

# **2017 ALBERTA FACT BOOK**

**A statistical guide to the  
Thoroughbred industry  
in Alberta**



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## Preface

This report has been compiled as an industry service by The Jockey Club with the intent of shedding some statistical light on the Thoroughbred industry in ALBERTA and, in particular, trends that have evolved over the past two decades. It contains sections on breeding, racing and auction sales. Statistics within the breeding section and those pertaining to racing performance by foaling year are updated on a regular basis. Statistics contained herein are provided courtesy of The Jockey Club, The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. and Equibase Company LLC. Information pertaining to stallions, mares bred and foal crops are maintained in The Jockey Club's pedigree database and reflect information submitted to the Registry by owners and breeders throughout North America as of the date listed on the page. Information pertaining to races, purses, starters, starts and field size are maintained in the Equibase Company database as collected and reported by chartcallers at tracks throughout North America. Information pertaining to the number of weanlings, yearlings and 2-year-olds sold at auction, gross sales, average price and median price are maintained in the equineline.com database of The Jockey Club Information Systems. Since 2005, Canadian purses have been converted to their equivalent amount in U.S. funds.

Many other statistics about the Thoroughbred industry can be found in The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book ([jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp](http://jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp)). The Jockey Club is dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing and serves as the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds.

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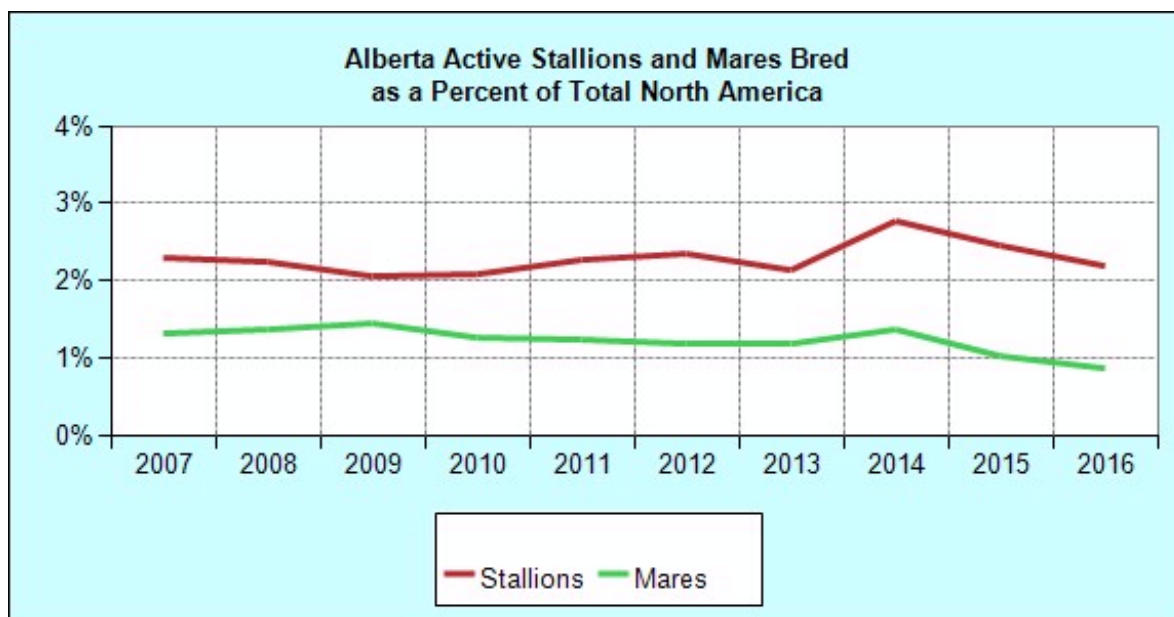
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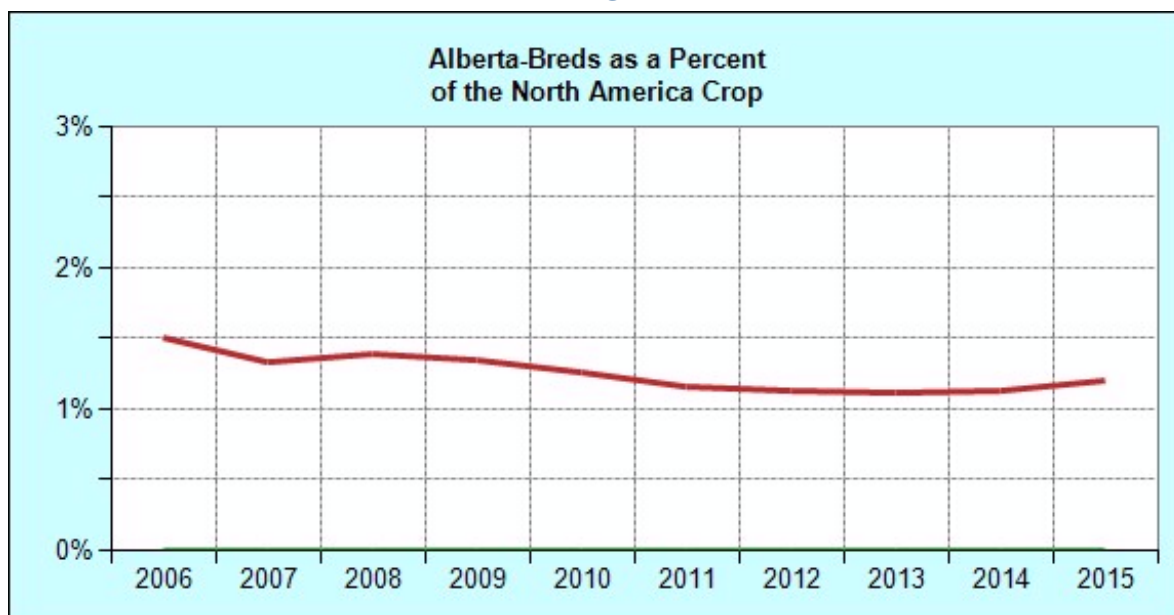
## Annual Mares Bred to Alberta Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
1995	1,094	1.8	122	2.1	9.0	10.5
1996	1,008	1.7	117	2.2	8.6	11.0
1997	894	1.5	111	2.1	8.1	11.5
1998	916	1.5	112	2.2	8.2	12.1
1999	825	1.3	93	1.9	8.9	12.7
2000	832	1.3	93	2.0	8.9	13.5
2001	855	1.3	86	1.8	9.9	13.7
2002	902	1.4	92	2.0	9.8	14.1
2003	886	1.4	96	2.2	9.2	14.2
2004	948	1.5	84	1.9	11.3	14.6
2005	978	1.5	94	2.2	10.4	15.1
2006	905	1.4	83	2.0	10.9	15.5
2007	810	1.3	89	2.3	9.1	15.8
2008	774	1.4	82	2.3	9.4	15.6
2009	707	1.4	69	2.1	10.2	14.8
2010	560	1.3	65	2.1	8.6	14.2
2011	498	1.3	63	2.3	7.9	14.2
2012	453	1.2	60	2.3	7.6	14.7
2013	436	1.2	50	2.2	8.7	15.6
2014	514	1.4	63	2.8	8.2	16.6
2015	381	1.0	49	2.5	7.8	18.7
2016	314	0.9	38	2.2	8.3	20.6

