



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

Greetings Again Suffolk Members,

OMG... COVID is still with us, with 'Delta' showing its ugly head a few weeks ago, & the Auckland area still stuck in Lockdown level 4. 😞 How long for? Throw the dart at the dart board... Unfortunately, the 'boffins' have included part of North Waikato in the Auckland area again, making it difficult for many farmers to get access to their farms, and having to apply for an exemption to travel between levels is a major exercise (from what I am told,) on a website that is very unfriendly.

Since the last newsletter, the weather has been atrocious in many parts of NZ. Extreme droughts, flooding, early snow, severe wind chill. Personally... our large Truck/Tractor shed blew down with 159km winds, and with Covid a new one is unobtainable until Auckland's level 4 changes. Climate change? Or Cyclical? Whichever way you swing, it has been pretty diabolical for some breeders.

One of the highlights of the last month has been watching Lisa Carrington & Sophie Pascoe, two Beef + Lamb 'Iron Maidens' totally reign supreme in their individual sports at the Tokyo Olympics & Para- Olympics. Well done to two of our Lamb ambassadors!!

The outlook for Prime Lamb \$\$\$wise is looking pretty positive. The schedule, in the North, has risen to \$9.20 at the time of writing, and those of you that kept your late/smaller lambs to fatten will be happy that there will be a few extra \$\$\$ in the coffers. Ewe schedules are also looking VERY attractive. If you have any old girls that aren't in lamb, it's a good time to market them & make way for your new babies....

Those of you who lambed early will no doubt be docking your new little bundles of joy soon... remember the new docking rules (see page4). Those lambing further off, hopefully the weather will be kinder to you now.

'Show' breeders will be shearing, preening & appraising their sheep soon for upcoming shows which aren't too far away. I'm pleased that the Christchurch Show is going ahead this year so we can have some competition & camaraderie. As always, I am looking forward to my sojourn in the South; I'm double vaxed, and Covid levels willing I hope to catch you at the Canterbury Show & the Canty Sale... *Debbie* ☺



BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

As Chairman of SuffolkNZ, I submit my annual report for your approval.

Again, our year has been affected by Covid and its consequences in the cancellation of A&P shows, limitation of movement and travel. There is no denying that Covid's grip has not fully loosened yet.

I know many of us will have been saddened to see the Christchurch A&P Show cancelled, being such a prominent part of the annual rural calendar. I'm sure it will be well patronised this coming season.

By way of some type of compensation for the absence of Christchurch show was the Suffolk feature show at Ashburton in November, collaborating with Border Leicester, Romney & Dorset down Breeders as well.

It was a great day for Suffolk folk, with brilliant, hot weather and support from Carrfields and PGGWrightson companies. Those in attendance welcomed the opportunity to compete against and see each other after a long lockdown and winter.

I hope you all sold your rams well and are all enjoying good weather and survival rates for your lambing and look forward to seeing you around the circuit in the months to come.

On the home front I would like to thank Stewart Morton for his work on the advertising and also updating the strategic plan, 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 which I know she puts hour of effort into.

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

Symon Howard, Chairman SuffolkNZ



SUFFOLK NZ STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2025

The Committee has been updating its Strategic Plan and now covers 2021 - 2025. The four main areas identified to focus on are Production, Promotion and Marketing, Information/Communication and Social Contacts/Membership. Part of this process has been to set objectives and then work out how they are to be achieved and measured over a period of time. All of this has been identified to place the Suffolk as New Zealand's No.1 Terminal Sire Breed.

The Principal Objective – To place the Suffolk as New Zealand’s No. 1 Terminal Sire Breed

1. Production

Objective:

To improve the overall quality of the groups rams through genetic development and better farm management and to sell more rams at higher prices.

