

**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
FEBRUARY 2024**

Greetings Again Suffolk Breeders,

Here's wishing you all a VERY happy & prosperous New Year from the Suffolk Breed Committee.

I hope you have all refreshed yourselves with a holiday break and are back in the business of marketing the last of your rams & getting your ewes sorted & ready for mating. In the North we have had great hay & silage making weather since November & it's now dry enough for the onion harvest... The forecasted drought hasn't happened in the North just yet.

We are still looking VERY green, thanks to Kikuyu grass & good rain falling every few days up until now. Flying into Christchurch a couple of weeks ago we could see that most of Canterbury was getting a lot of heat & in need of rain badly & I hear that the deep south is very parched & desperate for some moisture too.



The problem with steamy rain in the north is that the Facial Eczema spore count has shot up dramatically, and as I write Waikato is showing **160,000 spores, and north Waikato 140,000**. The danger point is 30,000. I hope that those farmers who use Zinc Boluses have them on hand, just in case..... Website <https://labportal.gribbles.co.nz/> has weekly updates for FE Spore Counts for the whole of the North & South Island. Yes... Facial Eczema is in the South Island as well. Tasman area reported 60,000 & West Coast reported 15,000 spores last week.

Lamb values remain semi-stable around \$120-\$140 for prime lambs, hopefully values will improve as the supply gets shorter. Ewes are also selling at lesser values this season & most livestock centres have already held their Ewe Fairs, with Ewes selling at reasonable rates. Top price of \$251 was reported at Temuka.

Ram sales have been chugging along steadily, with several rams selling exceptionally well at Christchurch Elite Ram & Ewe Fair (*see report later in this newsletter*). Most breeders (in the North) have, or almost, sold out; If you do still have rams available, don't hesitate to use the Ram database to help sell them. Good luck everybody with your Ram Sales....

Debbie ☺

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

BREED COMMITTEE NEWS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:



Compliments of the season to you all.

It is already and will no doubt continue to be an 'interesting' season for sheep farmers.

Weather conditions have been terribly unkind to many of us, and we are all looking for rain, some much more than others. Here's to some real relief on the near horizon for those worst affected. Congratulations to Elizabeth Hampton for winning the Youth Judging at the Canterbury A&P Show in November. She will represent NZ in Australia later this year. Well done and good luck Elizabeth. I hope you've had a successful ram-selling season. If you have rams still to find homes or demand outstrips your supply, please look to the ram database for a solution. Let's get Suffolks out there for people to see for themselves the benefits of the breed.

Those of us who have registered for the breeder's tour of South Australia in May are all very much looking forward to the trip. This trip has been prevented twice before by Covid, so here's to third time lucky. Anyone else who would like to join in, please contact us on simsym@xtra.co.nz ASAP.

Best wishes for a successful mating season and as always, please feel free to contact me on Ph. 0272554452 or any other member of the breed committee about any breed issue, anytime.

Kind regards, **Symon Howard, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ**

2023 SUFFOLKNZ AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR



(Left) Chris Hampton with the Suffolk Ambassador trophy.

The Suffolk Ambassador award for 2023 was presented to Chris Hampton for initiating the youth exhibitors' classes for registered sheep breeders under 21 at the Fairlie show.

This was a successful event at Fairlie and was followed by further youth classes at other shows throughout Canterbury, culminating in a fantastic youth turnout at the Christchurch Show. Congratulations to Chris on the award and the continued contribution to the Suffolk breed and the future sheep breeders.

WELCOME TO NEW FLOCKS:

Flk. 1054, 'Ardmore', Georgia Middleton, Methven.

Flk. 1055, 'Melton Meadows', B & H Stevenson, Rolleston.

