

AGRICULTURE & NEW YORK STATE
HORSE BREEDING DEVELOPMENT FUND

2009 Annual Report

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable David Paterson, Governor
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On behalf of the trustees of the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund, I am pleased to present the 2009 Annual Report.

The Fund's primary mission is to foster agriculture through the promotion of horse breeding and the conduct of equine research in New York State. New York ranks among the nation's largest farming states with agriculture being one of our state's leading domestic economic sectors. From Westchester to Erie counties and from the Saint Lawrence Valley to Long Island, New York State's unique geography allows the breeding industry room to grow and prosper.

Proof of New York State's ever-improving breeding industry is demonstrated by the intense interest in New York-bred yearlings. Last year New York's program was the strongest supporter of state bred yearling markets.

This strong market for New York breeders has allowed farms to expand their operations and invest in higher quality bloodstock. Trotting stallions in New York ranked highly among national leaders as Credit Winner and Conway Hall ranked among the top 5 in terms of overall earnings. Art Major and Bettor's Delight were among the top 10 leading national pacing sires of 2009 racing two- and three-year-olds. In 2009 Bettor's Delight was the leading living stallion in harness racing in terms of money won by his offspring as his sons and daughters banked more than \$14.2 million.

Some 1,820 mares were bred to New York stallions in 2009, with 1285 yearlings being nominated to the sire stakes program, a 32% increase over 2008. This certainly represents a strong endorsement of the appeal and particularly the high purses of the New York Sire Stakes. With the reinstatement of breeders' awards in 2008, the Fund injected nearly \$1 million directly into the New York equine sector of agriculture.

Finally we note that in 2009 the Breeding Fund lost its longest serving trustee, Charles D. Lohrfink, "Dewey", as he was known by family and friends, was a longtime resident of Westchester County. His devotion to harness racing was recognized throughout New York State. He served on the New York State Harness Racing Commission through seven successive governors, where he served as Chairman for seven years and a Commissioner for more than 36 years on the Fund's Board. Dewey's leadership and dedication to improving harness racing and the breeding industry in New York State will forever be remembered and appreciated by all of us in the New York State harness racing community.

Respectfully Submitted,

John D. Sabini, Chairman
Agriculture and NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Trustees of
Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets of Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (the Fund), a component reporting unit of the State of New York, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 8, 2010, on our consideration of Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, including compliance with investment guidelines. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) on pages 1 and 2 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Wojeski & Co. CPAs, P.C.

East Greenbush, New York
June 8, 2010

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TRACK	SIRE STAKES 2-YEAR-OLDS	SIRE STAKES 3-YEAR-OLDS	LATE CLOSERS	TOTAL
Batavia	\$169,770	\$601,335	\$229,100	\$1,000,205
Buffalo	\$533,040	\$626,452	---	\$1,159,492
Monticello	\$600,432	\$703,939	\$443,700	\$1,748,071
Saratoga	\$739,538	\$869,951	\$538,900	\$2,148,389
Tioga Downs	\$714,936		\$127,600	\$842,536
Vernon Downs	\$1,236,460	\$907,304	\$280,700	\$2,424,464
Yonkers	\$1,657,773	\$3,667,270	\$322,100	\$5,647,143
Track Subtotal	\$5,651,949	\$7,376,251	\$1,942,100	\$14,970,300
OTHER				
State Fair at Tioga	\$407,723	\$429,704		\$837,427
State Fair at Goshen	---	\$195,000		\$195,000
County Fair	\$245,812	\$281,660		\$527,472
Empire Breeders Classic		\$200,000		\$200,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,305,484	\$8,482,615	\$1,942,100	\$16,730,199

