# New York EQUINE SURVEY 



2000

# Equine Survey Highlights 

## EQUINE POPULATION

The 2000 Equine Survey indicated there were an estimated 168,000 equine of all types in New York on September 1,2000 , down 8 percent from the 182,000 on hand December 31, 1988. Race horse breeds totaled 42,000 head, down 16 percent from 1988, while other light horses decreased 5 percent to 100,500 head. All light horse breeds combined totaled 142,500 , down 9 percent.

Draft horse breeds increased from 7,200 head in 1988 to 11,500 in 2000, a jump of 60 percent, while donkeys and mules rose 25 percent to a total of 2,500 . The sharpest decline was in the number of ponies, which dropped 32 percent to a total of 11,500 in 2000. Pony numbers also posted a sharp decline in the previous survey, dropping 48 percent from 33,000 in 1978 to 17,000 in 1988.

## VALUE OF EQUINE

The value of all equine in New York as of September 1, 2000, is put at $\$ 1.70$ billion, up 90 percent from 1988. Average value per head was computed from the survey data for each breed and aggregated to the total for all equine. In spite of lower numbers of equine in most categories, total value was up in each category on the strength of higher average values per equine. Race horses averaged $\$ 27,200$ in value per head, more than double the $\$ 11,220$ in 1988. Other light horses averaged $\$ 4,950$ per head, up 71 percent from $\$ 2,900$ in 1988 . Draft horses rose 44 percent to $\$ 2,550$ per head. Ponies increased to an average $\$ 2,600$ per head, while donkeys and mules were up to $\$ 1,000$ per head.

## EQUINE RELATED ASSETS

Survey tabulations indicated total equine-related assets of $\$ 6.15$ billion on September 1, 2000, an increase of 65 percent since the 1988 survey. The value of land, fences and buildings accounted for $\$ 3.71$ billion, or 60 percent of the total assets. Equine on hand, at $\$ 1.70$ billion, accounted for 28 percent of the assets. Vehicles, equipment, tack, and equine feed and supplies on hand, at $\$ 745$ million, accounted for the remaining 12 percent. Included with the vehicles are the estimated 16,450 horse trailers and vans owned by New York operators on December 31, 2000.

## EQUINE EXPENDITURES

New York equine owners and operators spent a total of nearly $\$ 704$ million during 2000 for operating and capital expenses, up 29 percent from the 1988 total of $\$ 546$ million. About $\$ 523$ million, or 74 percent, of the total was for operating expenses. The leading operating expenses and amounts spent were: feed, $\$ 100.7$ million; hired labor, $\$ 88.3$ million; boarding and training fees, $\$ 54.8$ million. Additional expense categories are shown in Table 15.

Expenditures for capital items totaled an additional $\$ 181$ million. Purchases of equipment totaled $\$ 68.3$ million; purchases of equine amounted to $\$ 49.5$ million, and the purchase or improvement of equine-related real estate totaled $\$ 63.0$ million.

Total expenses per equine on hand September 1, 2000 averaged $\$ 4,188$, up 40 percent from the total expenses of $\$ 2,998$ per equine on hand December 31, 1988. Operating expenses per equine averaged $\$ 3,112$, or 74 percent of the total, while the remaining 26 percent was accounted for by capital expenses averaging $\$ 1,076$ per head. The survey indicated a total of 11,200 hired workers were employed on New York equine operations during 2000. Of these, 3,700 were full-time workers and 7,500 were part-time workers. Numbers of hired workers by job category are shown in Table 16.

Table 1. EQUINE BY TYPE, NEW YORK, 1978, 1988, and 2000

| Type | 1978 | 1988 | 2000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Race Horse Breeds Other Light Breeds Total Light Horse Breeds | $\begin{array}{r} 46,050 \\ 93,350 \\ \mathbf{1 3 9 , 4 0 0} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 50,000 \\ 105,800 \\ \mathbf{1 5 5 , 8 0 0} \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 42,000 \\ 100,500 \\ \mathbf{1 4 2 , 5 0 0} \end{array}$ |
| Draft Horse Breeds Ponies Donkeys/Mules | $\begin{array}{r} 5,400 \\ 33,000 \\ 2,200 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 7,200 \\ 17,000 \\ 2,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11,500 \\ 11,500 \\ 2,500 \end{array}$ |
| TOTAL EQUINE | 180,000 | 182,000 | 168,000 |

## TOTAL EQUINE BY TYPE 2000



Table 2. EQUINE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS, NEW YORK, 2000

| Categories | Number | Average per equine 1/ | Total Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EQUINE BY TYPE |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Racing Breed Horses | 42,000 | 27,200 | 1,142,500 |
| Other Light Horses | 100,500 | 4,950 | 497,520 |
| Draft Horses | 11,500 | 2,550 | 29,380 |
| Ponies | 11,500 | 2,600 | 29,900 |
| Donkeys and Mules | 2,500 | 1,000 | 2,500 |
| Total All Equine | 168,00 | 10,130 | 1,701,800 |
| EQUINE OPERATIONS BY TYPE |  |  |  |
| Commercial Boarding/Training | 4,550 |  |  |
| Commercial Breeding | 2,250 |  |  |
| Crop/Livestock Farms | 7,950 |  |  |
| Non-Commercial/Non-Farm | 14,600 |  |  |
| Other | 650 |  |  |
| Total Equine Operations | 30,000 |  |  |
| Acres Used for Equine | 920,000 |  |  |
| Fenced Pasture | 425,750 |  |  |
| Stalls | 155,000 |  |  |
| ASSET VALUES, DECEMBER 31, 2000 |  |  |  |
| Equine on Hand |  | 10,130 | 1,701,800 |
| Land, Fences and Buildings |  | 22,065 | 3,707,000 |
| Vehicles, Equipment |  | 3,527 | 592,610 |
| Tack Equipment and Clothing |  | 703 | 118,010 |
| Equine Feed Supplies |  | 204 | 34,220 |
| Total Equine Related Assets |  | 36,629 | 6,153,640 |
| Horse Trailers and Vans $\underline{2}$ | 16,450 | 647 | 108,690 |
| EXPENDITURES DURING 2000 |  |  |  |
| Equine Purchased |  | 294 | 49,460 |
| Real Estate and Improvements |  | 375 | 63,010 |
| Equipment Purchased |  | 407 | 68,320 |
| Total Capital Expenditures |  | 1,076 | 180,790 |
| Feed |  | 600 | 100,740 |
| Labor Expenditures |  | 526 | 88,320 |
| Boarding and Training |  | 326 | 54,800 |
| Other |  | 1,661 | 279,000 |
| Total Operating Expenditures |  | 3,112 | 522,860 |
| Total Expenditures |  | 4,188 | 703,650 |
| TOTAL WORKERS |  |  |  |
| Full-Time Workers | 3,700 |  |  |
| Part-Time Workers | 7,500 |  |  |
| Total Hired Workers | 11,200 |  |  |
| Cash Labor Expenditures |  | 460 | 77,290 |
| Value of Non-cash ltems Provided to Workers |  | 66 | 11,030 |
| Total Hired Labor Expenditures |  | 526 | 88,320 |
| Workers for Whom Housing was Provided | 1,800 |  |  |

[^0]2/ Value of horse trailers and vans included in total value of vehicles and equipment.


## Equine by District

Of the 168,000 total equine in New York on September 1, 2000, 19 percent, or 32,300 head, were in the Western District. Close behind was the Southeast District with 32,100 head (also 19 percent). The Eastern District was third with 26,800 head ( 16 percent), followed by the Central District with 25,600 head ( 15 percent).

For all light horses combined (race horse breeds plus other light horse breeds), the Southeast District was first with 28,570 head ( 20 percent of the total 142,500). Next came the Western District at 27,160 head ( 19 percent), then the Eastern District with 23,580 head (17 percent), and the Central District with 20,850 head (15 percent).