Figures as of 09/01/2017

## Annual Alberta Registered Foal Crop



<b>Crop Year</b>	<b>Alberta</b>	<b>North America</b>	<b>Pct. of NA Crop</b>
1995	573	34,983	1.6
1996	558	35,366	1.6
1997	516	35,143	1.5
1998	493	36,021	1.4
1999	562	36,929	1.5
2000	525	37,755	1.4
2001	516	37,901	1.4
2002	510	35,978	1.4
2003	480	37,067	1.3
2004	475	37,949	1.3
2005	572	38,365	1.5
2006	576	38,104	1.5
2007	500	37,499	1.3
2008	491	35,274	1.4
2009	434	32,364	1.3
2010	358	28,418	1.3
2011	290	24,930	1.2
2012	268	23,744	1.1
2013	260	23,222	1.1
2014	258	22,905	1.1
2015	269	22,500 *	1.2

\* Estimated figure

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## Foaling Area of Alberta-Sired Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Foaling Area	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
AB	199	203	175	224	236
SK	8	1	2	0	2
OH	4	8	0	0	0
WV	2	0	0	0	0
ON	2	2	0	6	1
KY	2	2	0	0	1
BC	2	12	5	3	8
CA	2	0	0	2	0
MB	2	2	4	0	1
IN	1	0	0	0	0
CO	0	0	0	1	0
NV	0	0	1	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>250</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2015  
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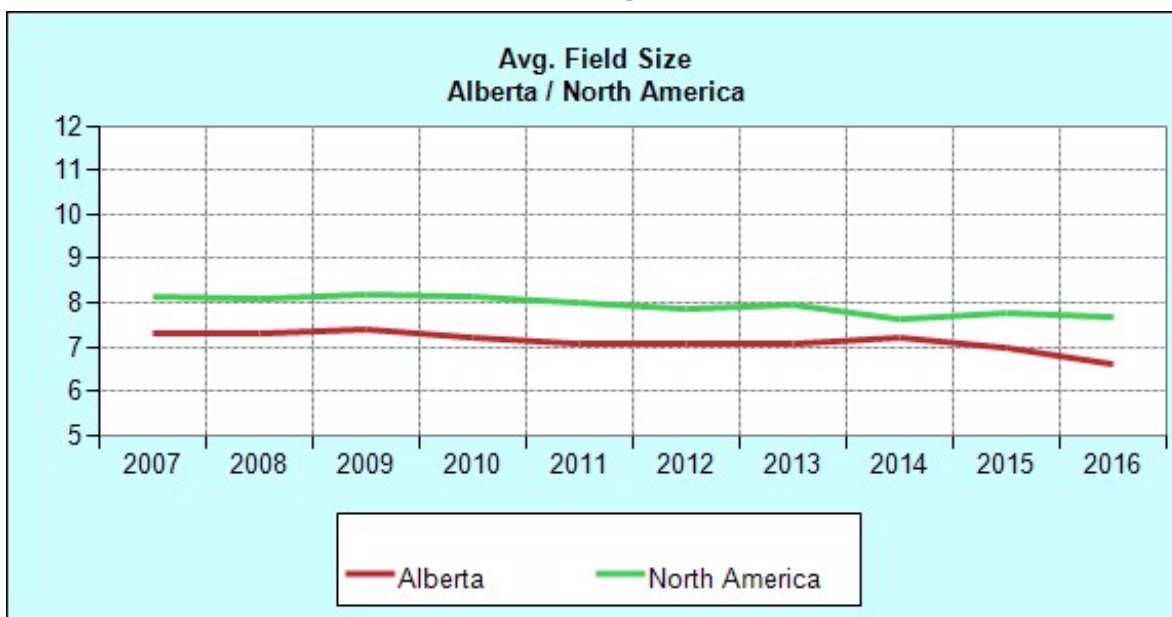
## Conception Area of Alberta-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
AB	199	203	175	224	236
KY	24	15	26	18	21
ON	13	13	24	4	6
BC	12	7	10	5	6
CA	6	7	9	0	5
SK	6	4	7	9	7
NY	2	2	2	1	0
WA	2	4	0	0	2
FL	2	0	0	0	1
MB	1	0	2	3	3
MD	1	0	1	1	0
LA	1	0	1	0	0
MT	0	2	3	1	3
NM	0	1	0	1	0
AZ	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>290</b>

Note: Figures include only foals conceived in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico and where the conception area is known. Ranked by number of registered foals in 2015. Figures as of 09/01/2017