**2009
PURSES PAID**

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	YEARS END DEC. 31, 2009	YEARS END DEC. 31, 2008
Cash received from handle, breakage, VLTs & other fees	\$16,671,238	\$19,390,288
Cash received from interest on cash & cash equivalents	\$57,890	\$301,842
Cash received from other income	\$599	\$4,947
Cash payments for racetrack purses	(\$13,562,964)	(\$11,859,846)
Cash payments for state, county & town fair purses	(\$1,367,266)	(\$1,406,880)
Cash payments for Breeders' Awards	(\$832,992)	(\$811,670)
Cash payments for general & administrative expenses	(\$632,977)	(\$766,397)
Cash payments for Zweig Memorial Fund	(\$318,208)	(\$332,984)
Cash payments for state, county & town fair repairs & construction expenses	(\$164,985)	(\$237,093)
Cash payments for 4-H standardbred development	(\$50,492)	(\$53,550)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(\$200,157)	\$4,228,657
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of year	\$13,697,297	\$9,468,640
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$13,497,140	\$13,697,297
RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Changes in net assets	(\$187,344)	\$2,463,624
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Bad debts expense	\$881,752	---
Changes in handle, breakage, & VLT receivable	(\$1,086,551)	\$1,807,908
Changes in other accrued liabilities	\$25,109	\$100,969
Changes in net OPEB obligation	\$78,553	\$77,835
Changes in accrued interest receivable	\$5,043	\$25,379
Changes in state, county, & town fair obligations	\$83,281	\$2,892
Changes in deferred revenue	---	(\$249,950)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(\$200,157)	\$4,228,657

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASSETS	DEC. 31, 2009	DEC. 31, 2008
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash & cash equivalents	\$13,497,140	\$13,697,297
Handle, breakage & VLT receivable	\$2,042,478	\$1,837,679
Accrued interest receivable	\$3,005	\$8,048
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$15,542,623	\$15,543,024
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
State, county, & town fair obligations payable	\$253,023	\$169,742
Other accrued liabilities	\$280,782	\$255,673
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$533,805	\$425,415
NET OPEB OBLIGATION		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$220,932	\$142,379
NET ASSETS		
Restricted for purses	\$9,949,976	\$9,591,721
Restricted for other purposes	\$3,919,024	\$4,587,144
Unrestricted	\$918,886	\$796,365
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$14,787,886	\$14,975,230
TOTAL NET LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$15,542,623	\$15,543,024

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

OPERATING REVENUES	YEAR END DEC. 31, 2009	YEAR END DEC. 31, 2008
Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) revenue	\$11,356,386	\$10,567,543
Handle & breakage	\$4,909,503	\$5,396,986
Nomination & sustaining fees	\$1,491,900	\$1,867,800
Interest income on cash & cash equivalents	\$52,847	\$276,463
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$17,810,636	\$18,108,792
EXPENSES		
Racetrack purses	\$13,362,964	\$11,409,896
State, county, & town fair purses	\$1,567,266	\$1,856,830
Breeders' Awards	\$883,134	\$905,690
Bad debt expense	\$881,752	---
General & administrative	\$687,453	\$865,132
Zweig Memorial Fund	\$325,518	\$319,032
State, county, & town fair repairs	\$240,000	\$239,985
4-H standardbred development	\$50,492	\$53,550
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$17,998,579	\$15,650,115
OPERATING INCOME	(\$187,943)	\$2,458,677
OTHER INCOME	\$599	\$4,947
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	(\$187,344)	\$2,463,624
Net assets at beginning of year	\$14,975,230	\$12,511,606
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$14,787,886	\$14,975,230

COUNTY FAIR, 4-H & EQUINE RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

The Agriculture & New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund is mandated by law to provide monetary contributions to New York State county fairs for capital improvement projects, to the statewide 4-H program for its standardbred development program and to a fund of a land grant university within this state with a regents approved veterinary college facility. Below is a summary of the Fund's contributions to each in 2009.

COUNTY FAIRS

During 2009 the Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (the Fund) provided \$132,000 to the 22 agricultural fairs that continue to conduct harness racing. By law these funds must be used for maintenance and repairs of racing and other fair facilities. These renovation monies were in addition to \$33,000 provided to administer the races and \$480,426 in funding for purses contested for in the County Fair Division of the New York Sire Stakes Program.

EQUINE RESEARCH

In 2009 the Fund provided \$325,518 to the Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for Equine Research at Cornell University, the state's sole land grant university. By law, this money is used by the University's College of Veterinary Medicine to fund medical research including equine reproduction issues, embryonic stem cell research, and more.

4-H CLUBS

The Fund contributed \$50,492 for broad-based support to the statewide 4-H program centered at Cornell University, helping to provide youngsters with educational opportunities and information on possible careers within the breeding and racing industries.

