.

34 out of 44 entries sold (77%) with the average being \$2460.

It appeared that 18 rams were transferred.

7 entries were passed in & 3 entry was scratched.

No ewes were entered this year.

DISCLAIMER: These results were compiled by me at time of the Auction... Some further sales may have taken place post Auction. I took every care to ensure accuracy, but I accept no responsibility for any error that might be contained in them.

Debbie Holmes

CHRISTCHURCH PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1st Lot 130

Collie Hills 51/19 Tw

2nd Lot 144

Omagh 50/19 Tw

3rd Lot 145

Omagh 73/19

4th Lot 135

Brooklands 56/19 Tw

Sale Results from Feilding Ram Sale DECEMBER, 2020					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	68	53/19 Tw	Little River	SJ Sinclair	3200
1	70	401/19	Coleford	JT Miles	3100
1	71	364/19 Tw	Coleford	JT Miles	2600
1	69	7/19 Tw	Little River	SJ Sinclair	2000
1	64	34/19 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1800
1	65	56/19 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1800
1	63	70/19 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	1500
1	62	99/19	Omagh	N & M Carr	1000
1	66	413/19 Tw	Limavady	Miller-Brown/Simpson	1000
1	67	441/19 Tw	Limavady	Miller-Brown/Simpson	1000
10 OUT OF 11 ENTERED SOLD = 90.9%				AVERAGE \$\$\$	\$1,900

Sale Results from Gore Ram Sale, JANUARY, 2021					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	186	45/19 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	4500
1	179	642/19	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	3000
1	190	58/19 Tw	Calluragh	K & R Dwyer	2400
2	197	148/19 Tw	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	2300
1	176	42/19 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	2200
1	185	67/19 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	2200
1	175	151/19 Trp	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	2100
1	181	119/19 Tw	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	1500
1	177	101/19 Tw	Dry Creek	A Gibson	1400
2	195	697/19 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1400
1	180	40/19	Punchbowl	D & J Brown	1000
2	194	603/19 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1,000
2	198	933/17 Tw	Glenwood	M & C Howie	1000
1	182	61/19 Tw	Tawhai	P. Loffhagen	800
14 OUT OF 25 ENTERED SOLD = 56%				AVERAGE \$\$\$	\$1,914

GORE RAM FAIR

GORE SALE SUMMARY: The Gore Stud Ram Fair was held on 19th January 2021 & comprised 25 Stud Suffolk Rams. The highest price went to Lot 186, N & M Carr's Omagh 45/19 Tw reaching \$4500. This ram, along with its stablemate Lot 185 Omagh 67/19 Tw, and Lot 177 Dry Creek 101/19 Tw were purchased for export to China. Although several rams sold reasonably well, bidding was patchy in parts. Two were transferred, 14 out of 25 entries were sold, 8 were passed in & 3 scratched. The sale average was \$1914.

Ross McCall

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Stewart Morton & Ross McCall

FEILDING

RAM & EWE FAIR, 2020

FEILDING SALE SUMMARY:

The Feilding Stud Ram Fair was held on 8th December 2020.

Carrfields & NZ Farmers Livestock were the selling companies again this year.

The sale was again held in temporary premises due to the old building still needing repairs.

A small ring was constructed close to the ram pens & was quite satisfactory despite a huge downpour during the sale. This year's consignment of Suffolk rams were a credit to the vendors in terms of presentation and structural soundness. All were shipped to Feilding from five vendors from the Canterbury region with Little River perhaps making its last sale of rams to Feilding after Stu Sinclair had his clearance sale this year. Although down in numbers from a few years ago, the rams that were there sold on a solid market with the top sales being Lot 68, Little River 53/19 Tw. and sold to Whangarei for \$3200 and Lot 70, Coleford 401/19 being sold to Gisborne for \$3100.

Stewart Morton

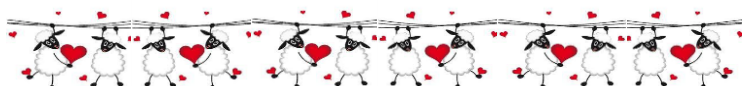


HIS

and HERS ?



**Spotted at New World
'Winter is coming'...**



STUD EWE DISPERSAL SALE 5.2.21

'COURTENAY' Flk. 470, Seaton Farming Ltd.



*Bob & Leslie Seaton with Courtenay 50/93
Invercargill Royal Show, 1994*

Courtenay Stud was established in 1979 by the late Bob, and Leslie Seaton in the Courtenay & Aylesbury areas, south of Christchurch.

At the time, their principal aim was to breed a good type of ram to put over flock ewes. This has been their aim until today, along with the emphasis on breeding sheep with plenty of meat & good bone structure.

Today the younger generation has taken over with Leslie, after Bob unexpectedly passed away. Courtenay Suffolk Stud is only part of their larger farming operation. 760 Ha is farmed on several blocks of which two thirds of the property is under irrigation. The mix of the farming operation is 40% cropping and the remainder fattening cattle and lambs with the studs receiving no preferential treatment in their system.

Chairman of SUFFOLKNZ, Symon Howard welcomed everyone to the Sale and gave a brief history of the Stud, then announced that Leslie had been nominated for Life Membership of SUFFOLKNZ and asked Canterbury Club member Annette Millar, to present Leslie with her medal.



