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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

**Pennsylvania Horse and Harness Racing Commissions  
2013 Annual Report**

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## **Introduction**

Since 1959, people have enjoyed the fast pace and excitement of live horse and harness racing at six racetracks across Pennsylvania. In nearly six decades, the state has become a prime spot to breed and race top horses and to soak in the live racing experience. With excitement, heritage, and local flavor, 16 county and community fairgrounds host Pennsylvania fair harness racing.

Thoroughbred racetracks offered \$110 million in purses to top racers in 2013 and harness racing put \$108 million on the table, with its three tracks ranked in the top six in North American in gross payout. Last year, bettors wagered more than \$800 million on Pennsylvania racing.

Pennsylvania's racing commissions ensure the integrity of the sport, developing testing protocols, and working through the Pennsylvania Equine Testing Research Laboratory (PETRL) testing lab and the University of Pennsylvania and with industry participants and neighboring states' racing authorities. They also oversee incentive programs that raise the profile and marketability of top local performers, their owners, and breeders.

## 2013 Licensing and Ruling Statistics

### *Licenses Issued*

Thoroughbred Total	8,771	Harness Total	3,935
COMBINED LICENSING		12,706	

### *Licensing Fees Collected*

Thoroughbred Licensing	\$328,765		
Thoroughbred Colors Fees	\$29,425		
Total Thoroughbred Fees:	\$ 358,190	Total Harness Fees:	\$294,224
COMBINED LICENSING FEES		\$652,414	

### *Rulings Issued*

THOROUGHBRED		HARNESS	
Executive Office	61	Executive Office	117
Parx	292	Harrah's	296
Penn National	475	Meadows	269
Presque Isle	125	Pocono	277
Total Thoroughbred	953	Total Harness	959
COMBINED RULINGS		1,912	

### *Fines Collected*

Thoroughbred	\$125,302	Harness	\$135,729
COMBINED FINES		\$261,031	

## 2013 State Racing Commissions Report of Expenditures

(Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2013)

<b>Racing Expenditures</b>	
Salaries	\$1,258,291.25
Wages	\$4,592,818.29
Overtime	\$42,145.99
Benefits	\$3,388,966.93
Other Personnel Costs	\$110,417.00
<b>Total Racing Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$9,392,639.46</b>
Travel Expenses	\$27,318.90
Communications	\$45,199.84
Database/Technical Infrastructure	\$217,046.51
Legal Services/Fees	\$41,669.49
Specialized, Contracted, and Other Services	\$195,245.64
Membership Dues	\$70,904.40
Supplies (Office, Laboratory, etc.)	\$159,321.99
Equipment	\$180,082.30
Software/Hardware	\$29,947.95
Postage and Freight	\$56,695.88
Other Operating Expenses	\$35,049.07
<b>Total Racing Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,058,481.97</b>
Interfund Reimbursements	\$1,180,970.00
<b>Total Racing Non-Expense Items</b>	<b>\$1,180,970.00</b>
<b>Total Racing Expenditures</b>	<b>\$11,632,091.43</b>
<b>PETRL Expenditures</b>	
Salaries	\$333,857.06
Benefits	\$174,344.55
<b>Total PETRL Personnel Services</b>	<b>\$508,201.61</b>
Travel	\$890.77
Communications	\$9,578.71
Supplies (Office, Laboratory, etc.)	\$165,753.97
Postage and Freight	\$571.62
Specialized, Contracted, and Other	\$1,297,527.80
Other Operating Expenses	\$3,550.73
<b>Total PETRL Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,477,873.60</b>
Interfund Reimbursements	\$250,000.00
<b>Total PETRL Non-Expense Items</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>
<b>Total PETRL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,236,075.21</b>
<b>Total Racing and PETRL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,868,166.64</b>

Funding supports racing at three thoroughbred tracks (Parx, Penn National, and Presque Isle) and three Standardbred tracks (Harrah's Philadelphia, Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, and The Meadows). A total of 1,005 live racing days were held at these tracks in 2013. Funding also supports a complement of approximately 40 salary employees and 180 wage employees to operate the commissions' racing programs in Pennsylvania.