Cornell Cooperative Extension staff, volunteers, industry professionals, various colleges, and networking organizations work collaboratively to educate youth and adults about the equine industry with activities such as tours of regional harness tracks and racing and breeding facilities.

Standardbred Day Clinics are held at Standardbred farms, county show grounds and fairgrounds, county farms and local schools. Support from the Fund helps to underwrite costs associated with supplies and training for 4-H staff members, including educational materials, the NYS 4-H Horse Program newsletter "Unbridled Thoughts."

The Fund also supports "The Kids and Horse Tent" at the State Fair at Syracuse. This tent is managed by volunteers and staffed by 4-H youth. Up to 10,000 people visit the tent each year.



Photo Courtesy of the Sandy Creek Fair

SALES RESULTS & PUBLICITY EFFORTS

NY-BREDS AT HORSE SALES

New York-bred yearlings are sold at three major sales throughout the country each year:

- The Morrisville College Standardbred Sale in Morrisville, NY
- The Harrisburg Standardbred Sale in Harrisburg, PA
- The Lexington Selected Yearling Sale in Lexington, KY

The charts at the right provide a comparison of New York-bred yearlings sold at each sale to the yearlings sold from all states in 2009 and for the past three years.

NY-Bred Yearlings	2007	2008	2009
Average Sale Price - all three sales	\$41,666	\$34,065	\$25,668
Average Sale Price - Morrisville	\$9,784	\$11,794	\$8,639
Average Sale Price - Lexington	\$69,019	\$52,120	\$38,141
Average Sale Price - Harrisburg	\$46,196	\$38,280	\$30,224
Total Number of NY-breds Sold - all sales	425	464	695
Morrisville	172	163	209
Lexington	105	133	199
Harrisburg	148	168	284

All Yearlings	2007	2008	2009
Average Sale Price - all three sales	\$31,674	\$26,895	\$24,700
Average Sale Price - Morrisville	\$9,784	\$11,794	\$8,477
Average Sale Price - Lexington	\$44,021	\$39,028	\$33,853
Average Sale Price - Harrisburg	\$41,217	\$29,864	\$31,769
Total Number of Yearlings Sold - all sales	2,005	2,083	2,133
Morrisville	172	163	229
Lexington	810	824	825
Harrisburg	1,023	1,096	1,079

PUBLICITY & MARKETING

The Fund continued its branding campaign with online and print marketing and promotional events at race tracks.

The Fund introduced social media into its marketing mix in 2009. The NYSS Facebook Page, www.facebook.com/NYSireStakes, offers fans a place to discuss NYSS news and events, look at race photos or upload their own photos. The NYSS Twitter feed, www.twitter.com/NYSireStakes, gives followers realtime updates about the Fund and its Sire Stakes program.

Updates to the Fund's website, www.nysirestakes.com, include social networking tools to engage users by allowing them to share their favorite news items via email or social networking sites, such as Facebook, myspace, and newsvine. The site also utilizes Google Calendars to provide the racing and staking schedules. This enables users to download the calendars to their mobile phone or desktop calendars.



Photo Courtesy of the HHB NYS

BREEDING HISTORY

NEW YORK SIRE STAKES PARTICIPATING BROODMARES, STALLIONS, & YEARLINGS

<u>BREEDING YEAR</u>	<u>MARES BRED</u>	<u>REGISTERED STALLIONS</u>	<u>NOMINATED YEARLINGS</u>
2009	1,820	78	1,285
2008	1,833	86	973
2007	2,173	93	961
2006	1,687	96	1,231
2005	1,718	125	1,118
2004	2,309	125	1,144
2003	2,022	121	672
2002	1,988	120	604
2001	1,293	101	648
2000	1,108	111	524
1999	1,070	118	750
1998	1,063	104	776
1997	1,288	105	662
1996	1,500	126	670
1995	1,333	140	1,046
1994	1,525	147	1,385
1993	2,104	163	1,696
1992	2,571	191	1,791
1991	2,990	206	1,445
1990	3,148	218	1,653
1989	2,588	213	1,502
1988	2,777	226	1,677
1987	2,768	221	1,735