Ponies totaled 11,500 head, with 2,400 head, or 21 percent, being in the Western District. The Southeast District accounted for 2,150 head (19 percent), just ahead of the Central District with 2,100 head (18 percent). Of the 11,500 draft horses indicated by the survey, 2,440 head, or 21 percent, were found in the Western District. The Central District was second with 18 percent, followed by the Southwest with 17 percent.

## EQUINE BY BREED

Thoroughbreds led all breeds in 2000 with an estimated total of 30,500 horses. Quarter horses were almost as numerous, with 29,600 head. Thoroughbred numbers were unchanged from 1988, while quarter horses increased 38 percent. Among individual breeds, standardbreds came in third, at 11,500 head, despite a 41 percent drop from 1988. Other major breeds, as shown in Table 4, were: Arabians (down 38 percent), Morgans (up 13 percent), and Appaloosas (down 31 percent). Belgians, up 45 percent from 1988 to 6,100 head, constituted 53 percent of all New York draft horses. Welsh and Shetlands were the most common pony breeds, accounting for 23 percent and 18 percent respectively of all ponies.

## AVERAGE VALUES BY BREED

Thoroughbreds had the highest average value per horse at $\$ 33,500$, and accounted for 60 percent of the value of all equine in New York. Warmbloods averaged $\$ 20,000$ per head in 2000, and accounted for 8 percent of total equine value on the strength of a substantial increase in numbers from 1988. Standardbreds, at $\$ 10,500$ per head, were the third highest valued equine and accounted for 7 percent of the total value of all equine. The two race horse breeds accounted for 67 percent of the total equine value in 2000 , compared with 63 percent in 1988.

The average values of individual breeds and miscellaneous breed categories reflect the average prices one would have had to pay to purchase the same type of animals on September 1, 2000. Reported values ranged from high priced breed, racing, and show stock to low valued grade animals and older equine. High sentimental values placed on "family member" equine were excluded from average value calculations. Values by breed are shown in Table 4.

| District | Total Equine | $\begin{gathered} \text { Light } \\ \text { Horses } 1 / \end{gathered}$ | Draft Horses | Ponies | Mules and Donkeys |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Northern <br> Northeast <br> Western <br> Central <br> Eastern <br> Southwest <br> Southern <br> Southeast <br> Long Island and NYC | $\begin{array}{r} 8,400 \\ 4,600 \\ 32,300 \\ 25,600 \\ 26,800 \\ 14,100 \\ 9,800 \\ 32,100 \\ 14,300 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,650 \\ 3,850 \\ 27,160 \\ 20,850 \\ 23,580 \\ 10,710 \\ 7,830 \\ 28,570 \\ 13,300 \end{array}$ | 1,100 350 2,440 2,100 1,320 1,940 920 1,030 300 | 550 300 2,400 2,100 1,550 1,100 750 2,150 600 | 100 100 300 550 350 350 300 350 100 |
| STATE | 168,000 | 142,500 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 2,500 |

1/ Includes racing breeds

## TOTAL EQUINE BY DISTRICT 2000



## Table 4. EQUINE INVENTORY AND VALUE OF BREED, NEW YORK, 1988 and 2000

| Breeds | Number |  | Value |  | Average Value |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1988 | 2000 | 1988 | 2000 | 1988 | 2000 1/ |
|  | Head |  | Thousand Dollars |  | Dollars |  |
| Light Breeds | 105,800 | 100,500 | 306,875 | 497,520 | 2,900 | 4,950 |
| Quarter Horse | 21,500 | 29,600 | 47,290 | 115,440 | 2,200 | 3,900 |
| Saddlebred | 2,200 | 2,500 | 9,240 | 15,750 | 4,200 | 6,300 |
| Appaloosa . . . | 12,400 | 8,500 | 19,835 | 19,550 | 1,600 | 2,300 |
| Arabian . . . . . . . . | 12,750 | 9,200 | 80,320 | 44,160 | 6,300 | 4,800 |
| Half Arabian | 4,650 | 3,600 | 11,160 | 10,800 | 2,400 | 3,000 |
| Morgan . . . | 8,000 | 9,000 | 33,600 | 38,700 | 4,200 | 4,300 |
| Palomino | 1,100 | 1,600 | 1,650 | 4,960 | 1,500 | 3,100 |
| Pinto or Paint | 4,350 | 6,800 | 7,830 | 21,760 | 1,800 | 3,200 |
| Warmblood | 1,550 | 6,700 | 30,225 | 134,000 | 19,500 | 20,000 |
| Crossbreds | 25,800 | 11,000 | 33,530 | 26,400 | 1,300 | 2,400 |
| Other Light | 11,500 | 12,000 | 32,195 | 66,000 | 2,800 | 5,500 |
| Race Horse Breeds | 50,000 | 42,000 | 561,000 | 1,142,500 | 11,220 | 27,200 |
| Standardbred | 19,500 | 11,500 | 195,000 | 120,750 | 10,000 | 10,500 |
| Thoroughbred | 30,500 | 30,500 | 366,000 | 1,021,750 | 12,000 | 33,500 |
| Draft Breeds | 7,200 | 11,500 | 12,700 | 29,380 | 1,765 | 2,550 |
| Belgian . . . . | 4,200 | 6,100 | 6,300 | 13,420 | 1,500 | 2,200 |
| Percheron | 1,400 | 3,200 | 2,240 | 8,320 | 1,600 | 2,600 |
| Clydesdale | NA | 700 | NA | 2,240 | NA | 3,200 |
| Other | 1,600 | 1,500 | 4,160 | 5,400 | 2,600 | 3,600 |
| Ponies | 17,000 | 11,500 | 12,750 | 29,900 | 750 | 2,600 |
| Welsh | NA | 2,700 | NA | 9,450 | NA | 3,500 |
| Shetland | NA | 2,100 | NA | 2,520 | NA | 1,200 |
| Connemara | NA | 500 | NA | 3,050 | NA | 6,100 |
| Other | NA | 6,200 | NA | 14,880 | NA | 2,400 |
| Donkeys \& Mules | 2,000 | 2,500 | 900 | 2,500 | 450 | 1,000 |
| TOTAL EQUINE | 182,000 | 168,000 | 894,225 | 1,701,800 | 4,913 | 10,130 |

[^1]NA - Not available.

Table 5. LIGHT BREEDS BY DISTRICT, NEW YORK, 2000

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{District} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{All Light \(1 /\)}} \& \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Racing Breeds} \\
\hline \& \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Standardbred} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Thoroughbred} \\
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Southern \\
Southeast \\
Long island and NYC
\end{tabular} \& \& 650
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\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{STATE} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{142,500} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{11,500} \& \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{30,500} <br>
\hline \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{All Other Light Breeds} <br>
\hline \& Quarter Horse \& Appaloosa \& Arabian \& Morgan \& Crossbred or Unknown \& Other Light Breed <br>
\hline \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Number} <br>
\hline Northern \& 1,600 \& 660 \& 280 \& 1,700 \& 600 \& 1,360 <br>
\hline Northeast \& 1,100 \& 350 \& 150 \& 400 \& 400 \& 1,050 <br>
\hline Western \& 5,500 \& 1,950 \& 2,900 \& 1,400 \& 1,850 \& 6,960 <br>
\hline Central \& 5,200 \& 1,600 \& 1,550 \& 1,800 \& 1,550 \& 5,150 <br>
\hline Eastern \& 4,200 \& 980 \& 800 \& 1,200 \& 1,100 \& 4,500 <br>
\hline Southwest \& 3,150 \& 1,100 \& 1,000 \& 600 \& 850 \& 3,060 <br>
\hline Southern \& 2,050 \& 500 \& 860 \& 530 \& 900 \& 1,940 <br>
\hline Southeast \& 4,350 \& 1,100 \& 1,500 \& 1,200 \& 2,900 \& 7,720 <br>
\hline Long Island and NYC \& 2,450 \& 260 \& 160 \& 170 \& 850 \& 1,460 <br>
\hline STATE \& 29,600 \& 8,500 \& 9,200 \& 9,000 \& 11,000 \& 33,200 <br>
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\end{tabular}

1/ Includes racing breeds.

