



**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
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Greetings Again Suffolk Members,

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

I can't believe its 2025!! Exactly a quarter of a Century has flown past since we were all panicking about the dreaded 'Millenium bug' that was going to 'ruin the world', and yes it was all a bunch of rubbish, and we survived!!

Hopefully most of you got in a wee holiday break with friends & family & off farm for a few days to recharge your batteries between getting the hay/Silage done & the crops planted. Back to the grind now, and back in the business of marketing the last of your rams & getting your ewes sorted & ready for mating.

The upper north has had good rainfall until the first week of January & high humidity. Vets are warning that lambs are showing signs of high Barbers Pole counts, so be on the alert. Facial Eczema spore counts are low & may not rise until the usual 3 week of February. Don't forget to check out the weekly updates for FE Spore Counts at your local Vets.

Lamb prices –

Saleyard values were definitely a highlight in lamb sales in the first week of November with Lorneville reporting their top prime lambs at \$224, Tuakau \$205, Temuka \$203, & Charlton, Brightwater & Frankton all hitting \$200+. (PGGW website)



On farms sales... Suffolk x Lambs made excellent values at the annual Rakaia Valley Lamb Fair in January with top lambs making \$184-\$191, and similar lambs made at the Glenmark Drive sale early November \$178- \$166.

Most livestock centres have already held their 2 Th. Ewe Fairs with very good values. Balclutha tops made \$322 !! Temuka \$265, Te Kuiti \$259, Tuakau, Feilding & Masterton \$222-244.

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, 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:



Happy New Year and I hope 2025 has started off well for you all.

It is a privilege to represent you as Chair of Suffolk NZ.

I farm 600 acres at Waikoikoi in West Otago with my wife Tracey who works at Maruawai College in Gore and our son Flynn who is in Year 10 at boarding

school in Dunedin at OBHS.

This year will be my 40th year breeding Suffolks and I have built the stud to 1000 blackface ewes. We also run 800 commercial ewes and winter 300 dairy cattle. Through the years rams have been purchased from all over New Zealand and this year we are importing one from Australia.

We enjoy being part of the Suffolk community and regularly attend shows. A highlight is being part of the Suffolk group tours where we enjoy the company of many like-minded people.

The south has seen one of the hardest springs in a while with over 300mls of rain during lambing in September and October. The weather has improved greatly since December with good warmth and rain when needed producing good feed quality. It is good to see this abundance of feed driving demand for all stock, and long may this continue. Stock prices have been very positive, here's hoping they hold up throughout the season.

Thank you to Symon Howard for his experienced leadership over the last few years, it has been greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to continuing the work Suffolk NZ does so please don't hesitate to get in touch about anything Suffolk related as I'm happy to help as needed. Hoping to see many of you on the tour in May and looking forward to catching up.

Happy Days & All the best for 2025 to you all.

Please contact me any time on Ph. **0272409611** with any SuffolkNZ enquiries, comments and observations.

Ross McCall, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ

2024 SUFFOLKNZ AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

CPT TRIAL



Symon Howard (L) receiving the SuffolkNZ Ambassador of the year trophy from Ross McCall SuffolkNZ Chairman, at 2024 Canterbury Stud Ram Fair.

Symon Howard, Studmaster of Taronga Stud, Flock 575. Lawrence, was awarded the 2024 Suffolk NZ Ambassador of the Year trophy in recognition of his dedication to the Suffolk Breed.

Symon has been involved in the breed for many years, he is the past chairman of the Suffolk Breed committee only stepping down in 2024 after a lengthy term in the role.

Symon is a huge supporter of the breed regularly showing sheep, judging and partaking in club days.

A big THANK YOU, goes to Symon and Simone who were instrumental in getting the 2024 Tour of Australia off the ground providing a very successful tour for the Suffolk breeders.

Symon, we also thank you for your dedication to the Suffolk breed. Congratulations on behalf of SuffolkNZ on being the 2024 Suffolk Ambassador of the Year.

James Gardiner, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ

SUPREME SHEEP OF SHOW AT GORE

Promoting the Suffolk breed...

'Collie Hills' 354-22 (R) has won Supreme Sheep at 4 out of 5 southern shows he has been to this season.

'Collie Hills' 354-22 is owned by Ross & Tracey McCall.



It is disappointing Suffolk NZ was unable to secure a ram in this year's CPT Trial. We have been in contact with Beef & Lamb, and they say the Suffolk breed is very well connected and we had a ram in last year. This is true, we did have a ram in last year BUT we missed out the previous year, so we have really only had one ram in the last three years and smaller, well connected breeds have had a ram in every year for the last three or four years.

