

United Suffolk Sheep Association

2017 Director Election Bio - District 3



Jeremy Geske, New Prague, Minnesota

Hello fellow Suffolk breeders. My name is Jeremy Geske. My wife, Heidi and our children (Leif, Wyatt, Michael and Milly) own and operate JMG Suffolks, near New Prague, MN. We are a registered seedstock flock, enrolled in NSIP. We show and sell Suffolks at local state and national shows & sales across the US. Our goal is to raise Suffolks that have the structural soundness, balance and size to satisfy our purebred customers as well as the functionality and proven growth genetics to satisfy our terminal sire customers.

I have 38 years of experience raising Suffolks and have seen our breed change and evolve over the years. We have many different styles of Suffolks that our association represents, and there is room for all of us to coexist. Each breeder must make our own choices as to what type of Suffolk we can best market to meet our customers' demands. I am a strong supporter of the NSIP program as one tool to improve our breed and would encourage more Suffolk breeders to consider submitting data. I also believe that our USSA board should have a good working relationship with the Junior board (UJSSA).

My qualifications to serve on this board include many years of leadership experience within the sheep industry as well as agriculture in general. I just started my fifth (3) term on the board for the Minnesota Suffolk Sheep Association (my 4th term as President). I am the current Secretary for the Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Association, and am a Past-President – having served more than 10 years on that board. I have served several terms on the American Sheep Industry Association's Legislative Action Council. This past year, I was elected President of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association. This Spring I was nominated for a position on the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center board (still awaiting official appointment from USDA). I am a graduate of the National Lamb Feeders Association Howard Wyman Sheep Industry Leadership program. I am a past board member of the Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership program. I am a Past President and current board member of the Le Sueur County Farm Bureau. I am an instructor and member of the Farming Today speakers group as well as being a 4-H leader and volunteer youth soccer coach. Thank you for your consideration.