Activities:

Suffolk Across Flock Analysis
Meat Quality Trial – Duncraigen
Annual Central Progeny Test
Educate breeders how Suffolk’s can be bred/managed better
Educate breeders on what Suffolk rams and ewes should be worth
Encourage the use of DNA for Meat Quality traits

Measures:

Number of rams sold by the group 2021 – 2025
Average prices 2021-2025
Reputation for structural soundness, ram survivability, high growth rates and high yields (feedback from clients)
Increase number of breeders on Suffolk Across Analysis from current?
Increase average Sire TW on Analysis from current 1031c (Across flock sire summary report average March 2021)
Increase average ram hogget TW on Analysis from current 975c (Across flock ram hogget report average March 2021)
Review Genetic Trends annually – growth, meat, survival, meat quality
Performance of Suffolk sires in SILACE

2. Promotion and Marketing

Objective:

To increase market awareness of the quality of the groups rams.

Activities:

Individual club advertising
Utilise Suffolk NZ website
Rams for sale database
Support stud Suffolk ram sales
Encourage exhibiting of Suffolk sheep at A & P shows

Measures:

Number of rams sold by the group 2021 – 2025
Number of rams sold through advertisements/rams for sale database
Feedback from marketplace
National Sale increased numbers sold at a higher average

3. Information and Communication

Objective:

To ensure all members are well informed concerning anything to do with the Suffolk breed.

Activities:

Minimum of 3 newsletters a year from Suffolk NZ
Participate in Suffolk breed feature in newsletters from NZ Sheepbreeder’s Assn.
Promote breeders to performance record
Use of emails for timely information
Technology update
SIL Update

Measure:

Member’s satisfaction and readiness to be involved in providing information.

4. Social Contacts/Membership

Objective:

To ensure Suffolk NZ membership is enjoyable as well as productive.

Activities:

Breed Tour every two years
National Sale
National Sale social function
Suffolk NZ Ambassador Award
Overseas Suffolk Tours

Measures:

Maintain current membership numbers
Attendance and member’s satisfaction



2022 SUFFOLK NZ NATIONAL TOUR

The 2022 SUFFOLKNZ Breeders Tour will take place in the Waitomo area, south of Hamilton in May 2022.

The itinerary is being planned now & should be in the next Newsletter

Debbie 😊

COMMITTEE NEWS:

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

The Breed Committee met on 29/7/21 communicating via Zoom & was continued via phone conference on 3/8/21. It is anticipated we will only meet in person once a year in Christchurch.

CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

CO-ORDINATORS ELECTED:

Promotion: Stewart Morton

Across Flock & CPT: Rob Tennent

Across Flock Sub-Committee: Symon Howard, Stewart Morton, Chris Hampton.

NATIONAL PROMOTION:

Stu Morton has been appointed again to this role.

Clubs will again be allocated \$30 per member & \$10 per member going to a National advertising programme. It was decided that all National advertising will be in the 'Farmers Weekly' concentrating on the pre-Christmas market.

RAM SALE DATABASE

The database has been very successful & is to continue. Ram sales - it was agreed that there was a very good clearance of Suffolk's overall this year.

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 rep if you wish to nominate anyone for this very prestigious award.

WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Flk. 1047 'Rapaura', James Taggart, (Youth Initiative) Blenheim. There are now 4 Youth Initiative Suffolk Flocks registered.

BREED COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2022

Nomination forms will be sent out to members by Sheepbreeders Assn. in February 2022.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

NZ SUFFOLK ACROSS FLOCK UPDATE

Based on our SIL breed genetic trend graphs we are performing just above average for the NZTW index and for all traits in 2019 and 2020. We have seen particularly good genetic gains in lamb survival, and it is pleasing to see our breed now nudge ahead of the industry for meat yield after sitting below average from 1998 to 2018.