<u>BREEDING YEAR</u>	<u>MARES BRED</u>	<u>REGISTERED STALLIONS</u>	<u>NOMINATED YEARLINGS</u>
1986	3,118	207	2,075
1985	3,310	246	2,167
1984	3,794	245	2,252
1983	4,030	280	2,352
1982	4,162	260	2,153
1981	4,202	230	1,647
1980	3,750	230	1,356
1979	3,028	230	1,233
1978	2,601	231	1,335
1977	2,460	230	1,348
1976	2,750	244	1,270
1975	2,719	247	1,374
1974	2,896	230	1,388
1973	3,063	277	1,582
1972	3,439	288	1,518
1971	3,823	333	1,489
1970	4,020	264	1,557
1969	4,018	271	1,235
1968	3,713	240	1,040
1967	2,851	198	752
1966	2,187	197	654
1965	1,554	193	588
1964	1,518	174	521

2009 BREEDERS' AWARDS PROGRAM

PERFORMANCE BASED PROGRAM

The performance based program provides awards at all levels of the New York Sire Stakes Racing Program. Eligible recipients are those individuals or farms who bred a money-earning horse that raced in the NYSS Program.

In 2009, 305 breeders shared a total of \$883,134 in performance-based Breeders' Awards.

Payments to the breeder of each horse are calculated based upon a preset breeders' awards chart that is established by the Development Fund at the end of each purse year. The chart is calculated on NYSS gross purses and allocates breeders' awards in descending amounts, similar to purses, for finish positions one through five.

Due to the nature in which the Development Fund receives its funding, the award amounts available each year depend upon the Fund's actual revenue.



RESIDENCY BONUS PROGRAM

The Residency Bonus Awards requirements commenced during the 2009 breeding season with the first Residency Bonus Awards to be paid in 2012 for eligible horses racing as two-year-olds.

To be eligible, breeders must certify that the mare was resident in New York State for 180 continuous days during the breeding year at a breeding farm where the mare will be bred to a New York eligible stallion resulting in a New York-bred foal. A Residency Bonus is awarded to breeders whose resident mares' progeny race in the NYSS as a two- and/or three-year-old and finish in positions one through five.

The total Residency Bonus pool is divided into three pools according to level of racing: Sire Stakes/State Fair, 70%; Late Closers, 20%; and County Fairs, 10%. Each residency pool amount is divided by the total number of resident horses who finished in the money for that race season. Breeders of a resident horse will receive a "flat" bonus amount according to race level.

TOP 10 PERFORMANCE-BASED AWARD RECIPIENTS IN 2009

BREEDER	AWARD AMOUNT
Winbak Farm	\$89,248
Blue Chip Bloodstock, Inc.	\$45,490
Hanover Shoe Farms, Inc.	\$27,825
Steve Jones	\$23,866
Walnut Hall, Ltd.	\$19,151
Morrisville College Fnd, Inc.	\$17,681
Yankeeland Farms, Inc.	\$14,855
Frederick W. Hertrich III	\$13,577
Kentuckiana Farms Gen. Par.	\$13,485
Lindy Racing Stable	\$12,650

2009 PERFORMANCE BASED BREEDERS' AWARDS CHART

Gross Purse	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
up to \$5,000	\$300	\$150	\$72	\$48	\$30
\$5,001-\$10,000	\$400	\$200	\$96	\$64	\$40
\$10,001-\$15,000	\$500	\$250	\$120	\$80	\$50
\$15,001-\$20,000	\$600	\$300	\$144	\$96	\$60
\$20,001-\$25,000	\$700	\$350	\$168	\$112	\$70
\$25,001 & up	\$1,050	\$525	\$252	\$168	\$105

2009 NYSS LEADING SIRES

LEADING NYSS SIRES

Below are the top ten NYSS sires for each gait with the NYSS earnings for their offspring.

