

**NEW ZEALAND
SHEEPBREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
SUFFOLK NZ
FEBRUARY, 2017**

Greetings Again Suffolk Members,

Although a bit belated.... Here's wishing you all a very happy & prosperous New Year from the Suffolk Breed Committee. Hopefully you 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 prior to Xmas, was how good or bad your lambing had gone & the weather... a range of extremes it seems from one end of the country to the other, with Southland having an excellent season, both weather & lambing-wise, but the North had major problems as usual with ewes succumbing to facial eczema & poor lambs being born/reared. Northland is experiencing the 'Big Dry' again, & so is central Otago due to a very non-abating wind; hopefully the rain that has fallen lately will make some difference to those parts of the country & you will be able to flush up the ewes ready for mating. For those in the North, go to this website www.asurequality.com weekly for your up to date FE Spore Count. South Waikato count is reported at **450,000** this week. Have your Zinc medicals on hand if you use them.

Lamb prices –Schedule values have plummeted, creating disgruntlement among sheep farmers.

Down south, at our January bellwether Lamb Sale in the Rakaia Gorge, several thousand mostly Suffolk x lambs sold at good values, with the top pens from Peak Hill Station making \$118.50 & \$118 this year. Ewe Prices have held up most of the year & look to continue selling well. Most livestock centres have already held their Ewe Fairs with values at most very good. At Tuakau Ewe Fair, held early January, top 2 tooth's \$170; Te Kuiti - top 4 & 5yr olds made \$154. South Island - top Border/Romney's hit \$235 at Temuka. Ram sales have been chugging along steadily, & most breeders (in the North) have almost or totally sold out now. If you do still have rams still 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:



I hope everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

The Suffolk Breed was well represented at the Canterbury Show, with a large number of very good sheep.

The highlight was Stuart Sinclair winning the Frank O'Reilly Trophy for the Supreme Meat Breed Sheep.

Also at the Canterbury show, John Miles was presented with a Life Membership of Suffolk NZ for his services to the Suffolk breed. John has been breeding stud Suffolk's for 38 years & is well known all over New Zealand and Australia as a breeder of very good Suffolk sheep.

Simone Budge was named Suffolk NZ Ambassador of the Year for the time and effort she put into organising the very successful & enjoyable National tour around Otago.

Suffolk Rams have attracted very good prices at all three Stud Ram Fairs, with the highlight being Anton Gibson's ram selling for \$10500 at Gore. (see Debbie's sale report).

Commercial Suffolk rams appear to be selling well, with a lot of breeders almost sold out. If you have Suffolk rams unsold you can put them on the Suffolk NZ Ram Sale database. This will be circulated to Stock firms and Agents throughout New Zealand, so if they receive orders for Black face rams, they know who has Suffolk rams in their area. Also, if you have orders for Suffolk rams that you can't fill, don't hesitate to contact Greg at the Sheep Breeders office or your local Breed committee delegate. There appears to be an increase in demand for Suffolk Rams because of their Black Head, good growth rate and easy lambing.

DON'T put your cull Suffolk ram lambs in the local saleyards. I have heard of four occasions in Mid and South Canterbury where farmers have bought ram lambs for \$100 to \$120 out of the butcher's pens and have taken them home and used them over ewes. This is taking potential buyers out of the market and is undervaluing our quality product. Instead talk to your local Stock agent and they will be able to broker a deal with a local butcher's buyer at a similar price on the place (with no cartage or yard fees).

Here at Cave, we have had our best season with plenty of rain for a change. Pre-weaning weights were slightly down for a combination of reasons (increased lambing %, not enough heat and feed too soft), however once weaned lambs have really moved. A pity about the schedule! That's all for now, if anyone has anything they would like to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me. (03 6143330)

Chris Hampton, Chairman, SUFFOLKNZ

COMMITTEE NEWS:

SUFFOLKNZ AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR



Simone Budge receiving the trophy from SUFFOLKNZ Chairman, Chris Hampton. Simone helped organise the recent National SUFFOLKNZ tour and enjoyed doing it. She said it was made even more special because of the great feedback from everyone about such an enjoyable trip.