### Track Complement in Administrative Positions

Parx	35
Penn National	34
Presque Isle	31
The Meadows	32
Pocono Downs	28
Harrah's Philadelphia	28
PETRL	3
Administrative	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225</b>

### Pennsylvania Breeders Fund Statement of Restricted Revenue

(Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2013)

<b>FUND BALANCE (adjusted) as of 1-1-13</b>		<b>-\$1,523,553</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Transfers from Race Horse Development Fund in 2013		\$17,125,771
<b>TOTAL REVENUE CY13</b>		<b>\$17,125,771</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Administration and Development		\$642,471
Awards		
Breeder	\$9,495,800	
Stallion	\$1,239,564	
Owner	\$70,660	
Total Awards		\$10,806,024
Purses		
Overnights	\$632,825	
Stakes	\$4,116,674	
Total Purses		\$4,749,499
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES CY13</b>		<b>\$16,197,994</b>
<b>REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES CY13</b>		<b>\$927,777</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>-595,776</b>

## 2013 Standardbred Breed-Enhancement Programs

### *Sire Stakes*

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2013</b>	<b>\$7,676,504</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Transfers from Race Horse Development Fund CY2013	\$7,997,969
Transfers from Race Horse Development Fund in 2014 applicable to 2013	\$243,590
Nominating Fees	\$119,061
Sustaining Fee	\$1,209,584
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,570,204</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Personnel	\$155,024
Operating	\$9,001
Administrative	\$9,275
Awards	\$9,978,188
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$10,151,488</b>
Net Change	\$(581,284)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$7,095,220</b>

### *Standardbred Breeders Fund*

<b>Balance as of January 1, 2013</b>	<b>\$8,626,617</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Transfers from Race Horse Development Fund CY2013	\$7,997,969
Transfers from Race Horse Development Fund in 2014 applicable to 2013	\$243,590
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$8,241,559</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Awards Paid in CY13	\$8,607,024
Administrative	\$425
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$8,607,449</b>
Net Change	(\$365,890)
Prior Year Adjustment	(\$2,962)
<b>Balance as of December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$8,257,765</b>

## 2013 Taxable Wagering on Horse Racing

(Handle total determines base for PA taxes, Commissions' expenses)

<b>RACINO</b>	<b>Thoroughbred</b>	<b>Harness</b>	<b>Total</b>
Parx Racing	\$171,577,945	\$27,937,510	\$199,515,455
Penn National	\$83,466,736	\$7,697,053	\$91,163,789
The Meadows	\$53,123,199	\$30,364,832	\$83,488,031
Mohegan Sun/Pocono Downs	\$40,196,716	\$22,198,667	\$62,395,383
Harrah's Philadelphia	\$20,993,347	\$10,293,025	\$31,286,372
Presque Isle Downs	\$12,044,745	\$683,318	\$12,728,063
<b>TAXABLE WAGERING</b>	<b>\$381,402,688</b>	<b>\$99,174,405</b>	<b>\$480,577,093</b>

## Pennsylvania Betting by Tracks' Systems

("System betting" = on-track, phone/computer, and at off-track sites)

<b>THOROUGHBRED</b>		<b>STANDARD BRED</b>	
<b>PARX</b>		<b>MEADOWS</b>	
On-Track	\$56,520,246	On-Track	\$22,834,156
Phone Bet	\$39,582,664	Account Wagering	\$21,549,364
Center City	\$12,430,629	New Castle	\$14,256,269
South Philadelphia	\$41,879,403	Harmar	\$16,448,486
Valley Forge	\$16,353,071	Moon	\$7,150,245
Brandywine	\$11,209,776	<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,238,520</b>
Northeast	\$24,634,717		
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$202,610,506</b>		
<b>PENN NATIONAL</b>		<b>POCONO</b>	
On-Track	\$23,700,289	On-Track	\$17,524,847
Telebet	\$19,874,480	Dial-A-Bet	\$9,331,684
Reading	\$10,855,532	Carbondale	\$7,320,826
Chambersburg	\$5,813,989	East Stroudsburg	\$8,583,741
York	\$16,655,367	Lehigh Valley	\$22,589,651
Lancaster	\$11,578,477	<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,350,749</b>
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,478,134</b>		
<b>PRESQUE ISLE</b>		<b>HARRAH'S PHILA.</b>	
On-Track	\$10,450,707	On-Track	\$25,251,058
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,450,707</b>	Account Wagering	\$6,035,312
		<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,286,370</b>
<b>T'BRED SYSTEMS</b>	<b>\$301,539,347</b>	<b>HARNESS SYSTEMS</b>	<b>\$178,875,639</b>



## 2013 Betting on Live Racing

(at the track, through phone/OTW, at other state tracks, and outside the state)