Trotting Sires

STALLION	OFFSPRING EARNINGS	STARTERS
Conway Hall	\$2,640,735	85
Credit Winner	\$2,436,611	70
Malabar Man	\$945,474	42
Dream Vacation	\$660,459	34
CR Excalibur	\$555,608	21
Plesac	\$285,167	12
Dilbert Hanover	\$174,723	15
Giant Hit	\$157,685	9
Majestic Victory	\$48,475	8
Sir Taurus	\$35,260	6

Pacing Sires

STALLION	OFFSPRING EARNINGS	STARTERS
Bettor's Delight	\$3,024,161	78
Art Major	\$2,445,838	92
Dream Away	\$645,375	26
Pro Bono Best	\$494,069	38
Sealed N Delivered	\$329,561	23
Riverboat King	\$306,032	16
Artiscape	\$301,155	20
Totally Western	\$251,890	14
Village Jove	\$130,930	17
Space Shuttle	\$118,482	6

NY-SIRES ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

Below is a comparison of NY-sires & their two- & three-year-old offspring with those of other states.

Leading National Trotting Sires

SIRE NAME	OFFSPRING EARNINGS	STATE WHERE SIRE STOOD
Muscles Yankee	\$6,448,466	New Jersey
Cantab Hall	\$5,400,096	Pennsylvania
Yankee Glide	\$5,237,738	New Jersey
Kadabra	\$4,518,159	Ontario
Broadway Hall	\$4,376,884	Pennsylvania
Credit Winner	\$4,169,268	New York
Conway Hall	\$3,947,765	New York
Angus Hall	\$3,670,114	Ontario
Windsong's Legacy	\$3,549,634	New Jersey
Andover Hall	\$3,275,250	Pennsylvania

Leading National Pacing Sires

SIRE NAME	OFFSPRING EARNINGS	STATE WHERE SIRE STOOD
Western Hanover	\$10,330,550	Pennsylvania
Western Terror	\$7,573,697	NY-'07, ON-'06
Western Ideal	\$6,321,993	New Jersey
Art Major	\$55,444,567	New York
Bettor's Delight	\$5,310,450	New York
Cam's Card Shark	\$4,337,530	New Jersey
Real Artist	\$3,976,797	Pennsylvania
Artplace	\$3,596,832	New Jersey
The Panderosa	\$3,546,601	Pennsylvania
Astreos	\$3,398,307	Ontario

LEADING TROTTING & PACING SIRES

CONWAY HALL

Stand at: Morrisville Equine Institute



Photo Courtesy of Horseman & Fair World



BETTOR'S DELIGHT

Stand at: Blue Chip Farms, LLC

Photo Courtesy of Blue Chip Farms

2009 NYSS & STATE FAIR LEADERS

The New York Sire Stakes Series is the most competitive division with the most talented New York-bred two- and three-year-old horses vying for enhanced purses at pari-mutuel tracks statewide. The State Fair Series supplements the Sire Stakes Series with featured meets held at Tioga Downs and Goshen Historic Track.

In 2009, the Sire Stakes Series had purses amounting to \$13 million and the State Fair Series had purses amounting to \$1 million. Below are the top five earners in each division.

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Blacktuxwhitesox	\$158,535
Shaq Is Back	\$154,301
Big Stick Lindy	\$102,655
RC Serpent	\$102,192
Margarita Man	\$101,408

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Tuesdays with Mom	\$187,043
Munis Blue Chip	\$174,704
Madam Hooch	\$130,767
Show Your Lindys	\$97,336
Sweetpellosuccess	\$91,276



Blacktuxwhitesox in the Winners Circle

TWO-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
He's Gorgeous	\$237,350
Bluff Point	\$151,334
Bettor Again	\$117,334
Gone Baby Gone	\$82,834
Bullish Blue Chip	\$77,749

TWO-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Hula's Z Tam	\$256,480
Shaky Hanover	\$196,885
Barks Like A Dog	\$131,489
Lady Major	\$115,451
Max's Leading Lady	\$82,328



He's Gorgeous in the Winners Circle

THREE-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Russell Hill	\$204,122
America	\$180,155
And Away We Go	\$158,122
Rookie Mistake	\$152,897
Big Sky Domino	\$134,869

THREE-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Gift Card	\$154,257
Brandnewgirlfriend	\$153,540
Michelle's Way	\$146,524
She's So Savvy	\$130,725
Winbak Roberta	\$106,835



Gift Card in the Winners Circle

THREE-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Handsome Harry	\$256,885
OK Braveheart	\$203,441
Go Go Solano	\$177,185
Diamond Stick Pin	\$157,820
Hypnotic Blue Chip	\$130,761