CENTRAL PROGENY TEST 2017

Suffolk NZ has been given space in the Beef and Lamb CPT trial for 2 Suffolk Link Sires, one representing each Island. The South Island will be represented by Taronga 41/15. This ram was the top ranked 2 tooth ram in the National Across Flock and is being used in four studs this year.

The North Island ram will be Tyanee 22/15. This ram was ranked 4th in the National Across Flock and is being used in three studs this year.

These sires will be AI Sires and used at the Taratahi and Invermay sites. John and Scotty Kyle have two Suffolk Ram Lambs being used at the Maraetotara new generation hub site. These Sires will be naturally mated and progeny will be DNA tested to prove their parentage. So, Suffolk NZ will be well represented this year.

Chris Hampton

RAM SALE DATABASE

This has been very successful & is to continue. Please see back page. Clubs are asked to update their agents contact details ASAP.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP SUFFOLKNZ

JOHN MILES (JT). COLEFORD STUD, Fik 406



It is with pleasure, that I write a short tribute to the life time of effort that the man we all know as JT, (John Miles) has put into the breeding of Suffolk Sheep in New Zealand. Last November, JT received a lifetime membership and medal from Suffolk NZ, which

appeared to come as quite a surprise to him. It however came as no surprise to his fellow members who have witnessed his efforts in improving the Suffolk breed and his infectious passion for showing.

JT's adventure into the Stud Sheep world started in the 1960s with Southdown's, by the mid-seventies the breed was becoming smaller and JT could see that the trend of the meat industry was changing to a larger carcass. The need for a more rangy breed of sheep was obvious, so in 1977 the Coleford Suffolk Flock (no. 406) was founded. The first year Coleford Stud purchased 41 ewes and this number has now grown to nearly 200 ewes. Today Coleford can be found in the pedigrees of nearly every Suffolk Stud in New Zealand, many in Australia and Globally.

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JT's Suffolk bloodlines have won many prestigious awards in the show ring. He is very proud of all the achievements of his sheep and their progeny but of all his showing success with Suffolk's three occasions come to mind...



The first... He was asked to send a ram to the World Sheep Congress in Brazil, this ram was entered in a class of 37 International entries and his Coleford ram came 9th.

The second... was when a ram he exported to Australia sired the Overall Supreme Champion Sheep of Perth Show, a title held by the Merino breed for decades.

The third... was when a ram he had bred, Coleford 600/11 won Supreme Champion Animal of Christchurch Show.

It has taken him many years of work, with many a delight, from the achievements along the way, "Winning your first, First place", "Winning your first Champion", balanced by "many disappointments" to get where he has got today.... The breeder of top quality sheep who without a doubt breed exactly what the purchaser, the industry & the consumer want. Many Thanks JT from The Suffolk Breeders of NZ & myself, for all your years of dedication to the Suffolk Breed & many years of wisdom, you like to quietly share.

Penni Loffhagen

JT MILES

John, we would like to congratulate you on receiving life membership. You should be very proud of the influence your Coleford bloodlines have had on improving the Australian Suffolk flock.

Personally, we are lucky enough to call you our friend and mentor. Your guidance and generosity over the years means a great deal to us. Best Wishes always,

Pam & Bouch,

Pamellen Suffolk Stud, Western Australia

JT MILES

Congratulations to John Miles (aka. JT & Johnny Kilometre) for his well earned Life Membership. John apart from being well known for his great sheep... is also well known for his great handshake (**bonecrusher** style) when greeting people. He started breeding Suffolk's about the same time I started my flock, nearly 40 years ago, on his South Canterbury farm. He is a very astute breeder with emphasis on structural soundness, breed points and purebred Suffolk's. He has participated in many local shows with great results. Not only do his sheep do well in shows, but the proof of the pudding is in the way they perform for other breeders in their flocks. His Suffolk's are spread the length of NZ & overseas (mainly OZ). John has judged at many shows in NZ & Australia with great feedback from shows that he has judged. Congratulations JT, Well done you old baaaa...s**d, you deserve it!!

