



Irish Suffolk Sheep Society

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Breeders and Membership

- Any person residing in the Irish Republic can apply to be a breeder and participate in the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society breeding programme provided they own a purebred Suffolk Sheep.
- All breeders should have their breeding animals in a flock which has a designated sheep flock number with the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine.
- The minimum age for participation in the breeding programme is 16 years.
- To become a breeder a completed application form and consent form should be sent to the Secretary. All forms can be obtained from the Society Secretary.
- All breeders have the right to become a member of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society if they wish. To become a member this should be indicated on the application form and the appropriate membership fee should be sent to the Secretary. Only members will have a right to participate in defining and developing the breed programme.

Rights and Obligations

Breeders of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society

A. have the right to:

1. Participate in the Breeding Programme where the breeding animals are located within the stated geographical territory.
2. Retain ownership of their breeding animals.
3. Have their animals entered in the main section, or recorded in the supplementary section, of the Flock Book in accordance with the rules of the Irish Suffolk Sheep breeding programme.
4. Be provided with a Zootechnical Certificate when all pedigrees are clearly identified.
5. Avail of the services as outlined in the breeding programme.
6. Have free choice in the selection and breeding of animals.
7. Have their offspring descended from these breeding animals can be entered in the Irish Suffolk sheep society flock book in accordance with the rules of the breeding program.
8. Participate in genetic evaluations as outlined in the breeding programme.
9. Will not be allowed into sales without a Zootechnical Certificate for each animal presented.
10. On-request, to be provided with up-to-date results of the performance testing and genetic evaluation for these breeding animals, where those results are available.

All breeders are obliged to

1. Be familiar with the rules of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society and that of the Breeding Programme.
2. Comply with the Rules of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society.
3. In addition, members should be familiar with the Constitution Rules of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society company Limited by Guarantee.

The Irish Suffolk Sheep Society has the right to:-

1. Exclude breeders from participating in the breeding programme where those breeders fail to comply with the rules of the breeding programme.
2. Exclude breeders from membership where those breeders do not comply with obligations set out in the rules of procedure.
3. Settle disputes, without prejudice to the roles of the courts, that may arise between breeders, and between breeders and the breed society in the process of carrying out the Society's breeding programme and where applicable in accordance with these rules of procedures.
4. Only fully paid up members of the Irish Suffolk Sheep Society can sell their sheep at any sale organized by the said Society.

Non – Discrimination

All breeders regardless of the size of their flock or their gender shall follow the same rules and regulations of the breeding programme and be treated equally in accordance with the same rules and regulations.

Breeding animals entered in breeding books by breeding bodies and the offspring produced from germinal products of such breeding animal, are entered or eligible for entry without discrimination on account of their country of origin, in the case of purebred breeding animals, in the breeding book of the same breed maintained by that Society.