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## **Kentucky Horse Breeders' Incentive Fund (Non-Race) Distributes Awards to 10 Participating Breeds**

**LEXINGTON, Ky. – (March 4, 2015)** – The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) announced today that the Kentucky Horse Breeders' Incentive Fund (KHBIF) is distributing \$866,319 in awards to owners and breeders participating in non-racing events across the U.S. The amount of the distribution represents 7 percent of the 6 percent sales tax collected when a stallion is bred to a mare in Kentucky.

The awards were supplemented with an additional \$195,000 to the Breeder Incentive Funds by Kentucky Downs along with the Kentucky Horsemen's Benevolent & Protective Association with 7 percent benefiting the KHBIF. The additional contribution represents 1 percent of net-track commission for wagers placed on historical horse racing at Kentucky Down's facility.

"It's great to see so many breeds benefitting from programs such as historical horse racing and the Kentucky Breeders' Incentive Fund; preserving Kentucky as the Horse Capital of the World," said KHRC Executive Director John Ward. "Since 2006, the fund has given back almost \$9 million to non-racing participants who compete in events across the U.S."

The amounts awarded to each breed are determined by the number of horses of that breed in Kentucky under age 25 as reported by the national breed registry. The funds will be distributed among owners and breeders' of 10 non-racing breeds, with the largest group, the Kentucky Quarter Horse Association receiving \$236,657.

<u>Number of each breed</u>	<u>Breed</u>	<u>Amount</u>
4,087	Kentucky Appaloosa Owners Association Inc.	\$26,325
7,703	Kentucky Arabian & Half Arabian Breeders Alliance	\$49,617
5,898	Kentucky Miniature Horse Breeders Club	\$37,990
16,600	Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association of Ky.	\$106,924
10,149	Kentucky Paint Horse Club	\$65,372
36,741	Kentucky Quarter Horse Association	\$236,657
6,383	Rocky Mountain Horse Association	\$41,114
10,893	Ky. Saddlebred Owners and Breeders Association	\$70,164
1,361	South Central Hackney Association	\$8,767
34,681	Kentucky Walking Horse Breeders Incentive Fund	\$223,388
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>134,496</b>	<b>\$866,319</b>

The Kentucky Breeders' Incentive Fund was implemented in 2005 to ensure the strength and growth of the horse industry in Kentucky. This fund is financed through the 6 percent sales tax paid for breeding a stallion to a mare in Kentucky and includes the KHBIF along with the Kentucky Thoroughbred Breeders' Incentive Fund and Kentucky Standardbred Breeders' Incentive Fund.

The breeder incentive funds are administered by the KHRC. For more information visit <http://KHRC.ky.gov> or contact Jamie Eads at 859-246-2847 or [Jamie.Eads@ky.gov](mailto:Jamie.Eads@ky.gov).