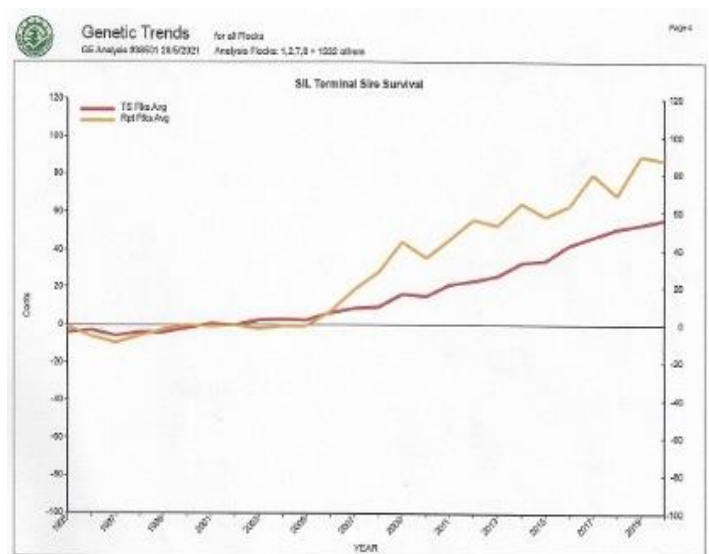
As a breed we need to continue to strive to stay ahead of the pack and renewing connectedness to the industry. The best way to achieve this is by entering rams into the hub sites and or Duncraigen as often as BLG allow. Covid lock down restrictions meant no terminals were included in the CPT hub sites this last year.

BLG are working on a new software alternative called nProve. This has been available to commercial farmers for about a year, with Ram Finder still available as well. These tools are on the SIL website along with others such as the Flock Finder app and allow farmers to look up breeders or animals that suit their objective.

We are very pleased to have welcomed some new SIL Suffolk NZ breeders onto the Across Flock group now numbering 18 flocks. Working together through genetic linkage (sharing common sires between flocks each year) with a larger gene pool, helps the group achieve stronger genetic gain and SIL ACE presence.

This graph below compares the Suffolk NZ report flocks involved in the across flock analysis to all terminal sire breeds for survival.

The graph shows some really strong gains are being made within our across flock group and highlights the importance of utilising SIL to drive genetic gain.



Please feel free to contact me if you wish to find out more.

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SHEEP 125 - NZ AGRICULTURAL SHOW 2021

You will have all received an Invitation to attend the 'Sheep 125' Dinner, which will be held on 10th November at the NZ Agricultural (Canterbury) Show. There are only 250 tickets available & they will be allocated on a first in, first served basis. Included at this event:

Sheep Breeds Display- All Breeds to select a ram or ewe which will remain for the three days.

All Breeds Dinner – Wednesday evening with Sir David Fagan being the Guest Speaker.

Commemorative Jerseys - for sale Durable, 'Wild South' Merino Jerseys, ranging from size 8 Ladies to Mens 3xl. Contact greg@nzsheep.co.nz



Commemorative Prizes for Champion Ram & Ewe & Supreme Champion

for all Breeds under and previously under the umbrella of the NZ Sheepbreeders' Assn.

CANTERBURY STUD RAM & EWE FAIR

The sale Committee has advised that there will be changes to the format this year. The TOP 4 (Breeders Choice) will continue. The Breeds will rotate annually, there will be no break for lunch, and all Breeds will be sold in one day.



SHOWS



THE NEW ZEALAND
**AGRICULTURAL
SHOW 2021**
www.theshow.co.nz

10th – 12th November 2021

SHEEP ENTRIES CLOSE: 4 OCTOBER 2021

Click the link below to purchase show tickets early & get them at a discounted price.

They are available now....

<https://theshow.flicket.co.nz/>

WAIKATO SHOW

~~29th – 30th October 2021~~

HAS BEEN CANCELLED

NORTHERN SI ANNUAL CLUB FEILDAY

In May, Canterbury Suffolk Breeders travelled to Snowdon Station in Windwhistle in autumn for our annual club day. Snowdon Station is owned by the Tripp family and is run by Annabel Tripp and Roy Veronese.

Snowdon is home to a Suffolk stud and a Perendale stud.