## Alberta Racing Overview

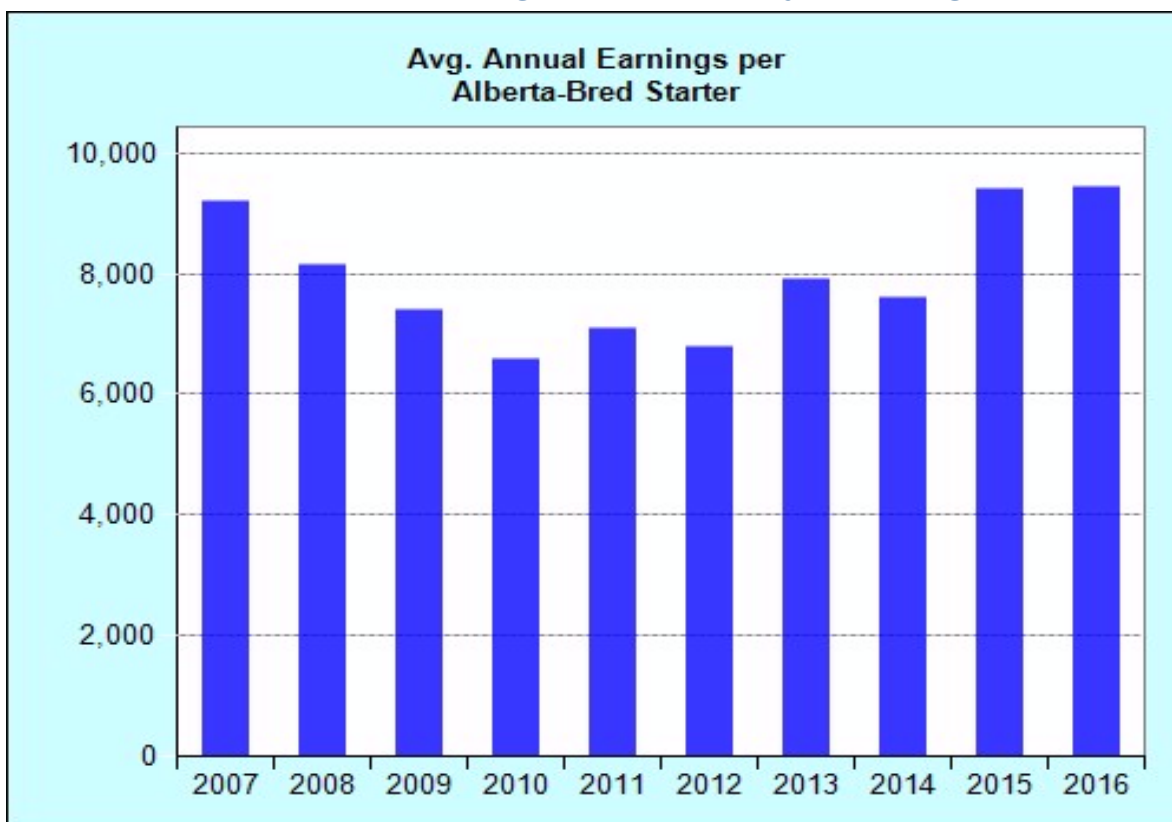


Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
1996	1,193	8,616,333	1,417	8,937	127	7.5	7,222
1997	1,036	7,950,688	1,297	7,869	113	7.6	7,674
1998	1,093	8,573,955	1,357	8,478	120	7.8	7,844
1999	1,139	8,101,367	1,457	8,578	166	7.5	7,113
2000	1,154	8,374,322	1,454	8,518	166	7.4	7,257
2001	1,163	11,911,024	1,379	8,417	166	7.2	10,242
2002	1,169	12,711,166	1,495	8,843	163	7.6	10,874
2003	1,236	14,834,044	1,613	9,197	171	7.4	12,002
2004	1,364	16,658,558	1,789	10,355	192	7.6	12,213
2005	1,151	13,045,701	1,692	8,740	166	7.6	11,334
2006	1,322	15,783,963	1,797	9,588	189	7.3	11,939
2007	1,242	16,439,453	1,719	9,044	177	7.3	13,236
2008	1,184	15,215,606	1,792	8,623	173	7.3	12,851
2009	1,068	12,201,708	1,667	7,918	154	7.4	11,425
2010	968	9,544,191	1,537	7,009	152	7.2	9,860
2011	941	9,973,528	1,408	6,656	145	7.1	10,599
2012	951	9,743,113	1,329	6,772	151	7.1	10,245
2013	852	9,565,783	1,268	6,008	144	7.1	11,227
2014	781	8,682,216	1,160	5,629	133	7.2	11,117
2015	773	7,714,083	1,077	5,413	134	7.0	9,979
