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## On The Cover

It is always an exciting process to produce or locate your next genetics step. Every summer you design and execute your breeding plan with the best information you can gather. Finding the key to that next step takes time, patience, and a little bit of luck. In the fall of 2008 Silver Dollar Farms and Landmark Suffolks found some luck in working together through utilizing an embryo transfer program. Combining the proven genetics of "ASAP" and Keith 124, "TG's Royale Flush" was born the last of March along with his brothers and sisters. "ASAP" was one of the most prolific "CEO" sons, who was dammed by a MacCauley 1142 daughter. "ASAP" was used for many years at Silver Dollar Farms, producing some of the most consistent crops in their history after working extremely well in the VanArkel flock. Keith 124 was a Windfield "Power Stroke" daughter dammed by a "Diplomat" daughter. Before gracing Landmark Suffolks with several crops, 124 was produced by Gordon Keith, one of the true foundation breeders of the Suffolk breed. 124 was a truly outstanding Suffolk female who lived until her 10th birthday. 124 was able to produce natural born lambs until she was eight and wrapped up her production with three embryo flushes producing an average of 9.5 embryo per flush in her final two years of life.

We are very excited about the potential we see in the first "TG's Royale Flush" crop and look forward to sharing these genetics with the Suffolk breed. We see "TG's Royale Flush" as a unique combination of excellent phenotype and a rarely found genotype. When considering an outcross, this genetic combination is original yet familiar as he originates in several of the foundation flocks.

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