

# HAMPSHIRE HERITAGE AWARD

## SILVER SUMMIT FARM / SYNDICATE SHOW LAMBS

### LAWRENCE, KS                      ROCKY SWEARINGEN

## ESTABLISHED 1989

In October 1987, I purchased one ram and 10 ewes from a local breeder that was dispersing his flock. My father as well as Bruce and Jill Lane were responsible for encouraging me to start breeding Hampshires.

There is one previous generation besides myself that has raised Hampshires in my family. My father had some Hamps in the mid 1960's. There are currently two generations of my family raising Hamps. My daughter is a large part of the flock management along with my wife.

Holly has received numerous leadership awards and scholarships from her work with the sheep including a scholarship from the American Hampshire Sheep Association and the All-American Junior Sheep Show.



Our flock has produced numerous Champions at state fairs over the last 30 years in Fitted, Slick, Wether Sire and market lamb divisions. We have had Champions and class winners at National sales in Sedalia, Top of the Rockies, Oklahoma Black and White and Louisville Spotlight sales. We have had three different Champion Slick Rams in the Junior Show at NAILE, one in the Open Show, Champion Hampshire Ewe in the Junior Show at NAILE and numerous class winners.



I have served as an adult advisor for the American Junior Hampshire Association and my daughter Holly was a Junior Ambassador. My father, Tom, did the artwork for the 100 year anniversary of the Hampshire Association as well as the logos.



We currently help organize and put on many Junior Shows. These shows vary from regional jackpots to the American Royal. I have judged numerous local, district, state, regional and National Shows. Currently we run about 40 Hampshire and crossbred wether style ewes and 30 commercial Hairsheep. We are still located on the original family farmstead that I grew up on.