2016	733	7,131,904	1,056	4,868	129	6.6	9,730

Note: Purses represent all available money, including monies not won and returned to state breeder or other funds.



## Alberta-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



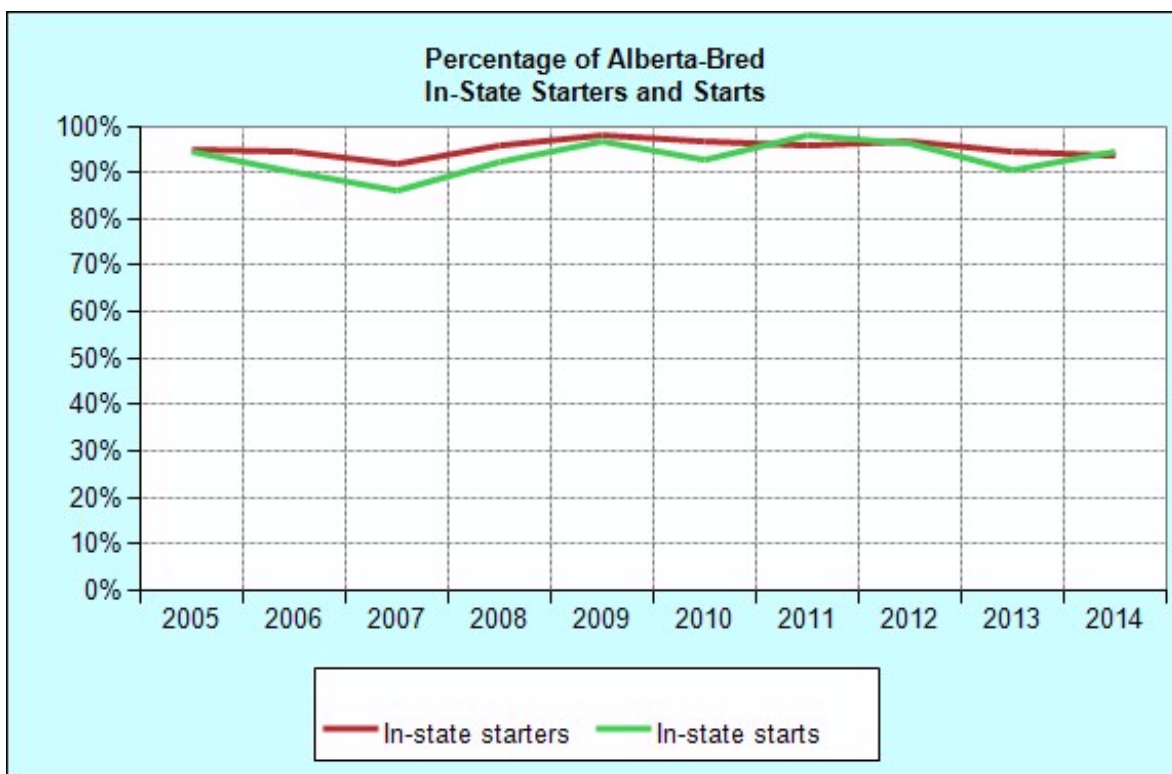
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
1996	1,004	7,349	6,826,042	6,799	7.3
1997	988	6,675	6,720,335	6,802	6.8
1998	1,014	6,912	7,118,581	7,020	6.8
1999	1,092	7,038	7,000,701	6,411	6.5
2000	1,019	6,962	7,785,680	7,641	6.8
2001	988	6,730	10,530,947	10,659	6.8
2002	1,043	6,804	10,143,467	9,725	6.5
2003	1,050	6,778	10,777,419	10,264	6.5
2004	1,051	6,700	10,306,224	9,806	6.4
2005	1,041	6,015	9,274,434	8,909	5.8
2006	926	5,487	8,734,096	9,432	5.9
2007	886	5,005	8,154,630	9,204	5.7
2008	872	4,658	7,110,334	8,154	5.3
2009	828	4,335	6,126,506	7,399	5.2
2010	801	4,141	5,276,309	6,587	5.2
2011	754	4,219	5,344,243	7,088	5.6
2012	737	4,249	5,001,994	6,787	5.8
2013	645	3,551	5,101,711	7,910	5.5
2014	552	2,931	4,194,818	7,599	5.3
2015	514	2,899	4,841,963	9,420	5.6
2016	529	2,903	4,999,318	9,451	5.5