Colin Irwin, Woodbine Stud, Waiuku

NI Breed Committee Rep 1983-1994, 1998-2006

CANTERBURY A & P SHOW, NOVEMBER 2016

The Christchurch show was again a credit to the Cantabs... ALWAYS A FANTASTIC SHOW... The Suffolk animals on show were spectacular as usual. This year the Rams were judged by Doug Brown, assisted by Malcolm Irvine.

Stuart Sinclair won Premier Suffolk Ram Hogget & this Ram was also Champion Suffolk Ram and Supreme Champion Suffolk and went on to win Supreme Champion Meat Animal. Kerry Dwyer took out 'the pairs' prize, Best carcass Suffolk & best scanning Ram classes. Penni Loffhagen won Senior Ram;

The Food & Fibre Trifecta – 3 Ram Hogget's was again won by the Suffolk's - Sinclair, Dwyer & Carr entry.

Grant Beckett judged the Ewes.

John Miles won 3 ewe classes. Over 18mths, 18-30months, over 30 months & the most points section.

Simon Howard won All Breeds 'Super Ewe'.

Stuart Sinclair had a terrific show, not only taking out the best of the Ram classes, but also won Ewe under 18 months & Champion Ewe & Best Ewe Hogget. This ewe went on to win 'Miss Canterbury'. Congratulations all round !!



Admiration society.... Ram Hoggets 1st-6th place



'Miss Canterbury' Little River 47/15



Decisions....Decisions



Ram Hogget Food & Fibre Trifecta - 3 Ram Hoggets



(L) Stu & Nick Sinclair with Little River 5/15, Champion Suffolk Ram Hogget & Frank O'Reilly Trophy winner for Supreme Meat Breed Sheep & (R) Stu Sinclair again with Little River 47/15 Champion Ewe, best Ewe Hogget & 'Miss Canterbury'. Congrats Stu !!



Sale Results from Canterbury Ram Sale 2016

Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
3rd	200	179/15 Trp	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	6500
1	193	41/15 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	5000
4th	235	45/15 Tw	Pine Grove	H & J Gardiner	4200
1	228	43/15 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	3500
1	191	540/15	Coleford	JT Miles	3200
1	195	83/15	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	2000
1st	224	46/15	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	2000
1	190	137/15 Tw	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1500
2nd	205	54/15 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	1500
1	213	164/15 Tw	Pine Grove	H & J Gardiner	1100
1	189	126/15 Rep	Stoneylea	A & J Adams	1000
1	192	582/15	Coleford	JT Miles	1000
1	196	149/15 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	1000
1	214	121/15 Tw Rep	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	1000
1	215	86/15 Tw	Brooklands	A & P McIlraith	1000
1	199	128/15	Collie Hills	Collie Hills P/Ship	900
1	203	169/15 Rep	Little River	S Sinclair	800
2	210	9/15 Tw	Glenwood	M & C Howie	800
1	229	99/15 Tw	Phoebe	G & D Beckett	800
2	232	21/15 Tw	Tawhai	P Loffhagen	800
2	234	7/15.	Glenwood	M & C Howie	800
21 OUT OF 37 ENTERED WERE SOLD = 56.75%				AVERAGE \$\$\$	1923.81

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CHRISTCHURCH

RAM & EWE SALE, 2016

CHRISTCHURCH SALE SUMMARY:
 The Christchurch Stud Ram & Ewe Fair on 25th November, 2016 comprised 48 Stud Suffolk Rams. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pertains to peoples choice for most popular ram.
 Top price of \$6500 went to Collie Hills Partnership for Lot 200 - a triplet ram Collie Hills 179/15 Trp. In my opinion, presentation in general was good, but several rams were let down by their feet & appeared to be structurally unsound. Buyers appeared to be bidding on a select few rams & many that sold were at lower values, quite possibly directly related to the current lower lamb schedule.
 21 entries sold with their average being \$1923 (\$143 up on last years average).
 17 entries were passed in & 11 ram entries & the 4 ewe entries were scratched.



(1,2,3,4)



(4,3,2,1)

CHRISTCHURCH RAM FAIR PEOPLES CHOICE.... PRETTY BOYZZZ....



