



Dear Member,

We need your help. By completing the attached survey, and returning it as quickly as possible, **you can help us combat legislative proposals in Harrisburg that will harm Pennsylvania's horseracing, breeding, and agriculture industry.**

There are two major issues impacting our industry that could be voted on by our state representatives and senators in the coming weeks. First, we are concerned – as we are each budget cycle -- by the potential for the legislature to divert funds from the Race Horse Development Fund, which provides money for purses and breeder incentives.

The second major concern, and an issue that could have a long-term impact, is the potential for the legislature to approve gaming expansion in the form of Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) at bars and tavern, internet gaming, or smaller satellite casinos with slots machines. That expanded gaming would decrease slots revenues at our racetrack casinos, which fund the Race Horse Development Fund.

As your advocate on these issues, we are working to ensure that the Race Horse Development Fund is not adversely impacted in either the budget or gaming expansion legislation. **But we need your help.**

Your responses to this survey will help us to demonstrate how a broad range of companies and businesses benefit from the existence of the racing and breeding industry. This includes contractors who perform work on farms, truck and trailer dealers, blacksmiths, veterinarians, tack and feed providers, and various other businesses that you utilize as a horse owner or breeder.

You will note that the survey is from the Pennsylvania Equine Coalition. The Coalition is made up of Pennsylvania's 6 thoroughbred and standardbred horsemen and breeder organizations, including our own organization. The Equine Coalition allows the state's horseracing community to advocate on legislative and policy issues with a unified voice.

The information gathered through this survey will enable us to reach out to suppliers and vendors to urge them to join us in advocating for the protection of the horseracing industry, which supports their own businesses. By creating more advocates, and showing the breadth of our economic impact, we can be more effective in fighting for our members' interests.

Please rest assured that we will not release any information related to your internal business operations without your permission that is to any other horsemen, breeder, or anyone else.

A few minutes of your time could help make a major difference in our efforts to successfully fight these threats to our industry. Thank you for your support and taking the time to complete this survey.

Please Return to Mike Musser at musser10@comcast.net

By May 22nd, 2017

If you have any questions, you can reach Mike at 717-329-7856.



PA Equine Coalition Survey

Participant Name: _____

Street address: _____

Municipality: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

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1. How many horses do you own?

Standardbred _____

Thoroughbred _____

How many horses are:

Racing Horse _____

Breeding Horse _____

2. Do you have your own farm?

If so, How many acres of open space do you own on your farm? _____

Where is your farm located? (County & Municipality)

3. How many people do you employ? _____

4. How many of your employees are:

Exercise riders _____

Hot walkers _____

Assistant trainers _____

Grooms _____

Trainers _____

Other _____

If other, please specify: _____

5. If not at your own farm, which farm do you breed your horses? (Please list name, location and contact information)

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6. If you do not own your own farm, which farm do you send your horses to be trained? (Please list location and contact information)

7. What farm or stable are your horses boarded if they are not at the racetrack? (Please include location and contact information)

8. Do you rent stalls for your horses at a County Fair Ground? (If Yes, please list County and location)

9. Where do you break your babies and do initial training before bringing them to the racetrack? (Please include location and contact information)

How many of your horses are located there? _____

10. Where do you send your horses for retirement? (Please list location and contact information)

11. From what company do you purchase your horse trailers? (Please include location and contact information)

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12. From what auto company have you purchased or leased vehicles for your farm or transport of horses? (Please list name, location and contact information)

13. From what company (companies) do you purchase your tack, grooming supplies, and equipment? (Please include locations and contact information)

14. Which blacksmith, veterinarian & equine dentist do you use? (Please include location and contact information)

15. Who provides your professional services? (Lawyers, Accountants, Marketing, Insurance providers, etc.) (Please include location and contact information)

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16. Please list companies that provide your feed and bedding, including any supplements. (Please include location and contact information)

17. Who do you use as your bloodstock agent and auction house? (Please include location and contact information)

18. Which county fairs do you attend with your horses, if any?

19. Who do you use for emergency care or surgeries? (Please include name and contact information)

20. Do you belong to any professional associations or organizations? (Please provide name and contact information)

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