## Equine by Primary Use

The 2000 Equine Survey questionnaire listed the same eight primary use categories used in the 1988 survey, as shown in Table 6. The respondent was requested to record each equine in only one primary use category - the category for which the animal provided the use most important to the respondent.

## PLEASURE USE

Almost 39 percent of the equine in New York in 2000 were kept primarily for pleasure use, down from 48 percent in 1988. Included in the pleasure use total were 50 percent of the ponies, 49 percent of the nonracing breed light horses, 30 percent of the draft horses, and 13 percent of race horse breeds. The greatest number of equine for pleasure use was in the Eastern District ( 13,600 head), while the highest percentage of equine for pleasure use was in the Northern District (55 percent).

## BREEDING USE

A total of 30,100 equine were used primarily for breeding in 2000, 18 percent of all equine. This compares with 28,500 head, or 16 percent of all equine, in 1988. Brood mares totaled 25,300 , and stallions for breeding 4,800 . Thirty one percent of the equine breeding stock consisted of race horse breeds, down from 48 percent in 1988. Included in the breeding stock total were 22 percent of the state's draft horses, 22 percent of the race horses, 16 percent of other light horse breeds, and 16 percent of the ponies. The greatest number of equine for breeding was in the Southeast District ( 7,600 head), while the highest percentage of equine for breeding was in the Southern District (28 percent).

## RACING USE

A total of 15,300 equine in New York on September 1, 2000 were used primarily for racing. Thoroughbreds accounted for 69 percent and standardbreds 31 percent. (Only standardbreds and thoroughbreds were included in the "racing" category. All other breeds used for racing were included in the "competition or sport" category for this survey.) The largest number of equine for racing ( 3,800 head) was in the Southeast District and the highest percentage of equine for racing ( 24 percent) was in the Long Island/NYC District.

## COMPETITION/SPORT USE

Nearly 17 percent of equine in 2000 were used for showing, polo, eventing, etc., up from 11 percent in 1988. The total of 27,950 head included 20 percent of the non-racing breed light horses, 15 percent of the ponies, and 12 percent of race horse breeds. The Southeast District had the greatest number devoted to this use ( 6,000 head), while the Long Island/NYC District had the highest percentage ( 24 percent).

## OTHER USE

Seventeen percent of New York's equine population in 2000 were kept for other uses such as police work, carriage rides, teaching, and work, or were retired, as shown in Table 6. In Table 6, foals are included under "all other" uses.

## Table 6. EQUINE BY PRIMARY USE AND DISTRICT, NEW YORK, 2000

| District | Total Equine | Breeding | Competition or Sport | Pleasure | Racing | All Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern | 8,400 | 1,100 | 1,150 | 4,650 | 200 | 1,300 |
| Northeast | 4,600 | 800 | 950 | 1,450 | 200 | 1,200 |
| Western | 32,300 | 6,300 | 5,800 | 10,900 | 3,600 | 5,700 |
| Central | 25,600 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 11,200 | 900 | 4,500 |
| Eastern | 26,800 | 4,100 | 3,000 | 13,600 | 2,500 | 3,600 |
| Southwest | 14,100 | 2,800 | 1,200 | 6,700 | 500 | 2,900 |
| Southern | 9,800 | 2,700 | 1,650 | 3,700 | 100 | 1,650 |
| Southeast | 32,100 | 7,600 | 6,000 | 7,600 | 3,800 | 7,100 |
| Long island and NYC | 14,300 | 500 | 3,400 | 5,600 | 3,500 | 1,300 |
| STATE | 168,000 | 30,100 | 27,950 | 65,400 | 15,300 | 29,250 |

## EQUINE BY PRIMARY USE

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Table 7. EQUINE BY PRIMARY USE AND BREED,
NEW YORK, 2000


1/ Included in totals only.

Table 6. EQUINE BY PRIMARY USE AND DISTRICT, NEW YORK, 2000

| District | Total Equine | Breeding | Competition or Sport | Pleasure | Racing | All Other |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern | 8,400 | 1,100 | 1,150 | 4,650 | 200 | 1,300 |
| Northeast | 4,600 | 800 | 950 | 1,450 | 200 | 1,200 |
| Western | 32,300 | 6,300 | 5,800 | 10,900 | 3,600 | 5,700 |
| Central | 25,600 | 4,200 | 4,800 | 11,200 | 900 | 4,500 |
| Eastern | 26,800 | 4,100 | 3,000 | 13,600 | 2,500 | 3,600 |
| Southwest | 14,100 | 2,800 | 1,200 | 6,700 | 500 | 2,900 |
| Southern | 9,800 | 2,700 | 1,650 | 3,700 | 100 | 1,650 |
| Southeast | 32,100 | 7,600 | 6,000 | 7,600 | 3,800 | 7.100 |
| Long Island and NYC | 14,300 | 500 | 3,400 | 5,600 | 3,500 | 1,300 |
| STATE | 168,000 | 30,100 | 27,950 | 65,400 | 15,300 | 29,250 |

EQUINE BY PRIMARY USE 2000



## Equine Operations



New York had 30,000 places with equine in 2000, compared with 39,000 places in 1988. A place is defined as anyone operating land on which equine are kept. Owners of equine boarding their animals on land they did not operate were excluded.

Operators of places with equine were asked which type of activity best described their operation. Almost half of the operators, 49 percent, described their equine operation as non commercial/non farm. Second most common were farms on which the major activity was deriving income from crops and/or livestock. Commercial boarding and training operations were third, with 4,550 places. Commercial breeding operations were next, with 2,250 places.

The number of commercial equine operations had a sizeable increase from the 1988 survey. This increase was more than offset by the decline in the number of crop/livestock farms and non commercial/non farm operations.

Most of the operations, 81 percent, in the state consider themselves involved with recreational or pleasure riding or driving. (Operators were permitted to list more than one discipline that they were involved with.) The second largest group was involved with shows or competitive events. Most of the operations that were involved with shows or competitive events listed more than one discipline. Many were also involved with recreation and pleasure riding or driving.

More than half, 66 percent, of the equine operations in the state have been in operation 11 or more years. This is a big change from the 37 percent of operations reported in this category in 1988. The number of newer operations, those with equine five years or less, totaled 4,900 in 2000, compared with 13,600 in 1988. In most of the regions of the state the number of operations of five years or less ranges from 12 to 19 percent of the total, except for Long Island and New York City, which has 30 percent. Long Island and New York City had only 15 percent of the newer operations
in 1988 .

Property use prior to involvement with equine, for properties having equine less than 10 years, was more or less evenly divided among the four use categories. Twenty eight percent of these operations had been livestock farms, excluding equine. Former non-farm operations accounted for 22 percent, while former horse farms and former crop farms accounted for 20 percent each. Previous property use for the remaining 10 percent was unknown or
unreported.

