

Buckeye Acres

Ron & Carla Young

Ron's father, Gaylord Young, raised commercial Corriedale Sheep. His father was a little disappointed when he told him that Corriedales were not what he had in mind for his FFA project in 1965. Ron wanted to raise Suffolks, a newer and meatier breed. With that thought in mind, he purchased 2 ewe lambs and a yearling ewe from then President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association, Pearson L. Linn thus creating the beginning of Buckeye Acres Suffolks.

They slowly developed a competitive flock of Suffolks. A significant part of their program was due to Steve George and Mike Nelsh allowing them to breed ewes to one of their elite stud rams.

Reflecting back in time, a number of outstanding opportunities come to mind. Ron enjoyed traveling the United States, Mexico and Brazil judging Suffolks and sharing the Suffolk story. Serving on the National Suffolk and United Suffolk Association Board of Directors was both challenging and educational. While serving on the National Suffolk Association Board, he was assigned to be their representative on the National Scrapie Oversight Committee for 6 years. During that time Ron had the opportunity of traveling to meetings from Reno, Nevada to Washington, D.C. The Committee put together the Scrapie Program that exists yet today. A turning point was when they were able to "work" with other breeds, incorporating Scrapie DNA testing as a part of the program.

The multi-generational friendships developed over 4 decades in the Suffolk business have been a true asset through both life's highs and lows.

Ron and wife, Carla, along with their 4 children, Kristopher, Jennifer, Phillip and William, would like to thank the USSA for honoring their family. As you know, a program can't be successful without the work of the entire family.