THREE-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Eagle Way	\$203,588
Bet On Luck	\$170,078
All Spirit	\$163,085
Perfect Launch	\$137,862
Witch Is Bettor	\$122,488

Photos Courtesy of Vernon Downs

2009 LATE CLOSERS & COUNTY FAIR LEADERS

LATE CLOSERS LEADERS

The Late Closers Series of the Sire Stakes is designed for late-blooming two- and three- year old horses. This slightly less competitive series gives owners, drivers, and trainers the opportunity to race their developing horses while earning money.

In 2009, the Late Closers Series had purses amounting to \$1.9 million. Below are the top five earners in each division.

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Aruba Vacation	\$33,860
He's So Savvy	\$23,274
Sun Island	\$21,450
Pembroke Falcoon	\$16,485
Blueridge Bob Cat	\$16,275

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Miss Conway	\$29,236
Thergosmyvacation	\$28,174
Dream State	\$22,650
Front End Rate	\$15,125
Glidemeway	\$12,700

COUNTY FAIR LEADERS

Harness racing's roots are in the county fairs. The non-pari-mutuel County Fair Series provides racing opportunities suited for sportsmen and families alike while providing unmatched purses at the fair level.

In 2009, the County Fair Series had purses amounting to \$527,472.

Below are the top five earners in each division.

TWO-YEAR-OLD TROTTERS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Vagra	\$15,670
Wrinkle This	\$9,456
Leaves And Twigs	\$6,667
A Megabuck	\$6,069
Steuben Express	\$5,488

TWO-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Park Lane Midnight	\$30,950
Steel Rein	\$24,949
Heartofstone Devie	\$16,705
Lislea Reardon	\$16,350
Bullville Player	\$15,950

TWO-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Rock N Amber	\$40,250
It's Only Roni	\$27,962
Kash Delight	\$25,583
Notoriety Hanover	\$25,250
JK's Dream Angel	\$15,674

TWO-YEAR-OLD PACERS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Chica Boom Boom	\$14,995
Aurora Borealis	\$12,752
Plumbers Helper	\$10,180
Hamptimburgh	\$8,737
One Last Dream	\$7,040

THREE-YEAR-OLD TROTTING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Mystic Splendor	\$31,409
Steuben Paul	\$22,861
Eyes of Texas	\$15,116
Giant T	\$13,558
Sarkozy	\$12,972

THREE-YEAR-OLD TROTTING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Anikawiesahalee	\$38,774
Waltzing Bertie	\$33,000
Princess Robyn	\$24,550
Praise	\$16,490
Ur Theonethatiwant	\$15,270

THREE-YEAR-OLD TROTTERS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Tencentmillionaire	\$11,580
Nowerland Collins	\$7,106
Mystical Haze	\$6,789
Steuben Haze	\$6,064
Barron Ritch	\$5,954

THREE-YEAR-OLD PACING COLTS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Western Wild King	\$36,632
Allmyrowdyfriends	\$24,923
Mr Artline	\$20,662
LP's Magic	\$20,150
Dali Hanover	\$19,398

THREE-YEAR-OLD PACING FILLIES

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Sinful Cindy	\$37,275
Delightful Dancer	\$26,600
Smooth Finish	\$23,874
Lizzie's Dream	\$23,265
She Rocks	\$18,886

THREE-YEAR-OLD PACERS

<u>HORSE</u>	<u>EARNINGS</u>
Silent Hill	\$8,869
Always Best	\$8,642
Just A Moment	\$7,388
Betting Molin	\$7,131
Zap Code	\$6,944

2009 SIRE STAKES FINALS RESULTS

SIRE STAKES TWO YEAR OLDS

POSITION	COLT PACE	FILLY PACE	COLT TROT	FILLY TROT
1	He's Gorgeous	Hula's Z Tam	Blacktuxwhitesocks	Munis Blue Chip
2	Bluff Point	Shaky Hanover	Shaq Is Back	Tuesdays With Mom
3	Flexjet	Barks Like A Dog	Kona	Sweetpellosuccess
4	Jo Pa's Fod	Max's Leading Lady	Carnegie	Madam Hooch
5	Bettor Again	Lady Major	RC Serpent	Secret Credit
6	Bullish Blue Chip	She's A Screamer	Margarita Man	Reena
7	Capital Blue Chip	Sand Song	Proper Villain	Windemerealfiredup
8	Gone Baby Gone	Truly A Treasure	Strong Hope	Show Your Lindys
9	Park Lane Midnight	-----	Credit Wind	Streak