## Table 8. EQUINE OPERATIONS BY TYPE AND DISTRICT, NEW YORK, 2000

| District | Total | Primary Type |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Commercial Boarding and Training | Commercial Breeding | Crop, Farm | NonCommercial Non-Farm | Other 1/ |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,700 | 100 | 2/ | 700 | 750 | $\underline{21}$ |
| Northern | 1,700 | 150 | $\underline{2 /}$ | 200 | 350 | $\underline{2 /}$ |
| Northeast | 7.100 | 1.050 | 500 | 1,700 | 3,700 | 150 |
| Western | 7,100 | 1,050 | 400 | 1,550 | 2,300 | 100 |
| Central | 5,100 | 600 | 300 | 1,100 | 2,400 | 100 |
| Eastern | 4,500 | 300 | 300 | 1,150 | 1,200 | 2/ |
| Southwest | 3,000 | 300 | 150 | 700 | 900 | 2/ |
| Southern | 2,100 | 300 1,000 | 400 | 800 | 2,400 | 100 |
| Southeast | $4,700$ |  |  | 2/ | 600 | 2/ |
| Long Island \& NYC |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| STATE | 30,000 | 4,550 | 2,250 | 7,950 | 14,600 | 650 |

1/ Includes race tracks, fairgrounds and other public facilities or institutions. 2/ Less than 100.

| Discipline | Exclusive Use |  | Multiple Use |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent <br> 1/ | Number | Percent $1 / 2 /$ | Number | Percent $1 / 2 /$ |
| Thoroughbred Racing | 700 | 2\% | 400 | 1\% | 1,100 | 4\% |
| Standardbred Racing | 800 | 3\% | 300 | 1\% | 1,100 | 4\% |
| Shows or Competitive Events | 2,000 | $7 \%$ | 7,000 | 23\% | 9,000 | 30\% |
| Recreation or Pleasure | 6,900 | $56 \%$ | 7,400 | 25\% | 24,300 | 81\% |
| Other | 1,900 | 6\% | 1,200 | 4\% | 3,100 | 10\% |
| TOTAL | 22,300 | 74\% | 7,700 | 26\% | 30,000 | 100\% |

1/ Percent of all equine operations in the state.
2/ Does not round to total because of multiple uses per operation.

Table 10. EQUINE OPERATIONS BY LENGTH OF TIME IN EQUINE-RELATED USAGE, NEW YORK, 2000

| District | Total Operations | Less than 3 years | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { to } 5 \\ & \text { years } \end{aligned}$ | 6 to 10 years | 11 to 20 years | 21 years or more |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern | 1,700 | 100 | 200 | 400 | 500 | 500 |
| Northeast | 800 | 50 | 50 | 200 | 200 | 300 |
| Western | 7,100 | 400 | 800 | 1,300 | 2,200 | 2,400 |
| Central | 5,100 | 200 | 500 | 900 | 1,800 | 1,700 |
| Eastern | 4,500 | 200 | 500 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,600 |
| Southwest | 3,000 | 100 | 300 | 400 | 1,000 | 1,200 |
| Southern | 2,100 | 100 | 200 | 300 | 600 | 900 |
| Southeast | 4,700 | 300 | 600 | 800 | 1,600 | 1,400 |
| Long island and NYC | 1,000 | 150 | 150 | 100 | 300 | 300 |
| STATE | 30,000 | 1,600 | 3,300 | 5,400 | 9,400 | 10,300 |

Table 11. PRECEDING USE OF PROPERTY, NEW YORK, 2000 1/

| District | Total Operations | Horse Farm | crop Farm | Livestock Farm | Non Agricultural | Unknown Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern | 700 | 2/ | 2/ | 300 | 170 | 2/ |
| Northeast | 300 | 2/ | 2/ | 170 | $\underline{2 /}$ | $\underline{2 /}$ |
| Western | 2,500 | 450 | 850 | 460 | 490 | 250 |
| Central | 1,600 | 230 | 330 | 600 | 300 | 140 |
| Eastern | 1,700 | 250 | 260 | 570 | 460 | 160 |
| Southwest | 800 | $2 /$ | 140 | 370 | 2/ | 130 |
| Southern | 600 | 2/ | 190 | 2/ | 150 | 21 |
| Southeast | 1,700 | 670 | 100 | 300 | 450 | 180 |
| Long Island and NYC | 400 | 210 | 2/ | $\underline{2 /}$ | 100 | $\underline{2}$ |
| STATE | 10,300 | 2,060 | 2,060 | 2,880 | 2,270 | 1,030 |

[^2]
## Table 12. ACREAGE IN EQUINE RELATED USAGE AND VALUE BY DISTRICT, NEW YORK, 2000

| Distric $\dagger$ | Total <br> Acres | Equine Acres |  | Total Value of Equine Related Land, Fencing and Buildings | Average Value per Equine Acre |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Total | Fenced Pasture |  |  |
|  | Acres | Acres | Acres | Thousand Dollars | Dollars |
| Northern | 300,000 | 70,000 | 30,250 | 119,000 | 1,700 |
| Northeast | 145,000 | 30,000 | 11,100 | 78,000 | 2,600 |
| Western | 700,000 | 140,000 | 56,600 | 490,000 | 3,500 |
| Central | 630,000 | 220,000 | 107,000 | 572,000 | 2,600 |
| Eastern | 480,000 | 100,000 | 43,300 | 340,000 | 3,400 |
| Southwest | 400,000 | 100,000 | 42,200 | 130,000 | 1,300 |
| Southern | 280,000 | 90,000 | 43,700 | 216,000 | 2,400 |
| Southeast | 600,000 | 160,000 | 87,000 | 1,392,000 | 87,700 |
| Long Island and NYC | 16,000 | 10,000 | 4,600 | 370,000 | 37,000 |
| STATE | 3,551,000 | 920,000 | 425,750 | 3,707,000 | 4,029 |

## EQUINE LAND ACRES

2000


Table 13. VALUE OF EQUINE RELATED ASSETS, BY DISTRICT, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 31, 2000

| District | Total Equine Related Assets | Equine on Hand | Equine Related Land, Fencing and Buildings | Vehicles and Equipment 1/ |  | Tack, Equipment and Clothing 2/ | Equine Feed and Supplies on Hand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Total | Horse Trailers and Vans |  |  |
|  | Thousand Dollars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northern | 177,750 | 26,050 | 119,000 | 26,100 | 5,000 | 5,200 | 1,400 |
| Northeast | 111,450 | 17,090 | 78,000 | 11,860 | 2,500 | 2,960 | 1,540 |
| Western | 809,830 | 155,180 | 490,000 | 127,540 | 25,220 | 29,560 | 7,550 |
| Central | 782,090 | 110,150 | 572,000 | 81,270 | 16,850 | 14,430 | 4,240 |
| Eastern | 821,550 | 388,660 | 340,000 | 75,930 | 13,800 | 12,410 | 4,550 |
| Southwest | 223,440 | 40,850 | 130,000 | 43,300 | 6,850 | 6,860 | 2,430 |
| Southern | 301,650 | 40,190 | 216,000 | 36,190 | 7,280 | 6,740 | 2,530 |
| Southeast | 2,059,250 | 471,800 | 1,392,000 | 157,200 | 25,320 | 30,150 | 8,100 |
| Long Island and NYC | 866,630 | 451,830 | 370,000 | 33,220 | 5,870 | 9,700 | 1,880 |
| TOTAL | 6,153,640 | 1,701,800 | 3,707,000 | 592,610 | 108,690 | 118,010 | 34,220 |

1/ Equipment includes tractors, farm trucks, manure spreaders, starting gates, hot walkers, treadmills, horse trailers, vans, etc.
2/ Includes saddles, bridles, halters, harnesses, riding/driving/racing equipment, grooming equipment, blankets, trunks, equestrian clothing, etc.

## EQUINE RELATED ASSETS 2000 and 1988



## Table 14. EQUINE RELATED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, NEW YORK, 2000

| Category | Total |
| :--- | ---: |
| Horse Trailers or Vans | 9,350 |
| or 2 Horse Capacity |  |
| 3 or 4 Horse Capacity |  |
| More than 4 Horse Capacity | 5,000 |
| 2,100 |  |
| Total Horse Trailers or Vans | $\mathbf{1 6 , 4 5 0}$ |
| Total Number of Stalls Used for Equine Purposes | $\mathbf{1 5 5 , 0 0 0}$ |



## Equine Related Expenditures

Equine related expenditures totaled $\$ 704$ million in 2000, 29 percent more than $\$ 546$ million in 1988 . Total equine related expenses have been broken down into two main categories: operating expenses and capital expenses. Operating expenses of $\$ 523$ million were 74 percent of the total, and 33 percent above the 1988 total. Capital expenditures rose only 18 percent from 1988 to a total of $\$ 181$ million.