BLACK COLOUR MATTERS

SUFFOLK – NO. 1 TERMINAL BREED THAT WILL GIVE YOUR LAMBS 100% BLACK COLOUR

BLACK COLOUR = PROVEN STORE PREMIUMS
it's real, just ask your stock agent

BLACK COLOUR = 100% HYBRID VIGOR
that's more growth, more meat and more live lambs

That's more money for you, proving that BLACK COLOUR DOES INDEED MATTER when using terminal sires

FOR YOUR NEAREST SUFFOLK BREEDER VISIT
nzsheep.co.nz/suffolk

Image of a flock of Suffolk sheep.

NATIONAL PROMOTION

The committee this year has again implemented its national promotion campaign to make the Suffolk breed visible in the marketplace. Three ads were run in November and December in the Farmers Weekly highlighting the benefits of the breed and then referring interested readers to the Suffolk NZ website that has all the breeders contact details. The ads will be run again in March. The ads are made possible by funding from the advertising levy that each member pays.

Stu Morton

ACROSS FLOCK & TRIAL REPORT

This year, Suffolk NZ was successful in gaining a space for a Suffolk ram in the 2024 CPT Trial. It was great news considering we missed a place in the last years trial. As I stated in our application to Beef & Lamb, this is one of the only ways we have to link with the whole sheep industry as a pure breed we are unable to use other breed Sires to link them.

We will be using Goldstream 270/20, who Charles and Emma Millar-Brown have very kindly offered to be used in the CPT and Across Flock members to use as well. This ram is very well ranked on SIL (NZTW 2027), and he will be in North Canterbury between 25 February and 15 March, Otago 15 March and 5 April, then South Canterbury from 5 April. Thank you, Charles, and Emma, for the generous offer.

Last year Suffolk NZ had 5 rams in the Duncraigen IMF & Eating Quality Trial. All Rams had plenty of progeny, so we are waiting for the results once the lambs are processed. If any breeder wants to enter a ram lamb, please contact me or Symon Howard.

Mating is just around the corner so check the linkage chart to see how your flock is linked. If your links are weak, see who you can use a common Sire (link Sire) with as this will not only improve your linkages, but will also improve the accuracy of your results....it is not too late.

If your flock is recorded on SIL, consider joining the Suffolk NZ Across Flock. It only costs around \$50 per year. If your flock is not recorded on SIL, consider using SIL as if nothing else, it is a good back up for your records.

If you wish to discuss any items in this report, please contact me on 0272025679.

Chris Hampton, SuffolkNZ Across Flock Co-ordinator

2024

SUFFOLK NZ

SOUTH AUSTRALIA TOUR



(THE 'THIRD TIME LUCKY' TOUR)

15 - 22 MAY 2024

* there are still places available for this tour.

Please contact us: simsym@extra.co.nz

CANTERBURY A & P SHOW, NOVEMBER 2023

The Christchurch show is ALWAYS A FANTASTIC SHOW... and the Suffolks on show were spectacular as usual and there was some fierce competition in both the Rams and the Ewes.

This year's judges were Stewart Morton (Rams) & Annabelle Tripp (Ewes), and thanks go to everyone that assisted in the judging and the show.



Annabelle Tripp judging the Ewes
Andrew & Jacqui Adams won the Essential Nutrition Ewe under 18 months with the Ewe above.



Kerry & Rosie Dwyer won the Premier Ram Hogget Class, and their ram went on to be Champion Suffolk Ram Calluragh 20/22 below.

Decisions, Decisions

#640. 1st. A & J Adams

#642. 2nd. A & J Adams



Grant & Di Becketts ram came 2nd & 3rd in the Premier class & the 2nd placed ram was also Reserve Champion Ram.
Grant & Di Beckett also won the Two Rams under 18months sponsored by Silver Fern Farms.
(below)



'The girls Brigade'



Symon Howard came 1st & 2nd in the Ewe 30months & over with suckling lamb's class, and Penni Loffhagen was 3rd.



Champions

Chocka full of meat !!





Trifecta lineup



PAIGE McCALL

One of the highlights of the day was 1st time show entrant 8 year-old Paige McCall.

Her Ewes were placed:

1st & 2nd in the Ewe 18-30months with suckling lamb's class.