## Alberta-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
1995	573	375	7,930	8,342,276	22,246	21.1
1996	558	380	7,193	9,288,312	24,443	18.9
1997	516	335	6,855	9,379,447	27,998	20.5
1998	493	320	5,523	8,519,493	26,623	17.3
1999	562	378	6,739	9,640,756	25,505	17.8
2000	525	353	5,795	8,988,366	25,463	16.4
2001	516	359	6,148	8,841,815	24,629	17.1
2002	510	349	5,159	7,770,947	22,266	14.8
2003	480	313	4,650	7,170,341	22,908	14.9
2004	475	302	3,853	5,139,562	17,018	12.8
2005	572	332	4,720	7,711,701	23,228	14.2
2006	576	338	4,582	5,811,478	17,194	13.6
2007	500	299	4,213	5,937,345	19,857	14.1
2008	491	298	4,438	6,067,081	20,359	14.9
2009	434	260	3,363	4,327,206	16,643	12.9
2010	358	210	2,826	4,525,267	21,549	13.5
2011	290	182	2,060	3,371,686	18,526	11.3
2012	268	174	2,054	3,670,677	21,096	11.8
2013	260	175	1,684	3,296,313	18,836	9.6
2014	258	168	977	2,206,479	13,134	5.8
2015	269	78	183	551,785	7,074	2.3

Figures as of 09/01/2017

## Alberta-Bred Starters and Starts: In-State/Out-of-State



Foaling Year	Total Starters	In-State Starters	Pct. of In-State Starters	Total Starts	In-State Starts	Pct. of In-State Starts
1995	375	350	93.3	7,930	6,759	85.2
1996	380	347	91.3	7,193	5,912	82.2
1997	335	308	91.9	6,855	5,425	79.1
1998	320	300	93.8	5,523	4,617	83.6
1999	378	346	91.5	6,739	6,007	89.1
2000	353	325	92.1	5,795	5,198	89.7
2001	359	335	93.3	6,148	5,650	91.9
2002	349	328	94.0	5,159	4,616	89.5
2003	313	288	92.0	4,650	4,143	89.1
2004	302	291	96.4	3,853	3,641	94.5
2005	332	315	94.9	4,720	4,453	94.3
2006	338	320	94.7	4,582	4,121	89.9
2007	299	275	92.0	4,213	3,632	86.2
2008	298	286	96.0	4,438	4,088	92.1
2009	260	255	98.1	3,363	3,250	96.6
2010	210	203	96.7	2,826	2,624	92.9
2011	182	174	95.6	2,060	2,015	97.8
2012	174	168	96.6	2,054	1,978	96.3
2013	175	165	94.3	1,684	1,522	90.4
2014	168	157	93.5	977	924	94.6
2015	78	77	98.7	183	171	93.4

Note: In-state starters include any Thoroughbred that made at least one start in its native state.