As might be expected, feed represented the largest single expense item. Equine feed expenditures (grain, hay, feed and supplements) in New York during 2000 totaled $\$ 101$ million, 11 percent more than in 1988. This was an average of $\$ 600$ per equine, up $\$ 100$ from 1988. Feed expenditures included $\$ 59.1$ million for hay, $\$ 24.9$ million for grain and $\$ 16.7$ million for feed and supplements.

Labor was the second largest component of total expenditures with $\$ 88.3$ million. This included both cash wages and value of non-cash items received for work on the equine operation. Labor expense was 12 percent above the 1988 total and averaged $\$ 526$ per equine, compared with $\$ 433$ in 1988. Cash labor expenditures included cash wages as well as the employer's cost of social security tax, workman's compensation, insurance, pension, and unemployment compensation. Non-cash items included such things as housing, meals, clothing, horse board, lessons, and other benefits.

Boarding and training was the third leading operating expense category for equine operations. This totaled $\$ 54.8$ million, 16 percent above the 1988 total. This category covers expenditures by the equine owner for boarding, including stall fees, and fees paid for the training of equine and/or individuals by another operation.

Some additional leading operating expenses and amounts spent were: taxes, $\$ 37.9$ million; maintenance/repair, $\$ 37.2$ million; health services, $\$ 32.6$ million; farrier services, $\$ 23.4$ million; and breeding fees, $\$ 22.0$ million.

Capital expenditures, totaling $\$ 181$ million, accounted for 26 percent of all equine expenditures in the state. Equipment purchases in 2000 are put at $\$ 68.3$ million, 16 percent above the $\$ 59.2$ million spent in 1988 . Included as equine related equipment purchases during the year were trucks, tractors, manure spreaders, horse vans, trailers, portable stalls, starting gates, hot walkers, treadmills, sulkies, carts, buggies, motor homes, campers, and autos.

Real estate purchases and improvements totaled $\$ 63.0$ million, 54 percent more than the $\$ 41.0$ million during 1988. Included were new real estate purchases and improvements to land and buildings for which the cost can be depreciated.

Equine purchases amounted to $\$ 49.5$ million, 8 percent below the $\$ 53.7$ million spent in 1988. Equine purchases was the only capital expenditure category to show a decrease from the 1988 survey. With the average value of equine higher in 2000 than in 1988, this tells us that there were fewer equine purchased in 2000 than in 1988.

Average expenditures per equine as given in Table 15 should be used with caution, as the sample size for obtaining economic data was not large enough to allow reliable estimates at the district level. Generally, costs will be higher in the urban and agri-urban areas while rural areas will have below average costs.

## LEADING EQUINE EXPENDITURES

 1988 AND 2000

## EQUINE RELATED EXPENDITURES

 2000



## Table 15. EQUINE RELATED EXPENDITURES, NEW YORK, 1988 AND 2000

| Expense Category | Total Expenditures |  | Average per Equine |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1988 | 2000 | 1988 | 2000 |
|  | Thousand Dollars |  | Dollars |  |
| Operating Expenses | 391,780 | 522,860 | 2,153 | 3,112 |
| Boarding and Training Fees | 47,320 | 54,800 | 260 | 326 |
| Grain | $1 /$ | 24,920 | 1/ | 148 |
| Feed and Supplements | 91,000 | 16,700 | 500 | 99 |
| Hay | $1 /$ | 59,120 | 1/ | 352 |
| Bedding | 15,110 | 18,750 | 83 | 112 |
| Health | 20,020 | 32,590 | 110 | 194 |
| Supplies | 8,550 | 11,050 | 47 | 66 |
| Farrier | 15,290 | 23,400 | 84 | 139 |
| Breeding Fees | 11,470 | 22,000 | 63 | 131 |
| Labor . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {crises }}{ }^{2}$ | 78,730 | 88,320 | 433 | 526 |
| Maintenance/Repair ... 心pentry us | 20,020 | 37,190 | 110 | 221 |
| Insurance Premiums ..... | 14,200 | 20,290 | 78 | 121 |
|  | 10,190 | 14,550 | 56 | 87 |
| Fuels . | 2/ | 8,380 | 2/ | 50 |
| Taxes | 27,300 | 37,910 | 150 | 226 |
| Interest | 3/ | 7,970 | 3/ | 47 |
| Rent/Lease | 6,190 | 10,920 | 34 | 65 |
| Fees and Payments | 5,460 | 12,780 | 30 | 76 |
| Shipping and Travel | 15,830 | 14,810 | 87 | 88 |
| Miscellaneous | 5,100 | 6,410 | 28 | 38 |
| Capital Expenses | 153,790 | 180,790 | 845 | 1,076 |
| Purchases of Equine Real Estate Purchases \& Improvements Equipment Purchases | 53,690 | 49,460 | 295 | 294 |
|  | 40,950 | 63,010 | 225 | 375 |
|  | 59,150 | 68,320 | 325 | 407 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 545,570 | 703,650 | 2,998 | 4,188 |
| 1/ Grain and Hay included with feed and suppleme |  |  |  |  |
| 2/ Fuels included with Shipping and Travel in 1988. |  |  |  |  |
| 3/ Interest included with Miscellaneous in 1988. | $e^{\text {strent }}$ | te aut |  |  |

## Equine Related Labor

There were 11,200 equine related positions for which people were hired during 2000 in New York, slightly less than the 11,400 in 1988. Of this total 67 percent, or 7,500 , were considered part time. A part time or seasonal worker is defined as a person working less than 150 days a year.
Full time workers totaled $3,700,31$ percent less than the total full time workers in 1988. Of the 3,700 full time workers 27 percent, or 1,000 , were considered as grooms, exercise riders, etc. Managers and assistant managers totaled 700 , or 19 percent, of full time workers. Trainers and assistant trainers also totaled 700.
Most workers fell in the "other" category. For the most part these were general farm workers, or persons hired for cleaning of stalls, tending of the equine or general crop workers. The majorify of these workers were part time employees.
Hired workers that performed multiple duties were counted only in the category for which the most important service to the operator was provided.
Cash labor expenditures of $\$ 77.3$ million, or $\$ 460$ per equine, included cash wages as well as the employer's cost of social security taxes, workman's compensation, insurance, pension, and unemployment compensation. The estimated value of non-cash items provided to workers during 2000 totaled $\$ 11.0$ million, or $\$ 66$ per equine. These non-cash items included such things as housing, meals, clothing, horse board, lessons, and other benefits. A total of 1,800 hired workers, or 16 percent, were provided housing.

| Table 16. EQUINE RELA | TED LABOR, | NEW YORK, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Category | Full Time (150 days or more) | Part Time (less than 150 days) | Total |
| Type of Worker | 700 | 200 | 900 |
| Manager, Assistant Manager | 700 | 700 | 1,400 |
| Trainer, Assistant Trainer |  | 1,200 | 2,200 |
| Groom, Exercise Rider, etc. Other | 1,300 | 5,400 | 6,700 |
| Total Hired Workers | 3,700 | 7,500 | 11,200 |
| Workers For Whom Housing Was Provided |  | 1,800 |  |
| Expenditures for Labor During 2000 |  | 77,290 |  |
| Cash Labor Expenditures |  | 11,030 |  |
| Value of Non-Cash Items Provided to Workers Total Labor Expenditures |  | 88,320 |  |