The CPT is one of the only ways Suffolk NZ has to link with the whole sheep industry. The Suffolk breed is one of the main, if not the main Terminal Sire in NZ especially if you take into account the other breeds, which currently use a Suffolk base or infuse Suffolk into their breed to gain the growth rate and dark colour – Beltex, Sufftex, South Suffolk, Charollais, Kerry Hills, White Suffolk and numerous other composite breeds to name a few.

In my opinion, this is very short sighted on NZ Beef & Lamb's behalf.

On a more positive note, mating season is fast approaching, so all SIL recorded Flocks check your linkages and see how connected you are to other breeders before mating. If need be, use a Sire which is or has already been used by another SIL recorded Flock. This will improve the accuracy of your figures and may even improve your indexes.

If you are considering recording your flock on SIL, please don't hesitate to contact myself or one of the Breed committee members.

Chris Hampton, Breed Committee Rep. SuffolkNZ

NATIONAL LAMB DAY

This Saturday, February 15th is National Lamb Day and marks a key moment in New Zealand's farming history. On February 15, 1882, William Davidson and Thomas Brydone shipped the first frozen lamb from Port Chalmers to London. This successful export of around 5,000 carcasses proved New Zealand's ability to produce and export top-quality lamb, establishing the foundation for our thriving meat industry. *A lamb Recipe is on the back page*



SUFFOLKNZ
NATIONAL TOUR
14TH-17TH MAY
2025



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CANTERBURY A & P SHOW, NOVEMBER 2024



We were lucky the show was held after some turmoil earlier in the year, but thankfully a solution was found & it went ahead, albeit smaller than usual.

This year the Rams were judged by Norm Carr (L) & was assisted by James Gardiner & James Taggart.

The Suffolk animals on show were spectacular as usual. The top boys lineup was great, look at those hindquarters!! >>>>>>>>>



<< Norm consulting his bible....



Anton Gibson (R) judged the Ewes with assistance from Anabelle Cameron & Megan Alexander.



<<< The girls were giving a little bit of a runaround.....



Andrew Adams (R) won the Ewe under 18mths with a very classy Ewe. She went on to win Best Ewe Hogget, Champion Ewe, then further again to win 'Miss Canterbury'. Andrew also won the most points in the Suffolk section. Well done Andrew !!



Grant Beckett won the Two Rams under 18 mths.

Guy Abbott (L) won the Premier Suffolk Ram Hogget with his entry Mornish 58/23 and this ram went on to win Champion Suffolk Ram.



ALLBREEDS & INTERBREEDS



Sale Results from Canterbury Ram Sale DECEMBER 2024					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1st	82	73/23	Mornish	G & D Abbott	3,500
2nd	62	58/23	Mornish	G & D Abbott	7,500
3rd	69	14/23	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1,500
1	55	278/23	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	4,000
1	68	613/23	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	7,800
1	58	59/23 Rep	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	4,000
1	70	94/23	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	3,800
1	66	14/23 Rep	Taronga	SW Howard	2,500
1	60	297/23 Rep	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	2,000
1	78	319/23 Tw	Ashport	T & S Ashley	2,000
2	79	464/23	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	2,000
1	56	193/23	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	1,500
1	57	22/23	Pine Grove	J Gardiner	1,500
1	61	56/23	Mornish	G & D Abbott	1,500
1	64	51/23	Dry Creek	A Gibson	1,000
1	76	300/23	Hay Hill	Paige McCall	1,000
16 OUT OF 31 ENTERED WERE SOLD = 51.6%					\$2,944

CHRISTCHURCH
RAM & EWE SALE, 2024

SALE SUMMARY:

The Christchurch Stud Ram & Ewe Fair was held on 29th November 2024 & comprised 30 Stud Suffolk Rams. Three Companies were selling this year PGGWrightson, Rural Livestock & Hazlett Rural.

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

Top price of \$7,800 went to Lot 68, Limavady 613/23 & was purchased by young breeder James Taggart, Rapaura Stud. This sale was closely followed by Mornish 58/23 at \$7500, purchased by JT Miles, Coleford Stud.

In my opinion, presentation was good, but some rams appeared structurally unsound, and some sale prices may have reflected this.

SuffolkNZ is wanting to maintain the high standard of Elite Suffolks, so purchasers, both at the sale & online, can buy with confidence.

The Suffolk rams entered, were inspected by three inspectors. Two would have been put out due to having soft back pasterns. There were 4 or 5 other rams with marginal foot issues & 2 or 3 with lighter colour. Therefore, the flow of the sale in general appeared to be 'up & down', and only 16 out of 31 were sold.

