

DISTRICT 2 CANDIDATE

Dear fellow Suffolk Breeders and members of the United Suffolk Sheep Association, I am running for the Board of Directors from District 2.

My name is Glen Anderson, my grandson Matt Hammer and I are the owners of the Rising Son Suffolk flock in Nebraska. We have been active in showing at the Nebraska State Fair for several years. Our flock started when Matt completed his 4-H years and said, "Grandpa, I'd like to keep on raising and showing Suffolks." I told him we could work on building a flock together, and we've been at it for nine years now. We try to keep around 30 ewes to lamb each year, and have added breeding stock from some of the best flocks in the breed.

My wife Deanna and I celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2010. We raised 5 children, bringing them up through the 4-H ranks, showing all types of livestock, and were instrumental in getting the sheep show started at our county fair, back in the late seventies. We have 14 grandchildren, which we enjoy spoiling very much.

I don't have an agenda that I would be bringing to the Board, unless you would call common sense an agenda. It seems that any where you look these days, common sense is very hard to find. I was raised by a father who taught that common sense was one of the greatest assets you could possess. I will bring that with me to the Board, if I'm elected.

As breeders my grandson and I have been helping young people get started showing sheep. In 2008 we had 5 kids from 9 to 12 years old showing some of our lambs in the local 4-H show at the County Fair. In 2009, that number increased to 7, and in 2010 we had 12 kids showing our lambs. They show the lambs as their own, feed and care for them and receive any prize money they win. Next year it appears, we will have 15 or more showing. Several have expressed an interest in becoming members of the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association. We are very interested in developing future breeders of Suffolk sheep.

We are fortunate as a breed to have the most beautiful sheep in the world. We need to make our Association into the most outgoing, open, and progressive Association in the world. Something it has not been in the recent past. Now is the time to return to common sense. As your Director I will always be open to your comments and suggestions.

I ask for your vote for Director in the election this year.

Thank you, Glen Anderson