

PA-BRED REMINDERS

- **Early registration:**
Within 365 days of foaling
- **Yearling registration:**
Dec. 31 of yearling year
- **Stallion registration:**
Feb. 15 of year breeding
- **Broodmare domicile:**
Dec. 1 or 14 days after a public sale or entering state if being bred back to PA-sire

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PA Bred Fund fuels stallion numbers

by Linda Dougherty

Thanks in large part to confidence in the stability of its breeding program, Pennsylvania was one of only two states to show an increase in the number of mares bred in 2019, according to the annual Report of Mares Bred (RMB) statistics released by The Jockey Club in October.

Information provided to The Jockey Club through Oct. 16 showed that 686 mares were bred to Pennsylvania stallions this year, an increase of 12.5 percent from 2018, when 610 mares were bred.

"This was a great year for number of mares bred in Pennsylvania," said Brian Sanfratello, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association (PHBA). "In fact, when all is said and done, we should be up around 20 percent over 2018. That's the third straight year with significant increases. With the best breeding program in the country, it's not hard to figure out why."

Pennsylvania's robust 2019 results follow on the heels of a 15.1 percent boost in 2017, and an 8.3 percent jump in 2018.

Overall, The Jockey Club reported that the number of mares bred in North America decreased 3.5 percent. Kentucky, which traditionally leads in breeding activity, saw a 1.1 percent decrease, with its 220 reported stallions covering 17,123 mares, down from the 17,322 reported as bred in mid-October last year.

California, the second-leading state ranked by number of mares bred in 2019, showed the sharpest decline, dipping to 2,018 mares from 2,482 in 2018, an 18.7 percent slide. Other



Uptowncharlybrown

states/provinces with double-digit declines include Ontario (-13.2 percent), Louisiana (-12.5 percent) and Maryland (-10 percent).

Support for Pennsylvania stallions was especially strong this season. Multiple Grade 1 winner and multimillionaire Hoppertunity, who entered stud at Northview PA in Peach Bottom, had 129 mares in his initial book, while Warrior's Reward, who stood his first year in Pennsylvania at WynOaks Farm in Delta, bred 115 mares. Another young Northview PA stallion, Uncle Lino, serviced 76 mares, and Uptowncharlybrown, who stands at Diamond B Farm in Mohrsville, bred 73 mares.

"Three years ago, state Legislators and the Governor showed their support for Pennsylvania's breeding program by creating the Racehorse Development Fund Trust," said Greg Newell, president of the PHBA. "That single step sent a powerful

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message to breeders across the country that Pennsylvania was the state to bring their mares.

"One change directly associated with the creation of this Trust was an increase in Pennsylvania-sired breeders' awards," he continued. "The creation of the Trust and increased Pennsylvania-sired bonuses has encouraged farms to bring in more high-profile stallions. There is a direct correlation between the better quality stallions and the increased numbers of mares bred."

Echoing those thoughts was Bob Hutt, president of Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC, which owns and stands Uptowncharlybrown. The stallion has enjoyed bigger books with each passing year due to his stakes-winning, profitable progeny, and he has been strongly supported by Hutt since the start of his stud career.

"Without question, Pennsylvania offers the best state-bred program in the nation; bar none," said Hutt. "Most breeders aren't even aware that Uptowncharlybrown Stud, our racing entity, has placed in the top one percent of all owners in the United States for the past three years. That tells you all you need to know, as we race almost exclusively in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania breeding and racing is alive and well, and we expect it to continue to grow for many years to come. This is definitely the place you want to be."

Hutt cited Uptowncharlybrown's impressive statistics that have lured mare owners to his court: average earnings per starter of \$87,868; average earnings per start of \$9,559, and an AEI/CI ratio of 2.12/0.75, which compares favorably with the top stallions in the country.

Longtime Pennsylvania owner and breeder Donnie Brown saw an opportunity last year to add an established son of Medaglia d'Oro to the state's stallion roster, and so decided to stand Warrior's Reward. With average earnings per starter of \$51,804, and two graded stakes winners (Warrior's Club, \$856,504, and Axelrod, \$750,925) he proved enormously popular, breeding 115 mares.