4th in the Ewe over 30 months with suckling lamb's class.

4th in the Ewe under 18month class.

2nd in the Super Ewe

And to cap it all off was Champion in the new Youth Class.

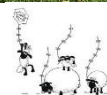
CONGRATULATIONS, WELL DONE PAIGE !!



Above & below.... Symon Howard judging the Interbreeds.



Paige McCall, A very happy young breeder



Sale Results from Canterbury Ram Sale DECEMBER, 2023

Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	123	13/22	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	5,400
2nd	113	163/22 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	5,000
3rd	106	171/22 Tw	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	4,800
2	130	595/22 Tw	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	4,800
1st	112	1/22 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	4,500
2	141	389/22 Trp	Coleford	JT Miles	4,000
1	105	93/22	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	3,800
1	122	42/22 Tw	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	3,000
1	107	14/22 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	2,000
2	133	20/22 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	2,000
2	136	105/22 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	2,000
2	138	42/22 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	2,000
1	116	87/22	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,300
2	135	29/22 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1,300
1	114	358/22 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1,200
1	115	50/22 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,200
1	127	36/22	Dry Creek	A Gibson	1,200
1	120	82/22 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	1,100
1	110	149/22 Tw	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1,000
1	111	3/22.	Mornish	G & D Abbott	1,000
1	126	87/22 Tw	Dry Creek	A Gibson	1,000
1	119	145/22 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	800
1	121	36/22 Tw	Hillside	M & D Irvine	800
2	134	12/22 Tw	Mornish	G & D Abbott	800
2	139	150/22 REP	Hillside	M & D Irvine	800
25 OUT OF 42 ENTERED WERE SOLD = 59.5%				AVERAGE \$\$\$	2,272

CHRISTCHURCH RAM & EWE SALE, 2023

SALE SUMMARY:

RAMS: The Christchurch Stud Ram & Ewe Fair was held on 1st December 2023 & comprised 38 Stud Suffolk Rams. Three Companies were selling this year, PGG Wrightson, Rural Livestock & Hazlett Ltd.

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

Top price of \$5,400 went to Lot 123, James Gardiners 'Pine Grove 13/22' & was purchased by James Taggart's 'Rapaura' Stud & Sam Lunn, Lunn Livestock.

Next best price of \$5000 was lot 123, Andrew & Jaqui Adams 'Stoneylea 163/22Tw' purchased by 'Westcombe' & 'Studholme' Studs. This ram was placed 2nd in people's choice.

In my opinion, presentation was good. Bidding was spirited in parts, and it appeared that SIL figures may have played a part \$\$-wise in some of the top priced rams. It was disappointing that the Auctioneers didn't specify which studs purchased, so I can't inform you of how many were transferred to registered studs. 24 out of 42 entries sold (59.5%) with the average being \$2272.

Results from Canterbury Ewe Sale DEC 2023

Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
144	186/22 Trp	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	300
145	74/22 Tw	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	300
146a	304/22 Tw	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	300
143a	150/22 Trp	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	250
146	116/22	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	250
147	90/22	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	250
147a	353/22 Tw	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	250
148	97/22	Tawhai	PA Loffhagen	250

EWES:

12 ewes were entered this year, all from Penni Loffhagen's Tawhai Stud.

8 sold with an average being \$269, with BIDR playing a major part in the bidding.



CHRISTCHURCH RAM FAIR PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1st Lot 112 Mornish 1/22 Tw (R)

2nd Lot 113 Stoneylea 163/22 Tw (L)

3rd Lot 106 Collie Hills 171/22 Tw (back)

GORE RAM SALE, JANUARY 2024

SALE SUMMARY: The Gore Stud Ram Fair was held on 16th January 2024 & comprised 13 Stud Suffolk Rams. The highest price went to Lot 168, A & J Lindsay’s ‘Torresdale 114/22Tw’, and G & D Becketts ‘Phoebe 33/22’ with both rams reaching \$1500. Another 2 rams sold reasonably well at \$1200, but it was a very lacklustre sale with only 6 of 15 selling (37.5%). This year’s average was \$1183.