- 1st. Lot 224 Stoneylea 46/15
- 2nd. Lot 205 Omagh 54/15 Tw
- 3rd. Lot 200 Collie Hills 179/15 Trp
- 4th. Lot 235 Pine Grove 45/15 Tw



Sale Results from Feilding Ram Sale DECEMBER, 2016

Run	Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
1	96	15/15 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	4000
1	97	69/15 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	3200
1	101	426/15	Coleford	JT Miles	3100
1	105	126/15 Tw	Woodbine	C & M Irwin	2500
1	98	32/15 Tw	Rorokoko	C & C O'Connor	2000
1	100	157/15	Mangare	R & J Harre	2000
1	102	599/15	Coleford	JT Miles	1700
1	104	49/15 Tw	Little River	SJ Sinclair	1700
2	108	60/15 Tw	Omagh	N & M Carr	1500
1	99	13/15 Tw	Rorokoko	C & C O'Connor	1200
1	103	6/15 Tw	Little River	SJ Sinclair	1200
11 OUT OF 14 ENTERED SOLD = 78.57%					\$2,191

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Debbie Holmes

GORE RAM FAIR

Sale Results from Gore Ram Sale 2017

Lot	No	Stud	Vendor	\$\$\$\$
247	2/15 Tw	Dry Creek	A Gibson	10,500
242	639/15	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	9000
236	30/15	Taronga	SW Howard	2100
229	110/15 Tw	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	2000
239	246/15	Torresdale	A & J Lindsay	1500
245	45/15 Tw	Taronga	SW Howard	1500
233	671/15 Tw	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	1400
238	19/15 Tw	Dry Creek	A Gibson	1200
232	650/15	Mt. Annan	AR & T McCall	800
235	934/15 Tw	Waimotu	S & A Brown	800
20 ENTRIES 50% WERE SOLD			AVERAGE \$\$	\$3080

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GORE SALE SUMMARY: The Gore Stud Ram Fair was held on 11th January, 2017 & comprised 20 Stud Suffolk Rams.

It turned out that this was 'THE' sale of the season dollarwise..

The highest price went to the last ram entered, Anton Gibson's Dry Creek 2/15 Tw at \$10,500 (pictured right with Anton) & was purchased by Courtenay & Stoneylea studs. It was a very good meaty ram & there were at least 4 bidders/syndicates in the action to buy it. Anton was a first time entrant in the Gore Sale and this ram was the highest priced ram of any sale this year. Well done Anton!!

Second highest priced ram was Mt. Annan 639/15 belonging to Ross & Tracey McCall, it made \$9000 & was also a meaty ram.

Although these two rams sold very well, bidding appeared patchy and only 10 out of 20 entries sold, with the average being \$3080.

Debbie Holmes

FEILDING RAM & EWE FAIR



FEILDING SALE SUMMARY: The Feilding Stud Ram Fair was held on 13th December, 2016 & comprised a disappointing number of Stud Suffolk Rams, 14 in total. Seven of the rams entered were from South Island breeders.

The sale was again held in temporary premises again due to the old building needing repairs. A small ring was constructed close to the ram pens & was quite satisfactory.

The Sale started with good bidding. Top prices went to Norm & Margaret Carr for their entries Omagh 15/15 Tw at \$4000 (above) & Omagh 69/15 Tw at \$3200.

Bidding appeared steady at reasonable values. 11 entries were sold with at an average of \$2191 (\$281 up on last years average). 3 entries were passed in. No Ewes were entered this year.

Debbie Holmes



OBITUARY:

BRIAN ANSELM, 'Kowhai' Stud, Flk.936

With sadness, I have to report that Brian Anselmi, 'Kowhai' Stud, passed away in November, 2016 after a brief illness. Brian farmed most of his life at Mangakowhai, near Pio Pio in the King Country on a picturesque farm with huge limestone blocks scattered in some of the paddocks.

Brian was a long-time Hereford breeder, establishing his 'Kowhai' Hereford Stud in the 1950's & Stud cow numbers at their peak were around 396. His Stud had a great reputation for producing good meaty bulls & in 1987 a selling complex was constructed on-farm to accommodate bulls sold each year at 'Kowhai's Annual sale. Brian & his wife Kath being dedicated breeders, travelled extensively overseas on World Hereford Tours to Canada, Uruguay, Chile, Argentina, Scandinavia & Europe. Their last on-farm bull sale was held in 2009, & control of the Stud was handed over to his son John.

