

**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Greetings Suffolk Members,

Apologies for a delayed Newsletter... Nanny duties have been the issue. It's amazing how much an 18mth old, work off farm & lambing can take up ALL your spare time. Our annual jaunt to the South Island in June resulted in catching the dreaded Covid while there, consequently stuck in a motel, then home, only to catch the Flu on top... Oh Joy... NOT.... especially when both boosters had been had. Grrrrr....

The weather sure has been a dominant factor this year. Absolutely atrocious!! Extreme flooding in the South and in the upper North again has resulted in many areas recording the highest rainfall and snow levels in a long time. In the Auckland/ Waikato area, prolonged drought from early December right through to end of June has resulted in lack of grass through the winter. Some farmers have had to quit their cattle & surplus lambs early, & many lambs were trucked to the South Island where grass was at a surplus. Only now in this district, with some good rain & a wee bit of sunshine is the grass just starting to grow. Saleyard values are gaining momentum with the schedules starting to rise. Many 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 really short.

It is very pleasing to hear that the Canterbury show is going to occur this year after two years of no go. No doubt all of you that show your sheep will be busy preening them ready for this event. I have already booked our tickets in anticipation, and I can't wait to see you all & the sheep you are exhibiting.

I hope you have had an easy lambing, and the spring weather stays kind to you all. Stay safe....

Debbie 

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:
2022 CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REPORT:



As Chairman of Suffolk NZ, 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 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.

I'd like to thank Penni Loffhagen and Dave Collett for their services to the Suffolk NZ Breed Committee and welcome James Gardiner as the new Committee member.

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 hours of effort into.

It is pleasing to see the Suffolk Breed has seven new youth members and I hope to see them continue for a long time with their sheep.

As a Breed, we need to push our continued focus on growth, as with stock emissions coming under the microscope, the faster we can kill the progeny of our rams, the fewer emissions they will produce.

Special thanks as well to the support from the NZ Sheepbreeders Assn team; Greg, Anne, 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:

The Breed Committee was finally able to meet this year on July 6th at the Meeting Rooms, at Christchurch Airport.

CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

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

ELECTION OF SHEEPBREEDERS ASSN REPS:

Chris Hampton & James Gardiner were appointed the NZ Sheepbreeders Assn Council Breed representatives.

ELECTION OF CO-ORDINATORS:

NATIONAL PROMOTION:

Rob Tennent has been appointed to this role, with Stu Morton assisting.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN:

Clubs will again be allocated \$30 per member & \$10 per member going to the National advertising programme. Last year three advertisements were placed in the Farmers Weekly. More money will be spent this year on promotion via printed media & Facebook Advertisements.

ACROSS FLOCK & CPT:

Chris Hampton was appointed Across Flock and CPT Co-ordinator.

ACROSS FLOCK SUB-COMMITTEE:

Rob Tennent, Ross McCall & James Gardiner were appointed as Across Floc Sub- Committee.

ACROSS FLOCK UPDATE:

The recent BLG sheep breeder road shows provided updates and information for SIL recorded flocks.

Some updates to the Terminal Worth index will be rolled out on the 24th August. Part of this process will be nProve replacing the Ram finder, Flock finder and Breeder finder online tools. Abacus Bio conducted the review of the indexes which is done every 5 years. (Last one in 2017).

No change will be made to the base year which was previously talked about. Terminal worth values are set to increase with average new index values of 280 cents per lamb born. The top 10% of indexes will increase by 490 cents per lamb born, however there won't too much re ranking of animals. There are also new traits to add such as meat quality. Despite no premiums being paid yet for MQ there will be a sub-index including carcass marble score, meat shear force (tenderness), meat colour and meat ph.

The road show livestream is available on the BLG website for those keen to find out more.

Please remember you are welcome to contact one of our Sub-Committee either myself, Ross McCall or James Gardiner for a confidential chat about SIL or the across flock analysis

Rob Tennent

IMF TRIALS

The Chairman said these trials are expensive, as even after funding from the National body, it still costs the ram breeder.