Harriet Burgess, new breeder from Balclutha purchased Torresdale 55/22 Tw

Sale Results from Gore Ram Sale, JANUARY 16th, 2024					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	168	114/22 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1,500
1	170	33/22	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,500
1	169	55/22 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1,200
1	177	572/22 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1,200
2	183	38/22 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	900
1	181	347/22 REP	Tawhai	P. Loffhagen	800
5 OUT OF 16 ENTERED SOLD = 37.5% AVERAGE					\$1,183

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. Ross McCall.

MORE SHOW PICS



'WOODBINE STUD'

C & M IRWIN

& Beattie Family

Flk 413, FTN. Est. 1978.

COMPLETE EWE FLOCK FOR SALE

COMPRISING:

32 MIXED AGE EWES

x 8 2018 Ewes

x 3 2019 Ewes

x 1 2020 Ewe

x 9 2021 Ewes

x 11 2022 Ewes

All ewes are running with 'Westcombe'
84/22



*Lambs will be retained.

Enquiries to:

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Mob. 0212707608





SUFFOLK EWES

IF YOU HAVE SUFFOLK EWES
OR EWE LAMBS SURPLUS
TO YOUR REQUIREMENTS,
PLEASE CONTACT EITHER YOUR
BREED COMMITTEE MEMBER SO THEY
CAN BE ADVERTISED IN THIS
NEWSLETTER OR ALTERNATIVELY ON
THE NZSBA SALE PAGE.

THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ENQUIRIES
LOOKING FOR EWES, INCLUDING 100
REQUIRED FOR A BUYER IN PONGAROA (NI)
RIGHT NOW....

LATEST LOO DÉCOR...LOL



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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or: Debbie Holmes ☺,

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For any information
required from NZSBA,
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Don't forget you can download forms at
www.nzsheep.co.nz.

**HAPPY
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Lamb, Spinach & Feta Filo Pie

Recipes.co.nz

Serves 4; Prep Time 20 mins; Cook Time 30 mins
A perfect weekend lunch with a side salad & a dollop of
relish or chutney.

INGREDIENTS

400g Quality Mark lamb mince
1 Tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, crushed
½ tsp paprika
salt and pepper to taste
200g spinach, roughly chopped
1 lemon zest
150g feta, crumbled
½ cup Parmesan cheese, grated
8 sheets filo pastry
2 Tbsp butter, melted
1 Tbsp sesame seeds

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 170°C & lightly grease a 22cm cake tin.
2. Heat the oil in a frying pan. Add the onion & garlic & cook for 5 minutes. Add the mince & cook for 8-10 minutes or until it is lightly browned. Stir through the paprika, salt & pepper.
3. Stir through the spinach, cooking for a few minutes until it wilts. Remove the pan from the heat & allow it to cool for a minute.
4. Add the lemon zest, crumbled feta & parmesan & stir through the mince mixture.
5. Brush one filo sheet with a little butter & lay in the cake tin with the ends hanging over the edge. Repeat this step with the remaining filo pastry, rotating the pan so that each time, the pastry is in a slightly different place, overlapping with the previous sheet until the whole cake tin is lined.
6. Spoon in the filling & smooth the top. Fold in the overhanging pastry. Brush the remaining four sheets of pastry with butter. Scrunch each one up, & place on the top of the pie.
7. Brush the top of the pie with any remaining butter & sprinkle over the sesame seeds.
8. Bake in the oven for 30 minutes until the pie is hot & golden. Place a piece of tin foil over the top if it is browning too quickly.
9. Serve with a side salad & a dollop of relish or chutney.





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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.

Please notify Sheep Breeders before:

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 15th March 2024

Monday 12th April 2024

NZSBA to Send out:

Wednesday 21st February 2024

Wednesday 18th March 2024

Wednesday 15th April 2024

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