Nine rams were transferred. During the sale Auctioneers failed to announce the buyer's names, just their buyer number, so hopefully this is accurate.

16 out of 31 entries sold (51.6%) with the average being \$2944.

9 entries were passed in, & 4 entries were withdrawn.

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
RAM FAIR
PEOPLE'S
CHOICE....**

- 1st Lot 82
Mornish 73/23**
- 2nd Lot 62
Mornish 58/23**
- 3rd Lot 69
Phoebe 14/23**

Sale Results from Gore Ram Sale, JANUARY 2025					
Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	166	2/23 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	3000
1	167	223/23 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1800
1	168	658/23	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1500
2	171	222/23 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1500
2	170	?	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1500
1	164	21/23	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1500
1	165	219/23	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1200
1	169	698/23	Limavady	C & E Miller-Brown	1000
8 OUT OF 8 ENTERED SOLD = 100%					AVERAGE \$1,625

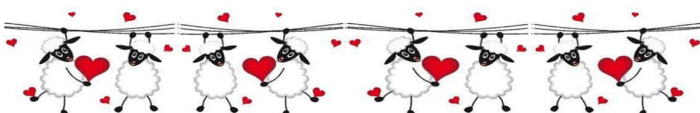
GORE RAM FAIR

SALE SUMMARY:

The Gore Stud Ram Fair was held on 21st January 2025 & comprised 8 Stud Suffolk Rams. The highest price went to Lot 166, AR & T McCall's 2/23Tw, reaching \$3000.

Half the number of rams were entered in the sale compared to last year. This resulted in spirited bidding, 100% clearance and the average being \$1625. All rams entered in the Gore sale were inspected by two inspectors and passed inspection.

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SUFFOLK AND ROMNEY BREEDERS OF NZ

Lower North Island Tour

14 - 16 May 2025

**Tour will depart Wellington at 9am on
Wednesday and return to Wellington on
Friday by 6pm.**

**Please register with Greg Burgess
by 28 Feb 2025**

greg@nzsheep.co.nz

**Itinerary will be distributed following
registration.**

SNIPPETS:

BRITISH GENETICS AT THE 2024 CHCH SALE

Breeders Terry & Sue Ashley, Ashport Stud, Cheviot, presented 2 rams at the Christchurch Show and Sale this year and certainly drew lots of inspection from all breeders.

Both were sired by semen from the Welsh sire 'Gweinglodd Gladiator' (R)

****Watch this space...** I am aware that more UK & Aussie genetics from both AI & live ram importations will be used by several studs this year. 2025 will make for a very interesting 'lamb drop'. No doubt we will see them all at the 2026 Shows & Sales



SUFFOLK WOOL REQUIRED

Wools of NZ are looking for bulk wool for a bedding customer. The order is for 10T clean and they currently have approximately another 65 bales to source.

The specifications are as follows:



VM - 0.2 max
Y-Z - 3.5 max
Bulk - must be over 30
No rams or lamb

Price: \$4.50 COF - 90 days' payment. (current market price for this wool is around \$3.10 COF) subject to sample approval and whether the contract has been filled or not. If you think you may have some wool that would

suit, please contact:



Bridget Russell,
Wools of NZ,
Mob. 0272204737
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For any information required from NZSBA, Greg Burgess & his team are always ready to help at nzsheep@clear.net.nz Phone 03) 3589412. Don't forget you can download forms at www.nzsheep.co.nz.

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MISO LAMB CUTLETS

Recipes.co.nz
Kirsten McCaffrey

Miso marinade is easy to whip together, giving these lamb cutlets a tasty, caramelised exterior while keeping things light & juicy in the middle. Great as part of a starter platter, or with a green salad & steamed rice.

Ingredients

8 lamb cutlets
3 Tbsp miso paste
2 Tbsp honey
2 Tbsp mirin
2 Tbsp sake
2 tsp dark soy sauce
2 garlic cloves minced



Method

1. Mix everything, except the cutlets, together in a bowl.
2. Place the cutlets in a flat dish or a ziplock bag and pour over the marinade.
3. Cover and place in the fridge for at least an hour, ideally overnight if you can.
4. When you're ready to cook, pop them on the barbecue, turning every 2 minutes for 8 minutes, until they're cooked.
5. Pro tip: Watch closely as the honey and miso in the marinade can burn.
6. Serve on a big platter with sesame seeds scattered over the top, or with a green salad and steamed rice.



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 24th February 2025**
- Monday 17th March 2025**
- Monday 14th April 2025**

NZSBA to Send out

- Wednesday 26th February 2025**
- Wednesday 19th March 2025**
- Wednesday 16th April 2025**

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	