



From the EXECUTIVE CORNER



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## Enhancements Paying Off With Real Growth

For the past few years it has been the goal of the CTBA to stabilize the breeding industry with the hope that we would then begin to see growth with the number of mares bred and resulting foal crop. The lucrative enhancements made to the racing and incentive program, such as the Golden State Series and Maiden Bonus program, were created in order to further stimulate the production of more and higher quality of foals. With California-breds continuing to make up well over 50% of the field sizes in both the North and South, it is crucial that an ample number of quality foals be produced for our racing inventory.

After several years now of stabilization and level trends with the production of foals and the number of mares bred in state, we are very pleased to see the breeding statistics recently announced by The Jockey Club. With roughly 90% of the live foals reported, California was one of only five states that produced more live foals in 2014 than reported at this time in 2013.

As depicted in the chart, The Jockey Club has listed 1,629 foals in California, which is up 3% over last year. This places California, for the first time in many years, ahead of Florida as the second-largest foal-producing state. Because the statistics reported are only an account of foals by conception state, and 10% of foal reports are still outstanding, the final foal crop numbers will be even larger than stated. As breeders and stallion owners continue to upgrade and bring in mares from out of state, we are optimistic that a significant increase in the California foal crop, both in quantity and quality, will be achieved.

Currently, the CTBA Racing Committee is finalizing details with the TOC and racing secretaries so to continue to offer

both lucrative racing opportunities and incentives in order to maintain the positive breeding results that we are currently realizing. The 2015 Golden State Series stakes schedule is expected to offer a similar, if not greater, number of races and purses as provided this year. This schedule

will be published within the next month, which will give first-time nominators and others ample time to plan their racing schedule for the year. A description of the Golden State Series and list of current eligible 2-year-olds and older are available on our website [www.ctba.com](http://www.ctba.com).

### TOP BREEDING STATES: A COMPARISON

Conception Area	2013 Mares Bred	2013 Live Foals	2014 Live Foals	Percent Change
KENTUCKY	15,857	10,726	11,089	3.4%
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
FLORIDA	2,958	1,751	1,585	-9.5%
LOUISIANA	2,057	1,172	1,037	-11.5%
NEW YORK	1,637	971	1,025	5.6%
NEW MEXICO	1,089	503	531	5.6%
PENNSYLVANIA	997	608	514	-15.5%
OKLAHOMA	1,091	470	455	-3.2%



Foal counts are based on an estimated 90% of live foal reports received by The Jockey Club as of Sept. 9.