Brian also had a passion for Suffolk Sheep & he established 'Kowhai' Suffolk Stud in 2001. His foundation ewes were all from the 'Avonlea' stud. Stud sires over the years were purchased from Punchbowl, Mornish, Little River, Unique, Beechbank, Coleford & Omagh Studs. His sheep breeding philosophy was like his cattle one; he liked them big & bold with good bone & plenty of meat. Brian enjoyed showing his sheep & competed mostly at Waikato Show, taking many prizes. He was an active member of the Northern (NI) Breeders Club. In the last 'Kowhai' Suffolk stud breeding season, Brian had 126 Stud ewes. He then dispersed them in 2015 after his health deteriorated.

Brian was a great horseman, taking part in the annual horse trekking event 'Great Southern Cavalcade' in the mountains of the South Island until 2015.

Brian passed away peacefully at home after a short illness, aged 87 years, with his wife of 65 years, Kath, at his bedside. He was an 'old school' gentleman, a man of integrity, a true man of the land. I shall miss our friendly banter that we had each time we met. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Kath & Brian's extended family.

Debbie Holmes, Northern NI Breed Committee Rep, SUFFOLKNZ



WANTED TO BUY:

**200 Registered
MA Suffolk Ewes**

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LAMB DAY ON FEBRUARY 15th

On February 15, 135 years ago, the first shipment of mutton set sail from Port Chalmers in Otago on the *Dunedin*, bound for London.

This venture was the first important step in establishing the sheep and beef export industry that now contributes \$8.5 billion a year to the New Zealand economy.

So gather friends and family this National Lamb Day and celebrate this significant milestone by enjoying our national dish on February 15th.



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GET WELL WISHES:

Our thoughts go out to Andrew, Jacqui & Millie Adams, Stoneylea Stud, who were all injured in a plane crash near Motueka in January. On behalf of SUFFOLKNZ, we wish you all a very speedy recovery.



SNIPPETS:



<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bellwether>

A **bellwether** is one that leads or indicates trends; a trendsetter. The term is derived from the Middle English *bellwether* and refers to the practice of placing a bell around the neck of a castrated ram (a wether) leading his flock of sheep.



BBQ GINGER LAMB SATAYS WITH THAI DIPPING SAUCE

Beef & lamb New Zealand

Serves: 4



Ingredients

700g Quality Mark lamb steaks, cut into strips
1 tablespoon finely chopped ginger
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 tablespoon fish sauce
3 teaspoons sesame oil

Dipping Sauce

2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons sweet chilli sauce
2 tablespoons chopped coriander
1 red chilli, seeded and finely chopped
1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds (optional)

Method

Combine the lamb strips with the ginger, garlic, sugar, fish sauce and sesame oil. Refrigerate and marinate for 2-3 hours. Soak 8 bamboo skewers in water for 30 minutes, then thread the lamb onto the skewers. Heat a barbecue or chargrill and cook the lamb 3-4 minutes each side, or until the lamb is cooked. Serve on steamed jasmine rice, sprinkled with the toasted sesame seeds if using, and with the dipping sauce on the side. To make the dipping sauce: combine all the ingredients together and spoon into small bowls to serve.



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 direct to me at email:

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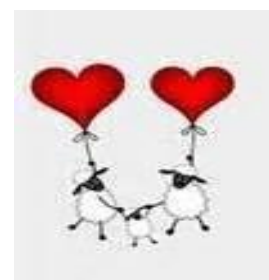
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Happy Mating





SuffolkNZ Rams Available Database

This is the third year that Suffolk NZ is offering this selling initiative that aims to link unsold Suffolk rams in the autumn with prospective purchasers by regularly letting 'important' people in the industry know what rams are still available in their area.

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

Breeders are to supply the following information by the key dates 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 27th February

Monday 20th March

Monday 10th April

NZSBA to Send out

Thursday 2nd March

Thursday 23rd March

Thursday 13th April

NZSBA contact details

- Post: NZSBA, PO Box 20094, Christchurch, 8543
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Address	
Stud Name	
Contact Number	
Target Area	
Number of rams available for sale	
Brief description	