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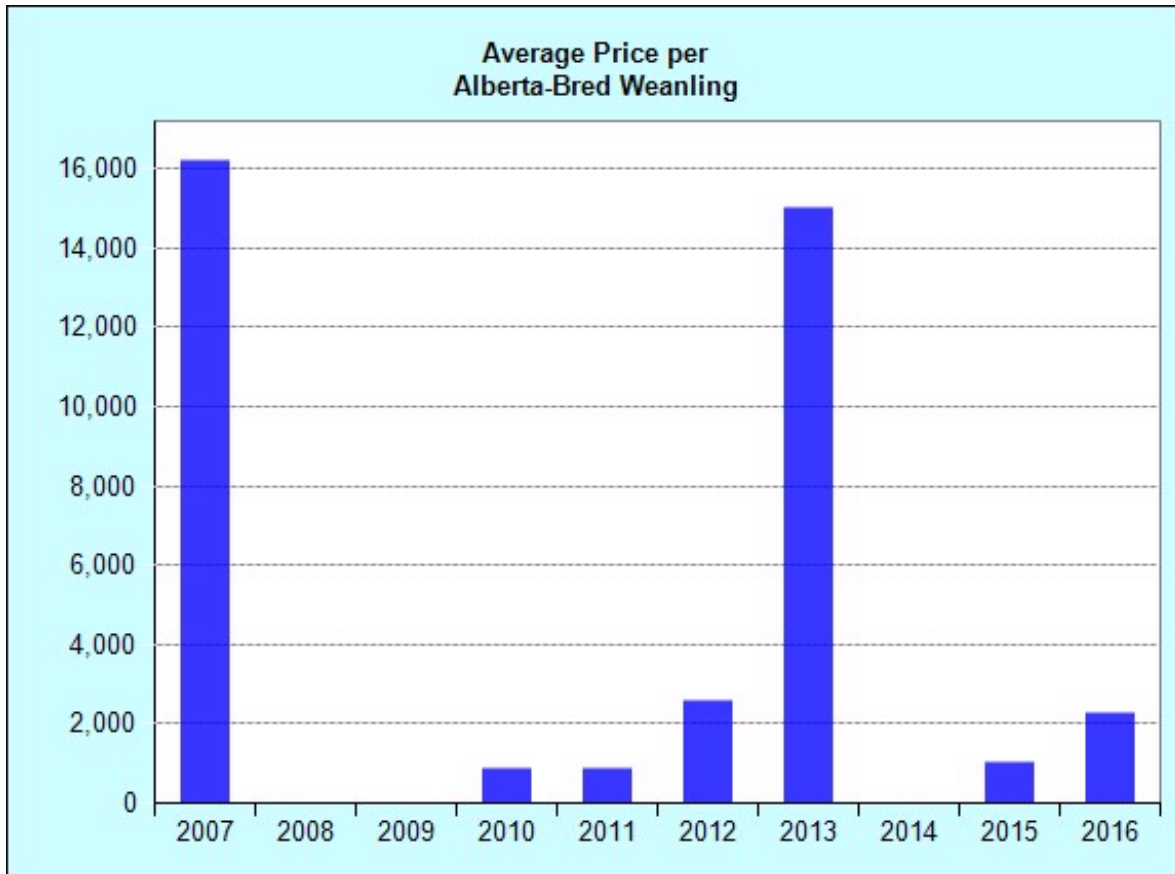
## Percentage of Alberta-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

### Racing Year

Racing Area	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
AB	87.02%	88.00%	89.66%	88.48%	86.47%
ON	2.47%	0.34%	0.65%	0.81%	2.57%
CA	2.30%	2.84%	0.04%	0.24%	0.29%
SK	1.87%	2.07%	2.46%	1.37%	2.38%
MB	1.50%	0.92%	0.19%	0.90%	1.34%
WV	0.76%	0.26%	0.08%	0.41%	0.94%
PA	0.74%	0.66%	0.56%	0.32%	0.87%
AZ	0.58%	2.14%	2.19%	1.84%	1.17%
MD	0.40%	0.91%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%
MN	0.40%	0.01%	0.23%	0.02%	0.03%
MT	0.25%	0.19%	0.11%	0.08%	0.00%
FL	0.24%	0.06%	1.03%	0.47%	0.44%
PR	0.22%	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
WA	0.22%	0.45%	0.01%	0.09%	0.00%
OR	0.20%	0.13%	0.15%	0.41%	0.08%
BC	0.19%	0.40%	1.15%	1.28%	2.41%
CO	0.12%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%
DE	0.11%	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NE	0.08%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
SC	0.06%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NM	0.05%	0.13%	0.39%	3.06%	0.22%
ID	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
VA	0.03%	0.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
WY	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%
NY	0.00%	0.00%	0.70%	0.00%	0.00%
OH	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.26%
IL	0.00%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%
IN	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
KY	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%
LA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
MA	0.00%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NJ	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
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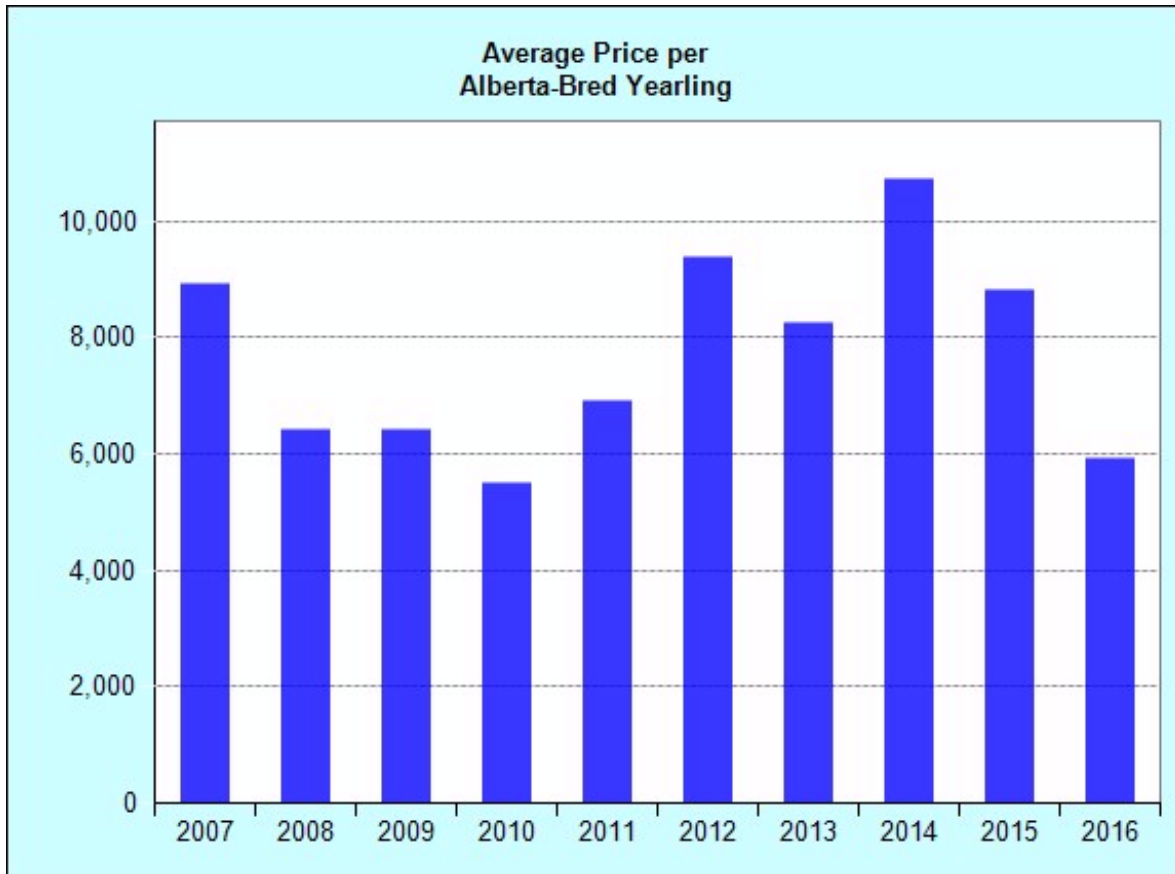
Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2016

