



New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association

Promoting the breeding, racing, and ethical treatment of racing American Quarter Horses & Thoroughbreds in New Mexico since 1961

The New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association (NMHBA) promotes the breeding, racing, and ethical treatment of American Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds in the state. Established in 1961, this non-profit corporation has served as the backbone to an agricultural industry that is a long-standing tradition in New Mexico. The NMHBA also serves as the official registrar for New Mexico-bred horses. It also administers a legislative-mandated incentive fund, which encourages the expansion of the industry and improves the quality of performing athletes. More than ever, horses bred in New Mexico are competitive on a national level and are internationally recognized for their accomplishments

Annual Impact

Horseracing is the largest spectator sport in New Mexico attracting more than 2 million out-of-state visitors while preserving farm land and valuable green space. Horse farms are a critical element in maintenance of the states' agricultural heritage.

400 Million dollars to New Mexico's Economy

63 Million in Gaming Taxes Annually to New Mexico General Fund

10,000 Jobs in New Mexico

12,000 Horses Associated with the Racing Industry



- NMHBA is comprised of @ 1,000 members. Primarily family run operations. Throughout NM
- Significant economic multiplier i.e., employment, feed, hay, farm implements, veterinarians, farriers, fertilizer, etc.
- There is a significant agriculture component to our industry.
- Large overlap between racing in New Mexico and New Mexico tourism.
- Sales of New Mexico bred yearlings have experienced a major upswing, showing demand for the breeder's product. (examples: the top Thoroughbred, Pay Back Time brought \$165,000 and the top Quarter Horse, Lite Light brought \$180,000 at this year's sales)
- New Mexico is well on its way to becoming the most important racing venue in the southwest. (examples: QH Triple Crown; \$1M breed race; Sunland Derby (qualifier for Ky Derby)
- Legislative wish list: legalize Advanced Deposit Wagering or ADW.
- Pending/potential legislation: the NMHBA stands at the ready to answer any questions or concerns New Mexico legislators might have. (please reach out to us for any and all legislation that effects the racing industry)