Annette Millar presenting Leslie with her medal



The Sale attracted a very large turnout of breeders as could be expected with this renowned Stud dispersal sale. Most of the Canterbury Club breeders attended, along with several from the North Island and many breeders viewed & participated in the sale via BIDR.

The Ewes were well presented & it appeared that Ewes & Lambs that had high EMA scores & high SIL figures were keenly sort after & sold exceptionally well. It was also pleasing to see that several new studs appeared to purchase several Ewes each.

The top priced ewe, Courtenay 30/17 made \$2600 and was purchased by Todd Anderson on behalf of his son, a new breeder, Ben Anderson, 'Fairview' Stud, Winton. This breeder went on to purchase many top indexed ewes.

The BIDR platform allowed another new breeder Iris Broekema, 'Red Tussock' Stud, Te Anau, the opportunity to participate in the sale & she purchased several Hoggets via BIDR. Several ewes of all ages made over \$1000.

Lambs sold very well, with the top priced Courtenay 169/20 Twin making \$1150.

The majority of the Ewes were transferred to registered breeders and were sent to all parts of New Zealand, from Whangarei to Invercargill.



Leslie & Warwick Seaton

Leslie's words: We are very pleased and amazed how the Sale went. Another Chapter in the book of our lives has closed. Over the years we have met many people, made some great friendships, enjoyed seeing different areas of New Zealand on the National Suffolk Tours and received much kind support. To those breeders who have purchased our ewes, Thank You, we wish you well with your purchases and your future breeding programme. Suffolks will always be my favourite sheep.

Leslie, Ash, Anna, Warwick, Amanda Seaton & families

NEW SHEEP DOCKING REGULATIONS **TAKING EFFECT FROM 9th May 2021.**

From May 9th, a sheep's tail cannot be docked shorter than the distal end of the caudal fold. This means the tail needs to be long enough to cover the vulva in ewes, & a similar length in rams.

Docking too short could result in a fine of \$500, or \$1500 for a business. If multiple sheep are involved that could lead to court proceedings.

Docking of sheep under six months old must be done using a hot iron or rubber ring. Any other method could result in a \$500 fine.

For sheep older than six months, the procedure can only be done by a Vet, using pain relief. Not doing so could result in a criminal conviction and fine of up to \$3000, or \$15,000 for a business.



<https://nzsheep.co.nz/sheep-tail-docking-regulations/>

OR

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/animalregs>

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

SAVOURY LAMB BAKLAVA

Recipes.co.nz
beef + lamb

Serves 6
Prep Time
10 mins
Cook Time
1 hr



Ingredients

750gm	Quality Mark lamb mince
1	minced onion
1 Tbsp.	minced garlic clove
1 Tbsp.	fresh thyme
½ Cup	Toasted pine nuts
1 Cup	Currants
½ tsp.	Allspice
375gm	16 sheets Filo pastry
50-75gm	melted butter
2	peeled and sliced Potatoes

Method

1. Brown the lamb and onion in a dash of oil in a frying pan.
 2. Add the garlic and thyme and cook a further 1-2 minutes.
 3. Add the tomatoes, nuts, currants, allspice and simmer, covered for 10 minutes.
 4. Season with salt & pepper.
 5. Brush 1 sheet of filo with butter and then top with a second.
 6. Repeat with 6 more sheets and use to line the base and sides of a shallow slice tin (about 33cm x 23cm).
 7. Arrange the potato slices on the base and spread in the cooled lamb filling, then top with a further 8 sheets of buttered filo.
 8. Mark the top with a sharp knife.
 9. Bake at 180°C for 35-40 minutes until the pastry is hot and golden.
- Serve warm or cold with hummus and salad.



This Newsletter is only as good as EWE make it...

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 MATING 😊



SUFFOLKNZ

Rams Available Database



This is a selling initiative that aims to link unsold Suffolk rams in the autumn with prospective purchasers by regularly letting key people in the industry know what rams are still available in their area.

Each of the four Suffolk areas has a database of key people where details of unsold rams will be sent to in the middle of February/March and April.

Breeders will supply the following information **by the dates below** preferably by email but can also be done by fax or mail to NZ Sheep Breeders. The breeder must nominate which area they would like targeted – Northern, Central, Mid Southern and Southern.

Name

Address

Stud Name

Contact Number

Number of rams available for sale

Brief description (no more than 10 words)

NZ Sheep Breeders will then send out this information with a covering letter.

Key Dates.

To notify Sheep Breeders

Monday 1st March 2021

Monday 15th March 2021

Monday 5th April 2021

NZSBA to Send out

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Wednesday 17th March 2021

Wednesday 7th April 2021

NZSBA contact details

- Post: NZSBA, PO Box 20094, Christchurch, 8543
- Email: greg@nzsheep.co.nz
- Fax: 03 3589402

SUFFOLKNZ RAMS AVAILABLE DATABASE	
NZ Sheepbreeders Assn, PO Box 20094, Christchurch, 8543	
Name	
Address	
Stud Name	
Contact Number	
Target Area	
Number of rams available for sale	
Brief description	