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred Weanlings



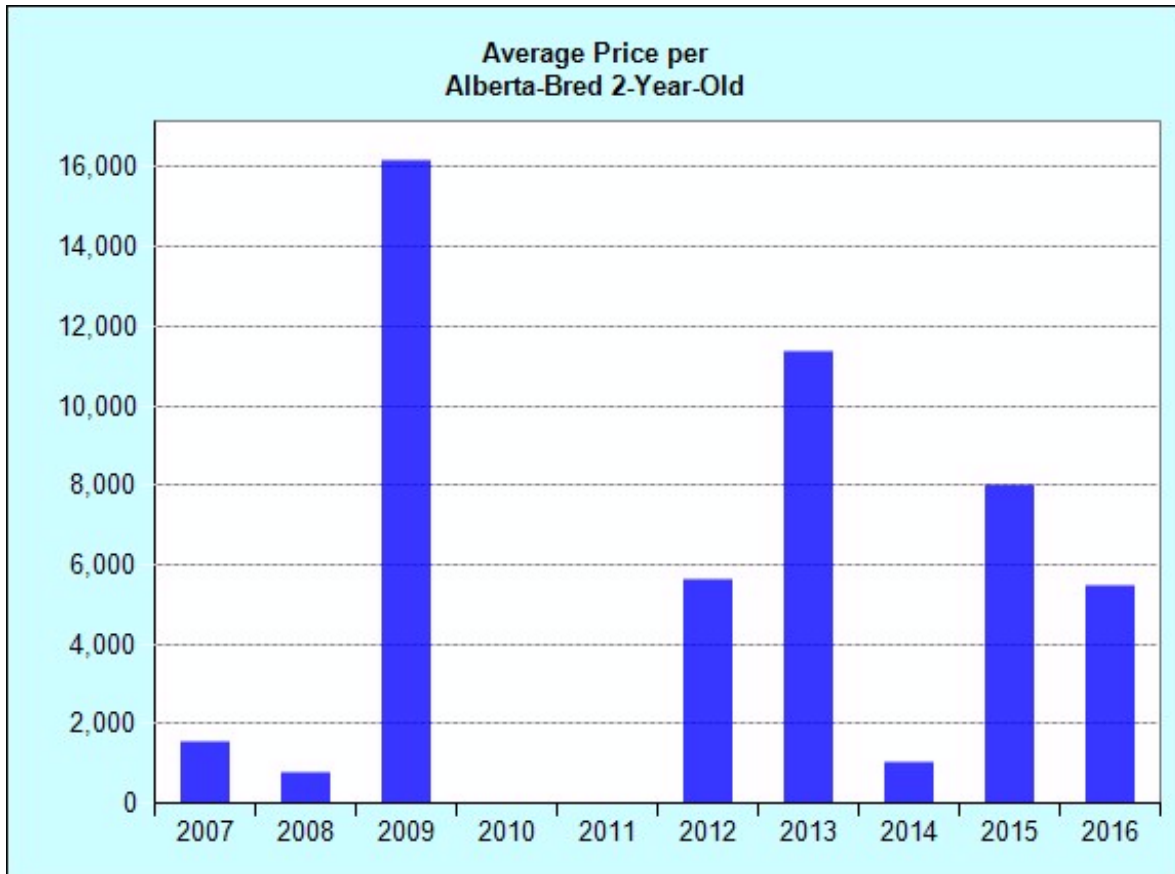
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	8	0.0	21,080	0.0	2,635	0.0	1,523	0.0
1997	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
1998	7	0.0	16,128	0.0	2,304	0.0	1,748	0.0
1999	2	-71.4	24,000	48.8	12,000	420.8	12,000	586.5
2000	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2001	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2002	2	0.0	1,071	0.0	536	0.0	536	0.0
2003	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2004	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2005	5	0.0	11,244	0.0	2,249	0.0	596	0.0
2006	5	0.0	4,835	-57.0	967	-57.0	615	3.2
2007	3	-40.0	48,699	907.2	16,233	1578.7	18,000	2826.8
2008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	3	0.0	2,719	0.0	906	0.0	680	0.0
2011	2	-33.3	1,779	-34.6	890	-1.8	890	30.9
2012	1	-50.0	2,572	44.6	2,572	189.0	2,572	189.0
2013	4	300.0	60,181	2239.9	15,045	485.0	14,926	480.3
2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2015	1	0.0	1,059	0.0	1,059	0.0	1,059	0.0
2016	2	100.0	4,514	326.3	2,257	113.1	2,257	113.1