## EQUINE INVENTORY September 1, 2000



Table 17. EQUINE INVENTORY AND VALUE BY COUNTY,
NEW YORK, 1988 AND 2000

| County | Head |  |  | Total Value |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31, \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sept. 1, } \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rank in } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31 \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. 1, } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rank in } \\ 2000 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Head |  |  | Thousand Dollars |  |  |
|  | 2200 | 4.300 | 10 | 6,4901,475 | 13,7603,300 | 19 |
| Jefferson | 2,200$-\quad 500$ | $1,200$ |  |  |  | 53 |
| Lewis |  |  | 21 | 10,325 |  | 35 |
| St. Lawrence | 3,500 | 2,900 | 45 | 18,290 |  | 43 |
| Northern | 6,200 | $\mathbf{8 , 4 0 0}$ 1,500 |  | $3,595$ | 26,050 |  |
| Clinton | 1,000 1,500 | 1,000 | 53 |  | 3,100 | 54 |
| Essex | 700 | 800100 | 58 | 5,393 2,516 | 2,560 | 55 |
| Frankin | NA |  |  | NA | 180 | 58 |
| Hamiton |  | 1,200 | 48 | 5,033 $\mathbf{1 6 , 5 3 7}$ | 5,100 | 47 |
| Northeast | 4,600 | 4,600 | 2 | 41,800 | 17,090 48,240 | 9 |
| Erie | 8,000 | 7,200 2,100 | 35 | 14,108 | 10,080 | $33$ |
| Genesee | $\begin{aligned} & 2,700 \\ & 3,400 \end{aligned}$ | 3,300 | 18 6 | $17,765$ | 13,200 |  |
| Livingston | 7,200 | 5,700 | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 37,620 \\ & 15,675 \end{aligned}$ | 27,930 | 25 |
| Niagara | 3,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 3,000 \\ & 3,700 \end{aligned}$ | 13 | 19,855 | 22,570 | 13 |
| Ontario | 3,800 | 1,400 | 47 | 10,972 | 4,060 | 50 |
| Orleans | 2,100 | 1,400 900 | 55 | 3,657 | 1,800 | $57$ |
| Weneca | 3,200 | 2,000 | 36 | 16,720 | 6.600 | $\begin{aligned} & 42 \\ & 45 \end{aligned}$ |
| Wyoming | $\begin{aligned} & 1,800 \\ & 1,100 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,800 \\ & 1,200 \end{aligned}$ | 40 | 5,748 | 5,220 | 52 |
| Yates Western | 37,000 | 32,300 | 33 | 193,325 | 3,480 | 36 |
| Western Cayuga |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,200 \\ & 2,900 \end{aligned}$ |  | -9,540 | 7,700 |  |
| Cayenango | $\begin{aligned} & 2,400 \\ & 3,100 \end{aligned}$ |  | 21 42 | 12,322 | 10,440 | 32 51 |
| cortland | 1,500 | 1,600 | 42 | 5,963 5,565 | 4,800 | 48 |
| Herkimer | 1,400 | $1,600$ |  | 10,732 | 12,220 | 24 |
| Madison Oneida | 6,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,600 \\ & 5,500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 26 \\ 7 \end{array}$ | 21,863 | 31,350 |  |
| Onondaga |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,500 \\ & 3,700 \end{aligned}$ | 13 |  | 17,760 | 2928 |
| Oswego | 5,500 $\mathbf{2 , 7 0 0}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,000 \\ & 3,500 \end{aligned}$ | 36 15 | 10,732 | 11,200 |  |
| Otsego | 3,200 | 3,500 $\mathbf{2 5 , 6 0 0}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 113,287 \\ 12,650 \end{array}$ | 110,150 | 28 17 |
| Central | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{2 8 , 5 0 0} \\ 2,500 \end{array}$ | 2,900 | 21 |  | 15,080 | 17 |
| Albany | 1,000 | 1,000 | 53 | 5,060 | 4,700 | 4937 |
| Fulton | 1,500 | $\begin{aligned} & 2,400 \\ & 2,500 \end{aligned}$ | 29 | 7,590 | 7,680 |  |
| Montgomery |  |  | 27 | 12,144 | 12,750 | 23 |
| Rensselaer Saratoga | 9,300 | 11,800 | 1 | 47,058 | 317,420 | 41 |
| Schenectady | 1,100 | 1,500 | 45 | 5,566 | 10,600 | 31 |
| Schoharie | 2,000 | 2,000 | 25 | 8,602 | 13,230 | 20 |
| Washington | 1,700 | 26,800 |  | 108,790 | 388,660 |  |
| Eastern | 21,500 |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 17. EQUINE INVENTORY AND VALUE BY COUNTY,
NEW YORK, 1988 AND 2000 (Continued)

| County | Head |  |  | Total Value |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31, \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | Sept. 1, 2000 | Rank in $2000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec. } 31 \\ 1988 \end{gathered}$ | Sept. 1, $2000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rank in } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ |
|  | Head |  |  | Thousand Dollars |  |  |
| Allegany | 2,500 | 2,300 | 31 | 8,412 | 7,360 | 38 |
| Cattaraugus | 3,800 | 3,500 | 15 | 12,787 | 9,800 | 34 |
| Chautauqua | 4,500 | 3,800 | 12 | 15,142 | 10,640 | 30 |
| Steuben | 2,700 | 4,500 | 9 | 9,086 | 13,050 | 22 |
| Southwest | 13,500 | 14,100 |  | 45,427 | 40,850 |  |
| Broome | 3,400 | 2,500 | 27 | 11,611 | 14,250 | 18 |
| Chemung | 1,500 | 1,700 | 41 | 5,122 | 7,310 | 39 |
| Schuyler | 1,400 | 1,100 | 51 | 4,781 | 2,200 | 56 |
| Tioga | 2,400 | 1,600 | 42 | 8,196 | 5,120 | 46 |
| Tompkins | 3,800 | 2,900 | 21 | 12,977 | 11,310 | 27 |
| Southern | 12,500 | 9,800 |  | 42,687 | 40,190 |  |
| Columbia | 4,400 | 2,400 | 29 | 25,887 | 63,600 | 7 |
| Delaware | 3,300 | 2,200 | 33 | 19,415 | 7,260 | 40 |
| Dutchess | 6,500 | 7,000 | 3 | 38,242 | 126,000 | 3 |
| Greene | 2,200 | 2,000 | 36 | 12,943 | 11,400 | 26 |
| Orange | 8,800 | 6,800 | 4 | 51,773 | 59,840 |  |
| Putnam | 1,200 | 1,100 | 51 | 7,060 | 21,450 | 14 |
| Rockland | 1,000 | 600 | 57 | 5,883 | 5,400 | 44 |
| Sullivan | 4,200 | 2,300 | 31 | 24,710 | 20,470 | 15 |
| Ulster | 4,900 | 4,200 | 11 | 28,829 | 35,280 | 10 |
| Westchester | 8,500 | 3,500 | 15 | 50,009 | 121,100 | 4 |
| Southeast | 45,000 | 32,100 |  |  | 471,800 |  |
| Nassau | 4,800 | 5,400 | 8 | 33,139 | 287,280 | 2 |
| Suffolk | 5,200 | 5,800 | 5 | 35,900 | 63,800 | 6 |
| New York 1/ | 3,200 | 3,100 | 19 | 22,092 | 100,750 | 5 |
| Long Island/NYC | 13,200 | 14,300 |  | 91,131 | 451,830 |  |
| STATE | 182,000 | 168,000 |  | 894,225 | 1,701,800 |  |

1/ Includes Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond.

## Equine Survey Procedures

## Purpose

The chief purpose of the 2000 Equine Survey was to update the data collected in the 1988 Survey. The equine industry has changed substantially since the last survey in 1988, according to industry leaders. The Survey documented changes in the industry since that time, and provided updated information to help measure the contribution of horses, ponies, mules and donkeys to the New York economy. Some additional items were added to further evaluate the impact the equine industry has on the state.