"The protection of the Breeding Fund money means everything, because it takes away the uncertainty of what might happen in the future," said Brown. "As breeders know, it takes a few years to get a horse to the racetrack. It's a big investment, and knowing the Breeding Fund money will be there is so important. By the amount of inquiries I've had recently about Warrior's Reward, I think he's going to have another good year in 2020."

Brown also cited the options available for Pennsylvania-breds once they begin their racing careers in the state.

"If you have a Pennsylvania-bred, we have three racetracks that offer dirt, turf and synthetic, and two of them run year-round," he said. "We offer something for everybody."

Paul O'Loughlin, bloodstock manager of Northview PA, said that the farm had an outstanding year due in large part to the renewed confidence in the breeding program.

"It's all about the Breeding Fund," said O'Loughlin. "The stability of the Fund, plus the excellent purses in the state, has really made a big impact. There was always concern expressed by breeders as to what was happening with the Breeding Fund money, and now they don't have to be worried. A lot more people wanted to breed and foal in Pennsylvania this year."

To date, Northview is the leading Breeding Fund program award recipient, with \$323,810 earned in stallion bonuses.

Even small breeders can now expect to have a good chance at making money with horses they sell or keep to race.

Vicky Schowe and Beatrice Patterson have found it extremely profitable to sell the progeny of their Forestry mare, Avani Force, at auction, and reap the ensuing breeder awards.

In 2017, they sold her yearling colt by Friesan Fire, named Call Paul, for \$20,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale, and, after being resold for \$210,000 as a 2-year-old in training at Fasig-Tipton's May sale at Timonium, have watched as he's gone on to capture five stakes, two of them graded, and \$566,670.

Last year, Avani Force's filly Pink Caddy sold for \$40,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic yearling sale and has now won \$106,730, including the Small Wonder Stakes at Delaware Park.

The talent the pair has shown on the racetrack has earned Schowe and Patterson more than \$66,000 in breeder awards in 2018-2019.

"My personal opinion is that it's a wonderful program, the best in the country," said Schowe. "When you register a horse as a Pennsylvania-bred, you get the 40 percent purse bonus as an owner, and the breeder bonuses are amazing. I've spoken with people in other states and they were amazed at how good the program is. Beasie [Patterson] and I have been over the moon as to the breeder bonuses that both Call Paul and Pink Caddy have earned for us."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

It's been another great year for the Pennsylvania Breeding Program and I look forward to 2020.

Our number of mares bred is up for the third year in a row, this year by 12.5 percent. New stallions continue to arrive and we have the best breeding program in the nation. You're going to want to pick up a mare or two so you don't miss out on the new breeding season.

If you purchase a mare in foal at a public auction after Dec. 1, she must be brought into the state within 14 days of purchase through foaling. During the foaling year the foal or its

dam must spend at least 90 days in the state in order for that foal to be eligible to become a registered PA-Bred. You can also bring in your mare anytime, stay 60 consecutive days through foaling and breed back to a PA-Sire. In 2020 we'll be adding two new benefits for PA-Sired PA-Breds.

Starting in January Penn National will be adding two maiden claiming races to each condition book. One for the boys and one for the girls. We will also be adding a \$100,000 stakes race, the Jump Start, just for PA-Sired PA-Breds!

There isn't a better time to breed to a PA stallion. Our 10th annual Stallion Auction on

thoroughbred.com will begin on Jan. 16 and end on Jan. 18 so you'll be able to bid on seasons from all over the country. You can go to our website, pabred.com, to view the available seasons.

Here's to a fantastic 2020 and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Go PA!!



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JOIN THE PHBA

Whether you are currently a breeder or an owner, or if you are just considering getting involved in this exciting industry, there are many reasons to join the PHBA. The PHBA is devoted to those involved in Pennsylvania's Thoroughbred breeding industry. A not-for-profit organization founded in 1948, we provide a number of services to members, including informational assistance, educational opportunities and a variety of social events.

The goal of the organization is to advocate on behalf of the state's breeding industry. We are mandated by statute as administrator of the Pennsylvania Breeding Fund program, and as official registrar of the Pennsylvania-Bred roster of eligible program participants.

Working with industry leaders over the years, PHBA has achieved several goals that have brought reform and benefits to breeders, owners, racetracks and the public. The PHBA is vital to everyone involved in breeding throughout Pennsylvania. Your support and participation can help Pennsylvania's breeding industry continue to grow and prosper.

