

# **2017 CALIFORNIA FACT BOOK**

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



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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 CALIFORNIA 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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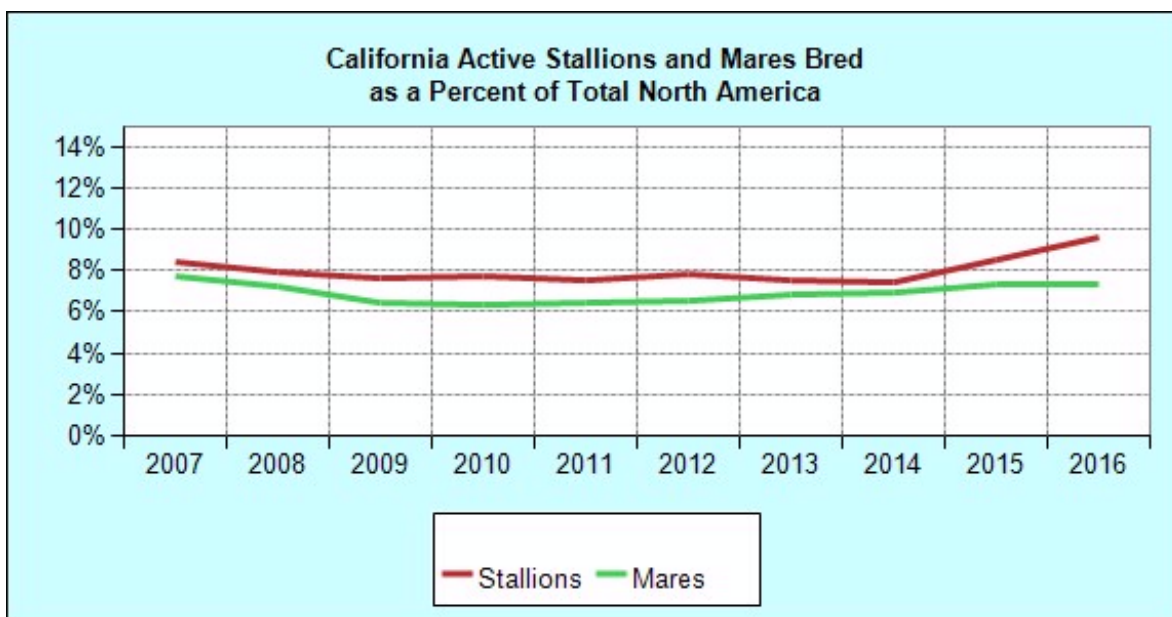
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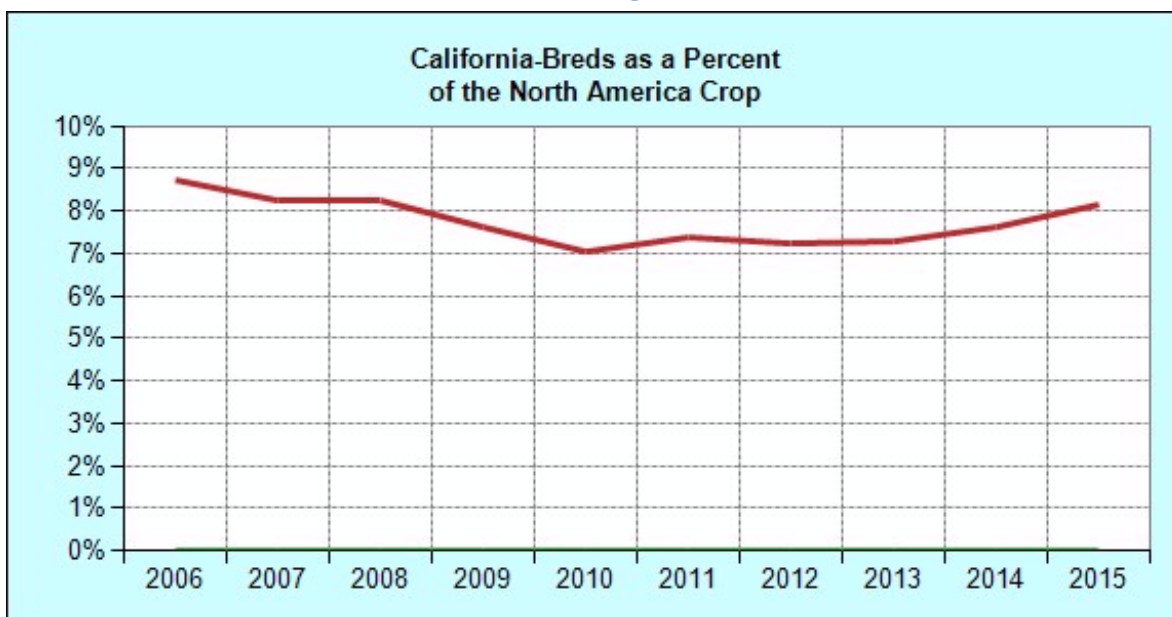
## Annual Mares Bred to California Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
1995	5,372	8.9	528	9.2	10.2	10.5
1996	4,924	8.3	494	9.1	10.0	11.0
1997	4,840	8.1	467	9.0	10.4	11.5
1998	4,842	8.0	440	8.8	11.0	12.1
1999	5,266	8.5	425	8.8	12.4	12.7
2000	5,593	8.7	430	9.0	13.0	13.5
2001	5,736	9.0	422	9.0	13.6	13.7
2002	5,831	9.1	409	9.1	14.3	14.1
2003	5,831	9.2	404	9.1	14.4	14.2
2004	5,823	9.1	415	9.5	14.0	14.6
2005	5,224	8.2	347	8.2	15.1	15.1
2006	4,913	7.8	341	8.3	14.4	15.5
2007	4,708	7.7	324	8.4	14.5	15.8
2008	4,105	7.2	289	7.9	14.2	15.6
2009	3,160	6.4	254	7.6	12.4	14.8
2010	2,780	6.3	239	7.7	11.6	14.2
2011	2,558	6.4	211	7.6	12.1	14.2
2012	2,456	6.5	200	7.8	12.3	14.7
2013	2,480	6.8	176	7.6	14.1	15.6
2014	2,608	6.9	169	7.5	15.4	16.6
2015	2,721	7.3	170	8.5	16.0	18.7
2016	2,599	7.3	166	9.6	15.7	20.6

