



2017 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/GRANTS:

In 2017, the Fund conducted Standardbred racing at 20 New York State county fairs, of which none of the meets were canceled due to the weather. The Fund provided \$604,500 in purses to the county fairs, which included horsemen fees of \$44,500.

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. Total amount of repairs and admin fees paid to the 18 fairs in 2017, less horsemen fees paid, was \$95,053. In 2017, 2 fairs did not submit paperwork for reimbursement by year-end.

The Fund also supports New York State’s Goshen Historic Racetrack for its July 4th holiday racing schedule. The Fund distributed \$210,600 in purse money to Goshen. The Fund also contributed \$48,750 in grant money to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame, as well as \$48,750 to the Goshen Historic Track.

The Fund also approved and sent \$7,500 in grant money to the Harness Horse Youth Foundation.

The Fund also granted \$5,000 to the Racing Under Saddle (RUS) program in 2017.

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 \$40,000 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.

EQUINE RESEARCH:

An annual grant from the Fund is the Harry M. Zweig Memorial Fund for equine research which, by law, receives 2% of the wagering/VLT funds from New York State racetracks and OTBs. Total amount submitted in 2017 was \$306,953.

REVENUE/PURSES:

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.

BREEDING:

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>
2017	1,190	42	795
2016	1,264	40	1,011
2015	1,337	53	942
2014	1,671	60	791
2013	1,435	60	965
2012	1,403	65	939
2011	1,613	69	1,108
2010	1,585	69	1,064

In 2017, the Fund dispersed \$1,099,983 in Breeders Award monies to 306 breeders.