<b>THOROUGHBRED</b>		<b>STANDARD BRED</b>	
<b>PARX</b>	(209 cards)	<b>MEADOWS</b>	(208 cards)
On-Track	\$14,435,418	On-Track	\$5,131,182
Phone Betting/OTWs	\$9,582,758	Phone Betting/OTWs	\$3,658,308
Intrastate Wagering	\$6,855,182	Intrastate Wagering	\$5,385,517
Interstate Wagering	\$243,884,689	Interstate Wagering	\$92,392,857
<b>BET ON PARX</b>	<b>\$274,758,047</b>	<b>BET ON MEADOWS</b>	<b>\$106,567,864</b>
<b>PENN NATIONAL</b>	(197 cards)	<b>POCONO</b>	(140 cards)
On-Track	\$6,539,407	On-Track	\$4,253,150
Phone Betting/OTWs	\$4,214,377	Phone Betting/OTWs	\$1,842,931
Intrastate Wagering	\$8,736,996	Intrastate Wagering	\$3,225,915
Interstate Wagering	\$192,973,659	Interstate Wagering	\$55,350,941
<b>BET ON PENN NAT.</b>	<b>\$212,464,439</b>	<b>BET ON POCONO</b>	<b>\$64,672,937</b>
<b>PRESQUE ISLE</b>	(100 cards)	<b>HARRAH'S PHILA.</b>	(149 cards)
On-Track	\$2,291,201	On-Track & phone	\$3,624,530
Intrastate Wagering	\$2,757,250	Intrastate Wagering	\$4,711,754
Interstate Wagering	\$64,650,928	Interstate Wagering	\$70,284,658
<b>BET ON PRESQUE</b>	<b>\$69,699,379</b>	<b>BET ON PHILA.</b>	<b>\$78,620,942</b>
<b>BET ON T'BREDS</b>	<b>\$556,921,865</b>	<b>BET ON HARNESS</b>	<b>\$249,861,743</b>

**INTERSTATE BETTING ON 2013 PENNSYLVANIA RACING:     \$806,783,608**

## 2013 Purses Paid

<b>THOROUGHBRED</b>		<b>HARNESS</b>	
at Parx	\$54,116,000	at Meadows	\$35,644,758
at Penn National	\$36,301,855	at Philadelphia	\$39,856,944
at Presque Isle	\$19,619,394	at Pocono	\$32,400,501
<b>T'Bred Purses</b>	<b>\$110,037,249</b>	<b>Harness Purses</b>	<b>\$107,902,203</b>

## 2013 Revenue Generated by Wagering

	Parx	PN	PID	Mea	PcD	Phila.	TOTAL
<b>THOROUGHBREDD</b>							
Wagering Tax 1.5%	\$2,573,670	\$1,252,001	\$120,447	\$796,848	\$602,951	\$209,933	\$5,555,850
Exotic Pools Tax 1%	\$1,106,960	\$543,023	\$69,638	\$388,862	\$271,089	\$139,805	\$2,519,377
Breakage 25%	\$151,283	\$68,221	\$10,325	\$45,194	\$25,566	\$14,012	\$314,601
Admission	\$10,166	\$11,526	\$2,554	**	**	**	\$24,246
2013 Outs	\$678,771	\$304,342	\$58,231	**	**	**	\$1,041,344
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,520,850</b>	<b>\$2,179,113</b>	<b>\$261,195</b>	<b>\$1,230,904</b>	<b>\$899,606</b>	<b>\$363,750</b>	<b>\$9,455,418</b>
<b>HARNESS</b>							
Wagering Tax 1.5%	\$419,063	\$115,455	\$10,250	\$455,472	\$332,980	\$154,395	\$1,487,615
Exotic Pools Tax 1%	\$199,469	\$57,293	\$5,388	\$229,214	\$160,375	\$71,704	\$723,443
Admission	**	**	**	\$4,970	\$4,840	\$4,726	\$14,536
2013 Outs	**	**	**	\$277,100	\$222,470	\$100,348	\$599,918
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$618,532</b>	<b>\$172,748</b>	<b>\$15,638</b>	<b>\$966,756</b>	<b>\$720,665</b>	<b>\$331,173</b>	<b>\$2,825,512</b>
<b>COMBINED</b>							
Wagering Tax 1.5%	\$2,992,733	\$1,367,456	\$130,697	\$1,252,320	\$935,931	\$364,328	\$7,043,465
Exotic Pools Tax 1%	\$1,306,429	\$600,316	\$75,026	\$618,076	\$431,464	\$211,509	\$3,242,820
Breakage 25%	\$151,283	\$68,221	\$10,325	\$45,194	\$25,566	\$14,012	\$314,601
Admission	\$10,166	\$11,526	\$2,554	\$4,970	\$4,840	\$4,726	\$38,782
2013 Outs	\$678,771	\$304,342	\$58,231	\$277,100	\$222,470	\$100,348	\$1,641,262
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,139,382</b>	<b>\$2,351,861</b>	<b>\$276,833</b>	<b>\$2,197,660</b>	<b>\$1,620,271</b>	<b>\$694,923</b>	<b>\$12,280,930</b>

\*\* - included in "home" breed figure