The sheep that were on display were a great representation of both breeds. The Suffolk's were a very even line of sheep.

The mixed aged ewes, ram and ewe hoggets

showed great carcass attributes and constitution that's required to live in the high country.

The group was taken on a guided tour of the farm stopping at various points on the farm to discuss the commercial side of the business.



Annabel and Roy have continued to improve the farm with significant fencing, sub-division, and re-grassing. They also have a focus on improving the water quality on the farm.

The tour was concluded with an afternoon tea at the woolshed.

I would like to thank Annabel, Roy and the Tripp family for opening their farm for the tour it was a fantastic day.

Thanks also go to Annette Millar & Leslie Seaton for bringing the day together.

James Gardiner, Canty Club Chairman



NEW SHEEP DOCKING REGULATIONS



You may not be aware, but new regulations came into effect on May 9th this year regarding Tail docking.

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, and a similar length in rams.

Docking of sheep under six months old must be done using a hot iron or rubber ring.

For sheep older than six months, the procedure can only be done by a veterinarian, using pain relief.

Please click the links to NZSBA & MPI below for more information on the regulations.

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



2021

RAM FAIRS

CANTERBURY

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 26TH, 2021**

**** Please note... It will be a
continuous sale & there will be
no break for lunch.**



FEILDING

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 14TH, 2021**



**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS
ASSOCIATION™**

For any information required from NZSBA,
Greg Burgess & his team are always ready to help

Email: greg@nzsheep.co.nz

Phone 03) 3589412.

Don't forget you can download forms at

www.nzsheep.co.nz

**AND NOW you can scan & email your transfer
certificates to the office online.**

**** Check out the NZSBA website**

www.nzsheep.co.nz **

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KUMARA AND LAMB CAKES

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Makes 8

Ingredients

500 grams Kumara,
peeled, cut into cubes
3 Tbsp Olive oil
1 Onion, diced finely
2 cloves Garlic, sliced
1 Tbsp Grated Ginger
2 tsp Soy Sauce
1 Tbsp Oyster Sauce
1 Cup Coriander, chopped
2 Cups Lamb, cooked & shredded
Flour for Dusting
Sweet Chilli Sauce, to serve



Directions

1. Place Kumara in pot of salted water & cook for 10 minutes until soft. Mash roughly with a fork, then cool.
2. Heat 1 Tbsp of oil in a small pan to a medium heat. Add Onion & Garlic, cooking for 3 or 4 minutes until soft. Stir through the Ginger.
3. Place Kumara in a large bowl. Add Onion, Soy, Oyster Sauce and Coriander, combining well. Stir through the shredded Lamb, season with Salt & pepper.
4. Divide mixture into eight, shape into even-sized patties. Heat remaining oil in a frying pan. Dust the patties in Flour.
5. Fry for 3 or 4 minutes each side until golden brown.
6. Serve hot with a side salad and Sweet Chilli Sauce.



WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY LAMBING...



*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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SUFFOLK NZ

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURE AS AT 31/03/2021

		REVENUE				EXPENDITURE
BALANCE 31/03/2020		24790.00				
					PROMOTIONAL GRANTS	
BREED LEVIES		4797.00			NORTHERNS I CLUB	1050.00
					SOUTHERN CLUB-AGRESEARCH	700.00
PROMOTIONAL LEVIES		3720.00				
					GLOBAL HQ -ADVER	2780.00
ACROSS FLOCK		1312.50				
					ACROSS FLOCK	1400.00
UMBRELLA		34.78				
					TRAVELLING	693.90
CENTRAL SUFFOLK CLUB		7885.21				
					MEETING	468.69
					ASHBURTON A&P	250.00
					RIBBONS & ROSETTES	92.00
					WEBPAGE	75.00
						7509.59
					BREED PHOTO/POSTAI	700.00
					WEBSITE HOSTING	75.00
						775.00
						8284.59
					CREDIT BALANCE	34254.90
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