## Design

The survey was designed in a manner to insure reliable coverage of all places with equine. A comprehensive list of all horse operations was compiled from many sources including veterinarians and equine organizations. A list of 23,500 names was developed.
To compensate for any incompleteness in the list, a land area sample consisting of 400 segments of land was selected. Each segment was from about one-tenth to one square mile ( $64-640$ acres) in size and was canvassed for equine. Names of all persons with equine inside the segment were matched against the list of 23,500 names. The equine in segments for those persons not found on the list were expanded to give a measure of incompleteness of the list. This is known as multi-frame sampling.

## Methodology

In the first phase of the survey, questionnaires were mailed in early September 2000 to all persons on the list of operators. This questionnaire asked primarily the number of horses by breed and the total value of each breed on their operation on September 1. This provided two benefits. First, we were able to obtain the number and value of horses by breed for these operations. Second, we were able to stratify the list by size in order to sub-sample these operations for the important economic phase of the survey.

All known operations were sent a questionnaire. Key persons familiar with the equine industry also distributed questionnaires to pick up data for operations not already added to the list. In order to improve response on this phase of the survey, as many non-respondents to the mail inquiry as possible were contacted by telephone. With the mail response and the telephone follow up, we were able to get completed reports from more than 75 percent of the list.

A stratified systematic sample of 2,500 names was selected from the operations who responded to the survey's first phase. Respondents were assigned to one of six groups or strata: 1-4, 5-9, 10-19, 20-49, 50 or more equine, or no equine but equine expenses (owners that board out their horses.) Sampling rates varied from 4 percent for the operations that had no equine but did have expenses, to 100 percent for those operations with 50 or more equine. Race tracks were not sampled for the economic phase of the survey.

The comprehensive questionnaire used in the second phase of the survey, which included economic questions, was mailed to the entire sub-sample of 2,500 by the middle of January 2001. Operations that did not respond by mail were contacted by telephone and/or personal visits during February and March 2001. We received responses from 95 percent of this group.

Screening of the land area segments was conducted by trained enumerators during January and February 2001. Each operation with land in the segments was asked the number of equine on the operation on September 1, 2000 and the type of operation.

## Summarization

All questionnaires were manually reviewed before being computer edited and summarized. Data from "volunteer" questionnaires received from individuals not on the list were added after summary expansions were calculated. The data from the 400 area segments were expanded and added to the list expansions after eliminating any operations that were already on the list or among the volunteer reporters.

This resulted in a multi-frame indicator, which was the basis for estimating the total number of equine in New York. Summary results from the first phase of the survey were used to set county level estimates and the estimates for breeds. The results of the survey's second phase provided the basis for setting estimates of equine usage, assets, expenditures, and hired labor.

## Results

Estimates from a sample survey will vary depending upon the units selected in the sample. The variations in the expansions are measured by the relative error of the estimate which is the estimate divided by the statistical sampling error. The relative error gives an indication of the confidence that can be assigned to the survey expansions.

Statistically, this survey was designed to estimate the equine population at the State level. The relative error for the total number of equine was 7.8 percent, compared with 6.9 percent in the 1988 survey and 7.7 percent in the 1978 survey.

## Dear Reporter:

Economic significance of the equine industry has changed in recent years. The last comprehensive study of New York equine was conducted in 1988. Since then, economic data have been virtually non-existent. This survey will provide new facts about New York's equine industry.

Whether you have one animal or a stable full, your contribution is essential. Results of this survey will be provided to anyone interested in New York's equine industry. Leaders and educators are depending on this survey to measure the contribution of equine to the New York economy and to the nation.
Your response is entirely voluntary, however your cooperation is extremely important. Your data represent your own and similar operations throughout the state. The information you provide is kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and used only for compiling state and county estimates. Federal law prohibits disclosing individual data and allows for severe fines and imprisonment for violations.


Stephen C. Ropel
State Statistician

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. If you receive more than one questionnaire please return all questionnaires together, to help eliminate duplication.
2. Please report value to the nearest whole dollar.

SECTION I - SCREENING

1. Is this operation known by any name other than (see label)?
$\square$ NO - Continue YES - Enter name $\qquad$ and continue $\square$ Office Use
2. What is the home county of your operation? $\qquad$
3. Were there any equine, regardless of ownersh
$\square$ NO - Continue
$\square$ YES - Go to SECTION II
4. Did you own any equine or have any equine related expenses during 2000?NO - Go to Section IV
5. Where are these equine kept or boarded? (Record name and address where boarded and go to SECTION IV)

Name $\qquad$
Street Address
City, State, Zip

## (See Other Side)

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response.

## SECTION II - GENERAL

1. Which of the following best describes the MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY of your operation?
(Commercial activity is activity for the purpose of earning current or future income.)
CHECK ONE: 1. $\square$ Commercial boarding, training, riding, lessons, show, racing, livery
2. $\square$ Commercial breeding
3. $\qquad$ Farm (crops/livestock)
4. 

 A place to keep horses, ponies, or other equine for personal use? (non commercial/non farm)
5. $\square$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$


Office Use
2. With what disciplines is the operation involved?

CHECK ALL 1. $\square$ Are you involved with thoroughbred racing?
THAT APPLY: $\qquad$ Are you involved with standardbred racing?

3. $\square$ Are you involved with shows or competitive events other than racing?
4. $\square$ Are you involved with recreation or pleasure riding or driving?
5. $\square$ Other (Specify) $\qquad$
3. What is the total acreage you operated in New York on September 1, 2000?
(Include land owned and rented from others, exclude land rented to others)
4. Of the acres you operate above, how many were used for equine related purposes?
(Include hay, pasture, cropland, training areas, buildings, etc.)


## SECTION III - CURRENT EQUINE INVENTORY ON THE LAND YOU OPERATED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2000

1. Please record by breed the total number and corresponding estimated value of equine located on the total acres operated, regardless of equine ownership. Estimated Value - should reflect the price one would pay to purchase these equine in today's market.


| Equine Category | Total Number | Total Estimated Value (Dollars) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Standardbred | 920 | 951 |
| Thoroughbred | 921 | 971 |
| C. DRAFT HORSE BREEDS |  |  |
| Belgian | 925 | 741 |
| Percheron | 926 | 751 |
| Clydesdale | 927 | 761 |
| Other (Specify) | 928 | 771 |
| D. PONIES |  |  |
| Welsh | 500 | 501 |
| Shetland | 510 | 511 |
| Connemara | 520 | 521 |
| Other (Specify) | 530 | 531 |
| E. DONKEYS AND MULES | 905 | 791 |

## SECTION IV - SURVEY RESULTS

Would you like to receive a free copy of the results of this Equine Survey?
The survey results will also be available on the Internet at www.nass.usda.gov/ny
NOYES - Enter a 1 in the box $\square$
That completes the survey. Thank you for your help.


1 Winners Circle
Albany, NY 12235
518-457-5570
Fax: 1-800-591-3834

## Dear Reporter:

The economic significance of the equine industry has changed in recent years. The last comprehensive study of New York equine was conducted in 1988. Since then, economic data have been virtually nonexistent. This survey will provide new facts about the number of equine, their value, assets and related expenses.

Whether you have one animal or a stable full, your contribution is essential. Results of this survey will be provided to anyone interested in New York's equine industry. Leaders and educators are depending on this survey to measure the contribution of equine to New York's economy.

Your response is entirely voluntary and your cooperation is extremely important. Your data represent your own and similar operations throughout the state. The information you provide is kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and used only for compiling state and county estimates. Federal law prohibits disclosing individual data and allows for severe fines and imprisonment for violations.

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\text { Stephen C.Ropel } \\
\text { Stephen C. Ropel } \\
\text { State Statistician }
\end{gathered}
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## SECTION I - ACREAGE

Acres
$\square$
Acres
2. Of the acres you operated (Item 1), how many were used for equine related purposes? (Include hay, pasture, cropland, training areas, buildings, etc.)
Acres
3. How many of the acres used for equine purposes (Item 2) were fenced pasture? . . .
$\square$

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING SECTION II - EQUINE INVENTORY

Please record by breed the total number of equine located on the total acres operated, regardless of equine ownership, as of September 1, 2000. Then, break down the total breed number by recording the number in each category. If a horse is used for more than one purpose, such as a stallion used for pleasure riding, please list that horse only once in the category for which the horse provides the most important service to you.

