



# State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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## **Indiana Bucks Downward Trend**

### **Only Top State to Post Increase in Foal Production**

The facts are out and Indiana stands alone. The Jockey Club 2015 Fact Book names Indiana as the only top 20 foal producing state to show an increase over the past ten years (2004 – 2013). During that time-frame the Hoosier state increased its foal production 24.8%, which contrasts with a 39.8% national decline. The Jockey Club is the national breed registry association for thoroughbreds and publishes the online Fact Book, a statistical and informational guide to Thoroughbred breeding, racing and auction sales in North America. It can be found on the Jockey Club's website at [www.jockeyclub.com](http://www.jockeyclub.com).

The primary reason for Indiana's growth is 2007 legislation that permitted slot machines at Indiana racetracks. Once implemented, the revenue allocated to the Thoroughbred Breed Development Program increased by more than 400%, from \$3.1 million to over \$13 million annually.

While widely beneficial, slot machines are not the sole reason for Indiana's unique status as the **only** positive trend state. Other racino states such as Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and West Virginia all posted double digit declines. The Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development Program offers benefits to program participants including eligibility to a lucrative stakes program, increased purses for Indiana bred races, purse supplements for Indiana bred horses finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in open races, and in-state and out-of-state awards for breeders.

"The Governor appointed breed advisory committees, past and present, should be proud of the Indiana state bred program they have helped to build," said Joe Gorajec, Executive Director.

Centaur Gaming, owner of Indiana Grand Racing and Casino, also has played a major role in enhancing Indiana's breed program – not only hosting the program, but also becoming a significant contributor to its development. The entire racetrack, from ownership, management, and Director of Racing, Kevin Greeley, strives to produce a top notch racing program, which includes the program for Indiana bred horses, dedicating track purse dollars to continue to promote its growth.

Indiana's 2015 thoroughbred race meet runs 120 days from April 21 through October 31, 2015 at Indiana Grand Racing and Casino. Additional information about the Thoroughbred Breed Development Program can be found at [www.in.gov/hrc/tb.htm](http://www.in.gov/hrc/tb.htm).