2019 PA-Bred Stakes Schedule

ALL BREEDING FUND STAKES WILL INCLUDE A 25% PA-SIRED BONUS FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD.
Dates and conditions for all the PA-Bred Stakes are subject to change.
Please contact the racing offices for the most current schedules.

Sat., April 27 **\$100,000 Lyman S**, 3 & up, 7 fur.
Parx 1st-Midnightcharly, 2nd-Long May You Run, 3rd-Jw'strickymischief

\$100,000 Foxy J. G. S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 fur.
1st-Zipper's Hero, 2nd-Sweetest Yet, 3rd-Its a Journey

Sat., June 1 **\$100,000 Danzig S**, 3YO, 6 fur.
Penn 1st-Call Paul, 2nd-Thiscatcanjump, 3rd-Kaiju

\$100,000 New Start S, 3YO fillies, 6 fur.
1st-Gotta Be Strong, 2nd-I'm the Talent, 3rd-Key Light

Sun., June 9 **\$100,000 Lyphard S**, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Penn 1st-Imphy, 2nd-Wildcat Cartridge, 3rd-Smokinpaddylassie

\$100,000 Robellino S, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
1st-Fast and Accurate, 2nd-Beyond Smart, 3rd-Driven to Compete

Sat., June 22 **\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser S**, 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx 1st-Chilly in Charge, 2nd-Wrong Color, 3rd-Kelli's Smile

\$100,000 Power by Far S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 fur., turf
1st-Wildcat Combat, 2nd-Afleet Tizzy, 3rd-The Circle Game

Sun., July 7 **\$100,000 Leematt S**, 3 & up, 1 mi.
PID 1st-Jaguar Poz, 2nd-Missin the Big Dog, 3rd-Fast and Accurate

\$100,000 Northern Fling S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mi.
1st-Imphy, 2nd-Darcy Mae, 3rd-Trolley Ride

Sat., Aug. 3 **\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint S**, 3 & up, 6 fur.
Parx 1st-Midtowncharlybrown, 2nd-Midnightcharly, 3rd-The Man

\$100,000 Roanoke S, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
1st-Someday Jones, 2nd-Grasshoppin, 3rd-Navy Commander

\$100,000 Marshall Jenney S, 3 & up, 5 fur., turf
1st-Hollywood Talent, 2nd-Amblin Man, 3rd-Smooth B

\$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 fur.
1st-Afleet Tizzy, 2nd-Sweet Bye and Bye, 3rd-Trace of Grace

\$100,000 Mrs. Penny S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
1st-Imphy, 2nd-Pink Elephant, 3rd-Shemakesmehappy

Mon., Sept. 9 **\$100,000 Malvern Rose S**, 3YO fillies, 1 mi.
PID 1st-Ledecka, 2nd-Redeem My Heart, 3rd-Key Light

Sat., Sept. 21, **\$100,000 Alphabet Soup S**, 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., turf
Parx 1st-Pumpkin Rumble, 2nd-Saratoga Jack, 3rd-Taxable Goods

\$100,000 Plum Pretty S, 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi.
1st-Trace of Grace, 2nd-Trolley Ride, 3rd-Mill and Gloria

Mon., Sept. 23 **\$100,000 Mrs. Henry D. Paxson Memorial S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
PID 1st-Weed Wacker, 2nd-Lula's Roadrunner, 3rd-Leaky Cauldron

Wed., Oct. 16 **\$100,000 Mark McDermott S**, 2YO, 6 fur.
PID 1st-Newstome, 2nd-Live Fire, 3rd-Weed Wacker

Wed., Nov. 27 **\$100,000 Blue Mountain Juvenile Fillies S**, 2YO fillies, 6 fur.
Penn 1st-Precious, 2nd-Chilly Sky, 3rd-Autonomous

Sat., Dec. 7 **\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery S**, 2YO, colts & geldings, 7 fur.
Parx 1st-Hockey Puck, 2nd-Golden Candy, 3rd-Newstome

Total: \$2,750,000

PA Day At Races

PENNSYLVANIA HORSE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

10th Annual STALLION AUCTION

January 16-18, 2020

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Bidding ends:
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