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	152	0.0	621,265	0.0	4,087	0.0	2,191	0.0
1997	155	2.0	817,523	31.6	5,274	29.0	2,659	21.4
1998	133	-14.2	476,612	-41.7	3,584	-32.0	2,530	-4.9
1999	98	-26.3	540,284	13.4	5,513	53.8	3,779	49.4
2000	124	26.5	566,544	4.9	4,569	-17.1	2,796	-26.0
2001	148	19.4	728,915	28.7	4,925	7.8	3,442	23.1
2002	133	-10.1	540,319	-25.9	4,063	-17.5	2,183	-36.6
2003	159	19.6	859,000	59.0	5,403	33.0	2,997	37.3
2004	150	-5.7	904,018	5.2	6,027	11.6	3,440	14.8
2005	139	-7.3	837,371	-7.4	6,024	-0.1	3,467	0.8
2006	149	7.2	1,221,570	45.9	8,198	36.1	4,232	22.1
2007	140	-6.0	1,248,556	2.2	8,918	8.8	4,775	12.8
2008	138	-1.4	887,649	-28.9	6,432	-27.9	3,212	-32.7
2009	99	-28.3	634,961	-28.5	6,414	-0.3	3,653	13.7
2010	71	-28.3	389,702	-38.6	5,489	-14.4	2,913	-20.3
2011	38	-46.5	263,224	-32.5	6,927	26.2	4,754	63.2
2012	52	36.8	487,559	85.2	9,376	35.4	5,144	8.2
2013	73	40.4	601,702	23.4	8,242	-12.1	3,590	-30.2
2014	65	-11.0	697,579	15.9	10,732	30.2	4,562	27.1
2015	58	-10.8	510,746	-26.8	8,806	-18.0	5,104	11.9
2016	66	13.8	392,003	-23.3	5,939	-32.6	3,800	-25.6

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred 2-Year-Olds



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	4	0.0	2,302	0.0	576	0.0	557	0.0
1997	8	100.0	29,026	1160.9	3,628	529.9	978	75.6
1998	16	100.0	170,164	486.3	10,635	193.1	777	-20.6
1999	1	-93.8	8,087	-95.3	8,087	-24.0	8,087	940.8
2000	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2001	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2002	2	0.0	2,647	0.0	1,323	0.0	1,323	0.0
2003	5	150.0	7,421	180.4	1,484	12.2	1,212	-8.4
2004	5	0.0	6,310	-15.0	1,262	-15.0	958	-21.0
2005	2	-60.0	596	-90.6	298	-76.4	298	-68.9
2006	2	0.0	2,725	357.2	1,363	357.4	1,363	357.4
2007	3	50.0	4,596	68.7	1,532	12.4	699	-48.7
2008	4	33.3	3,052	-33.6	763	-50.2	601	-14.0
2009	2	-50.0	32,369	960.6	16,185	2021.2	16,185	2593.0
2010	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2011	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2012	1	0.0	5,658	0.0	5,658	0.0	5,658	0.0
2013	3	200.0	34,076	502.3	11,359	100.8	3,105	-45.1
2014	2	-33.3	2,099	-93.8	1,049	-90.8	1,049	-66.2
2015	4	100.0	32,088	1428.7	8,022	664.7	3,166	201.8
2016	1	-75.0	5,500	-82.9	5,500	-31.4	5,500	73.7