Ross McCall said the Suffolk rams are performing well and there is a Suffolk ram ranked 3rd out of 10 for meat quality. The cost to enter the Trials is \$800.00 per ram.

A discussion ensued whether Suffolk NZ should contribute towards the costs of rams in Trials.

It was moved by Chris Hampton, seconded by Stewart Morton 'that the Breed subsidises \$500.00 towards one ram per year in the CPT and \$200.00 per ram to a maximum of \$2,000.00 in other industry good trials. To be prior approved by the Breed Committee recognizing the importance of the industry for the Suffolk Breed.'

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

WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Flk. 1048 'Goldlime', Megan Alexander, Timaru

Flk. 1049 'Hay Hill', Paige McCall, Fairlie

Both new flocks are part of the Youth Initiative Scheme.

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.

NEXT BREED COMMITTEE MEETING is yet to be arranged. 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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2023



SUFFOLK NZ

TOUR

LOCATION –

SOUTH CANTERBURY

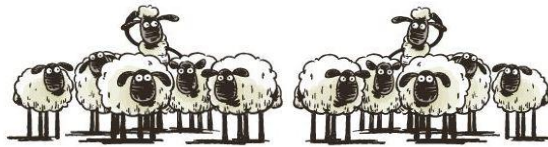
It's unfortunate that Covid disrupted all plans for a NZ Tour this year.

The Committee discussed all aspects regarding tours, including amalgamating with another breed.

It was agreed that the Suffolk breed should have our own Tour and Conference in 2023.

The location is set at South Canterbury.

You will be advised when via this newsletter.



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SHOW 2022**

9th – 11th November 2022

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2022

RAM & EWE FAIRS



CANTERBURY

**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 25TH, 2022**

FEILDING

**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 13TH, 2022**

GORE

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 17TH, 2023**

CANTERBURY CLUB FEILDAY:

The Northern South Island Suffolk club held their annual club day on the 26th of May based in North Canterbury the breeders started the afternoon at Pine Grove looking at the MA ewes and Ram hoggets of both the Suffolk's and Sth Suffolk's. The group then traveled to the Limavady Stud looking at MA ewes and ewe and ram hoggets from both of their studs being Suffolk's and Sth Downs the club the travelled onto Hawarden to visit the Tawhai stud looking at both Suffolk and Gotland ewe hoggets and getting a look at their venture into the wool/pelt industry.

The afternoon was well supported with around 18 members and concluded with our AGM and a meal at the Hogget Restaurant.

I would like to thank all the breeders for being part of the day and making the effort and especially those who put their flocks up for the afternoon.

Hopefully lambing has been a good one for everyone and will see you at the Christchurch Show.

James Gardiner



'PINEGROVE' Ram Hoggets



'LIMAVADY' Ram Hoggets & MA Ewes



'TAWHAI' Gotlands

**WISHING YOU
ALL A HAPPY
LAMBING...**



Turkish Lamb Burgers

**Lamb Mince, Feta
& Turkish Loaf**

www.recipes.co.nz
Serves 4 - 5,
Prep Time 20 mins,
Cook Time 15 mins



Ingredients

- 600g Quality Mark lamb mince
- 4 spring onions finely chopped
- 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs
- 150g feta cheese crumbled
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- 1 tbsp fresh mint
- 1 egg
- 1 Turkish bread loaf cut into 6 even pieces

Method

1. Combine the lamb mince, onions, breadcrumbs, feta, garlic, mint & egg.
2. Mix lightly, shape into 6 patties.
3. Lightly brush the burgers with oil.
4. Preheat the pan to moderately high.
5. Add patties to the pan, lower the heat to moderate.
6. Cook for 5-6 minutes each side or until thoroughly cooked.
7. Turn them once only.

To serve

- Tabouli, Mesclun, mint leaves, tomato, spring onion...
1. Slice Turkish bread in half horizontally and grill or toast until lightly browned.
 2. Place burgers on the toasted bread with tabouli and salad leaves, topped with chopped tomato, mint and spring onions.



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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