



2013 MISSION AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The Agriculture and New York State Horse Breeding Development Fund (“the Fund”), by law, supports several facets of standardbred racing in the state. These important issues include:

FAIRS:

In 2013, the Fund conducted standardbred racing at 21 New York State county fairs, of which 1 meet was canceled due to the weather. Also, each county fair was eligible to participate in the fund’s repair and racing administration reimbursement program. By law, the fund can reimburse a county fair up to \$6,000 provided that the fair meets that plateau in overall repair costs in a given year, and that 25% or \$1,500 of that cost can be proven to promote the standardbred sport.

In addition to the repair reimbursement program, the Fund also reimburses each fair up to \$2,000 for the cost of racing administration for each fair.

Last year the Fund reimbursed 10 of the fairs which submitted their support for racing administration costs. The Fund also reimbursed 21 fairs which submitted their support for fair repair costs. In total, the Fund reimbursed \$146,000 in county fair repairs and administration costs.

In addition, the Fund provided \$661,650 in purses to the county fairs, which included horsemen fees.

The Fund also supports New York State’s Goshen Historic Racetrack for its July 4th holiday racing schedule. The Fund distributed \$216,000 in purse money to Goshen and also sent reimbursement for their repair and administration costs, similar to the other county fairs. The Fund also contributed \$50,000 in grant money to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, which is adjacent but separate from the racetrack.

EQUINE RESEARCH:

The Fund has a history of support for educational programs, especially to the 4-H program. Based at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, the program provides the state’s youth with educational opportunities and information on possible careers within the breeding and racing industries.

The Fund contributed \$75,723 of grant money to 4-H, which provided for supplies and training for their staff. Supplies included educational materials such as books, visual aids and videos.

An annual grant from the Fund is the Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund which, by law, receives 2% of the wagering from New York state racetracks and OTBs. Total amount submitted in 2013 was \$313,172.

BREEDING:

In 2008, legislation expanded video lottery terminals (VLTs) to the state's seven pari-mutuel standardbred tracks. The addition of VLTs provided the industry with a huge increase in terms of public exposure and increased purses for horsemen.

The following is a breakdown by year of breeding statistics:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Mares Bred</u>	<u>Registered NY Stallions</u>	<u>Nominated Yearlings</u>
2013	1,434	60	965
2012	1,402	65	939
2011	1,613	69	1,108
2010	1,585	69	1,064
2009	1,820	78	1,285

In 2013, the Fund dispersed \$1,000,096 in breeders award money to 309 horsemen.