## PLEASE READ THE DEFINITIONS BELOW BEFORE RECORDING INVENTORY NUMBERS

A. Broodmare - a female that is kept primarily for breeding, now or in the future.
B. Stallion - a male that is kept primarily for breeding, now or in the future.
C. Foals of 1999 - born during calendar year 1999 .
D. Foals of 2000 - born during calendar year 2000 .
E. Racing - any horse kept primarily for the intention of racing whether or not a parimutuel event. Report foals in their own category.
F. CompetitionlSport - equine used primarily for showing, polo, eventing, etc.
G. Pleasure - equine used primarily for pleasure and trail riding for hunting other youth programs, and other recreational use.
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H. Other - equine used for work, commercial carriage rides, police patrols, teaching, any retired horses, etc.

SECTION II - EQUINE INVENTORY ON THE LAND YOU OPERATE - SEPTEMBER 1, 2000 (See instructions on Opposite Page)


## SECTION III - ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2000

1. What is your estimate of the CURRENT VALUE of all equine related land, fencing and buildings on your operation on December 31, 2000 ?

Dollars
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fencing and buildings on your operation on December 31, 2000? . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

What is your estimate of the CURRENT VALUE of all vehicles and equipment owned by you and used on your equine operation?

Dollars
(Include tools, tractors, farm trucks, manure spreaders, starting gates, hot walkers, treadmills, horse trailers, vans etc.)

2a. Of the total above, what is the estimated CURRENT VALUE of all the horse trailers and horse vans you own?

Dollars


2b. How many horse trailers and/or horse vans do you own with the capacity of:

|  | Number |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | 643 |
| 1-2 horses? |  |
|  | Number |
|  | 644 |
| 3-4 horses? |  |
|  | Number |
|  | 645 |
| More than 4 horses? |  |

3. What is your estimate of the CURRENT VALUE of all equine feed and supplies on hand that you own?
(Include grain, hay, straw, other bedding, seeds, fertilizers, feed additives, vitamins, minerals, etc.)
4. What is your estimate of the CURRENT VALUE of all tack, equipment, and equestrian clothing that you own?

Dollars


Dollars
(Include saddles, bridles, halters, harnesses, riding/driving/racing equipment, grooming equipment, blankets, trunks, etc.)

## SECTION III - ASSETS

(Continued)

Number
5. What is the total number of stalls used for equine purposes on your operation?
6. How long has the current operator had equine at the present location? (CHECK ONE)

| Less than 3 years | 1. | $\square$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 3 to 5 years $\ldots \ldots$. | 2. | $\square$ |
| 6 to 10 years . . . . . | 3. | $\square$ |
| 11 to 20 years . . . . | 4. | $\square$ |
| 21 years or more . . | 5. | $\square$ |

7. If you had equine on your place 10 years or less (Item 6), how was your property last used before you got involved with equine? (CHECK ONE)


## SECTION IV - EQUINE RELATED EXPENDITURES IN 2000

A. OPERATING EXPENSES INCURRED BY YOU DURING 2000 (Estimate for entire year)

1. BOARDING AND TRAINING FEES PAID TO OTHERS (Include stall fees and fees paid for training equine and/or individuals only if they cannot be broken out below)

Dollars


IMPORTANT: If you listed expenses as "boarding and training fees," the only other expenses that should be listed are additional expenses not included in "boarding and training." Do NOT list a "boarding and training" total and then break it down in the answer cells below.

| 2. HAY (If home grown, estimate value) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| What percent of the value is from New York produced hay? | ${ }^{647}$ \% |
| 3. GRAIN (If home grown, estimate value) |  |
| What percent of the value is from New York produced grain? | \% |

4. MIXED OR FORMULA FEEDS AND SUPPLEMENTS
5. BEDDING (If home grown, estimate value)
$650 \quad \%$
6. HEALTH (Include veterinarian fees, medicines, parasite control, lab work, etc.)
7. SUPPLIES (Include clippers, soaps, oils, sprays, brushes, tack, etc.)
8. FARRIER
9. BREEDING FEES (Include vet fees, A.l., shipping for breeding, semen, etc.)
10. MAINTENANCE/REPAIR (Include contracted labor and materials for maintenance of buildings, facilities, fencing, equipment, etc.)


What percent of the value is from New York produced bedding?.
11. INSURANCE PREMIUMS (equine related - liability, collision, mortality, etc.)
12. UTILITIES (equine related - telephone, water, natural gas, heating oil, electricity, etc.)
13. FUELS (equine related, including oils and lubricants)
14. TAXES (Include property tax on equine related land)
15. INTEREST (equine related debt only)
16. RENT/LEASE (Include rental of land and buildings, rental of equine, rental of equipment, etc.).
17. FEES and PAYMENTS (Include equine registration, competition entry and membership fees, etc.)
18. SHIPPING and TRAVEL (Include airfare, meals, lodging, shipping of equine, etc.)
19. MISCELLANEOUS (Inc/ude cost of ads, entertainment, pamphlets, subscriptions, etc.)

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## SECTION IV - EQUINE RELATED EXPENDITURES <br> (Continued)

B. CAPITAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY YOU DURING 2000 (Estimate for entire year)

1. PURCHASES OF EQUINE (If partial ownership, include only your share)

Dollars
2. REAL ESTATE PURCHASES AND IMPROVEMENT
(Include materials for construction of or additions to equine related buildings, fences, etc.) ...
3. EQUIPMENT PURCHASES (Include tractors, manure spreaders, motor homes, campers, pickups, autos, horse vans, trailers, portable stalls, starting gates, hot walkers, treadmills, sulkies, carts, buggies, etc.).

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## SECTION V - EMPLOYMENT DURING 2000

NOTE: If a hired worker performs multiple duties, count the workers only once in the category for which the worker provides the most important service to you.

1. Total number of workers paid in either cash or non-cash items
a. Manager, assistant manager
b. Trainer, assistant trainer
c. Groom, exercise rider, etc
d. Other type of worker (specify $\qquad$ )

| Full Time <br> (150 days <br> or <br> more | Part Time <br> and/or <br> Seasonal <br> (Less than <br> 150 days) |
| :--- | :--- |
| 626 | Number <br> Number |
| 628 | 627 |
| 630 | 631 |
| 632 | 635 |

$$
(a+b+c+d \text { must equal total in 1.) }
$$

2. Total cash labor expense for entire year (Include cash wages and employer cost of social security tax, worker's compensation, insurance, pensions, unemployment compensation, etc.)

| 636 |
| :---: |
| Dollars |
| 637 | (Include housing, meals, clothing, horse board, lessons and other benefits)


| Number |
| :---: |
| 639 |

4. How many workers did you provide housing for during 2000 (exclude owners)?

## SECTION VI - SURVEY RESULTS

Would you like to receive a free copy of the results of this Equine Survey?
The survey results will also be available free of charge on the internet at www.nass.usda.gov/nyNO
$\downarrow$YES - Enter a 1 in the box

That completes the survey. Thank you for your help.

## COMMENTS:

Respondent $\qquad$ Phone ( ) $\qquad$
Title $\qquad$ Date $\qquad$

| Enumerator: | ENUM ID | $\underset{\text { RESPONSE CODE }}{\substack{\text { R-M }}}$ |  |  |
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[^0]:    1/ Based on total equine on hand September 1, 2000.

[^1]:    1/ Breed categories rounded.

[^2]:    1/ Property use prior to involvement with equine for properties with equine less than 10 years. 2/ Less than 100 operations.

