

**DID YOU KNOW? – HORSE RACING HAS A RICH HISTORY IN OHIO AND HAS A PROFOUND IMPLICATION ON ALL OF OHIO'S ECONOMY!**

- The American Horse Council estimates that Ohio horse racing is a \$900 million agricultural based industry which, provides 25,000 jobs directly, and involves over 250,000 people.
- Ohio is the largest producer of Standardbred foals in the United States
  - During the past seven years, 11,735 Standardbred foals have been registered in Ohio, over 2,500 more than the next closest state.
- Harness racing has been in Ohio for over 125 years and is an attraction that has promoted attendance at the state's agricultural fairs as a form of family entertainment (70 fairs conduct harness racing). There are more harness races conducted in Ohio than any other state.
- Horse racing has profound implication on all of Ohio's economy, because Standardbred breeding farms and horsemen in Ohio purchase millions of dollars of grain, hay, straw, trucks, trailers and other ancillary items from Ohio producers.
  - A family operated Standardbred breeding farm in Ohio estimates its annual usage at over 600 tons of feed and 20,000 bails of hay, which is directly purchased from local farmers.

**DID YOU KNOW? – OHIO HORSE RACING IS NOT ON AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD WITH THE SURROUNDING STATES THAT HAVE EXPANDED GAMING!**

- Other states with expanded gaming have seen increases in:
  - Horse training and breeding operations
  - Investment in farming, barns and livestock
  - Need for additional veterinary services
  - Quality of breeding operations
    - Indiana's foal production has increased over 350% since starting similar gaming
    - West Virginia's foal production has doubled
    - Pennsylvania's breeding services have increased dramatically in 2007
- Implementation of expanded gaming at the state's racetracks would increase funds going to fairs through the Ohio Fairs Fund.
- *The Columbus Dispatch* estimates that almost 70% of West Virginia's gaming revenue comes from Ohio.
- Various reports estimate that states with expanded gaming make \$400 million profit from Ohio patrons

**DID YOU KNOW? – IF OHIO HORSE RACING DOES NOT RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF EXPANDED GAMING AT RACETRACKS, AS ALL OHIO'S SURROUNDING STATES, IT WILL CONTINUE TO DECLINE. BREEDERS AND TRAINERS WILL RELOCATE TO OTHER STATES, RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM OHIO FARMERS!**