SIRE STAKES THREE YEAR OLDS

POSITION	COLT PACE	FILLY PACE	COLT TROT	FILLY TROT
1	Go Go Solano	Bet On Luck	And Away We Go	Gift Card
2	Hypnotic Blue Chip	Eagle Way	Judge Joe	She's So Savvy
3	Redneck Outlaw	Six of Hearts	Rookie Mistake	Beachcomber
4	Diamond Stick Pin	Up Front Kellie Jo	Russell Hill	Allie Jae
5	Outa My Head	Indulge Me	Calchips Brute	Brandnewgirlfriend
6	Spacehill	Witch Is Bettor	America	Michelle's Way
7	Handsome Harry	On the Glass	South Jersey Flash	Big Sky Angelina
8	OK Braveheart	Perfect Launch	Kash N Credit	Danijill
9	My Last Laugh	All Spirit	-----	Porque

LATE CLOSERS TWO YEAR OLDS

POSITION	COLT PACE	FILLY PACE	COLT TROT	FILLY TROT
1	Park Lane Midnight	Rock N Amber	Aruba Vacation	Miss Conway
2	Steel Rein	It's Only Roni	He's So Savvy	Thergosmyvacation
3	Lislea Reardon	Dandy Do Right	Blueridge Bob Cat	Dream State
4	Heartsofstone Devie	Kash Delight	Sun Island	Front End Rate
5	Whiskey Pete	JK's Dream Angel	BJ's Super Trooper	Talk About Dreams
6	Talk To Tony	Notoriety Hanover	Pembroke Falcoon	Miss Shea
7	Bullville Player	-----	Headingforaruckus	First Tail U See
8	Artistic Memory	-----	Darting Dan	Spring Break Lindy

LATE CLOSERS THREE YEAR OLDS

POSITION	COLT PACE	FILLY PACE	COLT TROT	FILLY TROT
1	Western Wild King	Sinful Cindy	Mystic Splendor	Anikawiesahalee
2	LP's Magic	Delightful Dancer	Steuben Paul	Waltzing Bertie
3	Allmyrowdyfriends	Lizzie's Dream	Sarkozy	Designed To Dazzle
4	Bet On Roulette	Majorette Hanover	Ibelieve Ibelieve	Princess Robyn
5	Dali Hanover	She Rocks	Eyes Of Texas	Freeneasy De Vie
6	Goodnite Goodluck	Smooth Finish	Nowerland Nathan	Ur Theonethatwant
7	Mr Artline	Luxury Cruise	Giant T	Praise
8	Seattle Moon	Rising Sun	Marion Manawar	DW's Jasmine

COUNTY FAIR

POSITION	TWO YEAR OLD PACE
1	Plumbers Helper
2	Hamptimburgh
3	Bet Together
4	Piano Boat
5	Aurora Borealus
6	Bourbans Best
7	Chica Boom Boom
8	One Last Dream
9	Ecce Quod Bonum

POSITION	TWO YEAR OLD TROT
1	Vagra
2	Wrinkle This
3	Leaves And Twigs
4	Sweet Licks
5	Spring Break Lindy
6	Here Comes Doodles
7	Steuben Express
8	Chiquitta Road
9	-----

POSITION	THREE YEAR OLD PACE
1	Always Best
2	Betting Molin
3	Miss Green's Dream
4	Regina Equorum
5	Just A Moment
6	Steuben Notice Me
7	Shoebedo
8	Zap Code
9	Two Sox Mike

POSITION	THREE YEAR OLD TROT
1	Nowerland Collins
2	Barron Ritch
3	Tencentmillionaire
4	Fast Mail
5	Mystical Haze
6	Lucks Girl
7	Steuben Paul
8	Evergreen
9	Tommy Ju Ju



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