



CAL-BRED PROGRAM FUELS BREEDERS' INVESTMENTS

In early October, The Jockey Club released the most recent breeding statistics detailing the number of mares bred in 2021 and the estimated 2022 live foals from mares covered in the various states. According to TJC, approximately 85-90% of live foal reports are complete. Among the 10 states and provinces listed, only four, including California, produced more live foals this year than in the previous year (see chart below).

This listing of live foals pertains strictly to the state of conception and does not represent the total number of foals born in a particular state. For California, the percentage of live foals produced by California-based stallions increased 4% in 2022 compared to 2021. Several oth-

er regional racing states showed a significant decrease in foal production.

Also, when factoring in the 200-plus California foals conceived in Kentucky and elsewhere, the current-year live foal crop should exceed 1,500.

In regard to Kentucky-sired California-breds, this trend continues to remain stable each year as California breeders continue to upgrade and bring quality bloodstock to the state. This bodes well for the future of racing and sales in the state.

The total Cal-bred program, at more than \$35 million a year in restricted purses and incentive awards, has fueled this investment by California breeders.

As California-breds continue to make up roughly half of the field sizes

north and south, and California racing becomes more and more dependent on locally bred horses, these positive trends are vital for the future of racing in the state, as ample inventory should be available with a higher percentage of the horses being bred making it to the races. It is also important to note that, unlike other racing states, we are realizing these positive results even without revenue from other forms of gambling. Restricted purses and incentives continue to remain strong strictly through the pari-mutuel handle.

Through the continued cooperation within the industry to provide lucrative purses and incentive awards for breeders and owners, there should be more positives to report in the future. **CTB**

REPORT OF MARES BRED

	2021 Mares Bred	2021 Live Foals	2022 Live Foals	Percent Change in Live Foals
Kentucky	16,796	11,535	11,460	-0.7%
California	1,939	1,253	1,303	4.0%
Florida	1,617	1,002	927	-7.5%
New York	953	649	576	-11.2%
Louisiana	931	631	570	-9.7%
Maryland	780	524	481	-8.2%
Ontario	653	359	402	12.0%
Pennsylvania	570	449	340	-24.3%
Oklahoma	528	271	293	8.1%
Indiana	503	192	231	20.3%