Figures as of 08/01/2017

## Annual California Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	California	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
1995	3,336	34,983	9.5
1996	3,196	35,366	9.0
1997	3,127	35,143	8.9
1998	3,229	36,021	9.0
1999	3,332	36,929	9.0
2000	3,618	37,755	9.6
2001	3,773	37,901	10.0
2002	3,823	35,978	10.6
2003	3,867	37,067	10.4
2004	3,787	37,949	10.0
2005	3,664	38,365	9.6
2006	3,320	38,104	8.7
2007	3,087	37,499	8.2
2008	2,914	35,274	8.3
2009	2,466	32,364	7.6
2010	1,998	28,418	7.0
2011	1,841	24,930	7.4
2012	1,714	23,744	7.2
2013	1,690	23,222	7.3
2014	1,747	22,905	7.6
2015	1,837	22,500 *	8.2

\* Estimated figure

Figures as of 08/01/2017

## Foaling Area of California-Sired Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Foaling Area	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
CA	1,618	1,554	1,520	1,537	1,662
WA	35	10	16	7	6
KY	28	28	37	17	36
AZ	25	15	18	5	16
ID	8	4	3	9	6
BC	6	5	4	4	6
AB	6	7	9	0	5
CO	6	0	0	3	2
OR	6	10	1	0	6
TX	4	7	1	0	2
UT	3	3	1	0	7
NM	3	0	1	0	1
FL	3	2	1	5	1
LA	2	1	3	0	4
NV	2	2	0	0	4
NY	2	1	0	2	0
MN	2	4	0	0	1
OH	1	1	0	0	0
PA	1	0	0	0	4
WV	1	1	0	0	0
AR	1	0	0	0	0
WY	0	1	0	0	0
OK	0	0	0	3	9
ON	0	0	0	1	2
MD	0	0	0	0	1
MT	0	1	0	0	0
NE	0	0	0	2	0
IA	0	1	1	1	1
IL	0	0	0	0	1
AL	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,658</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>1,783</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2015  
 Figures as of 08/01/2017

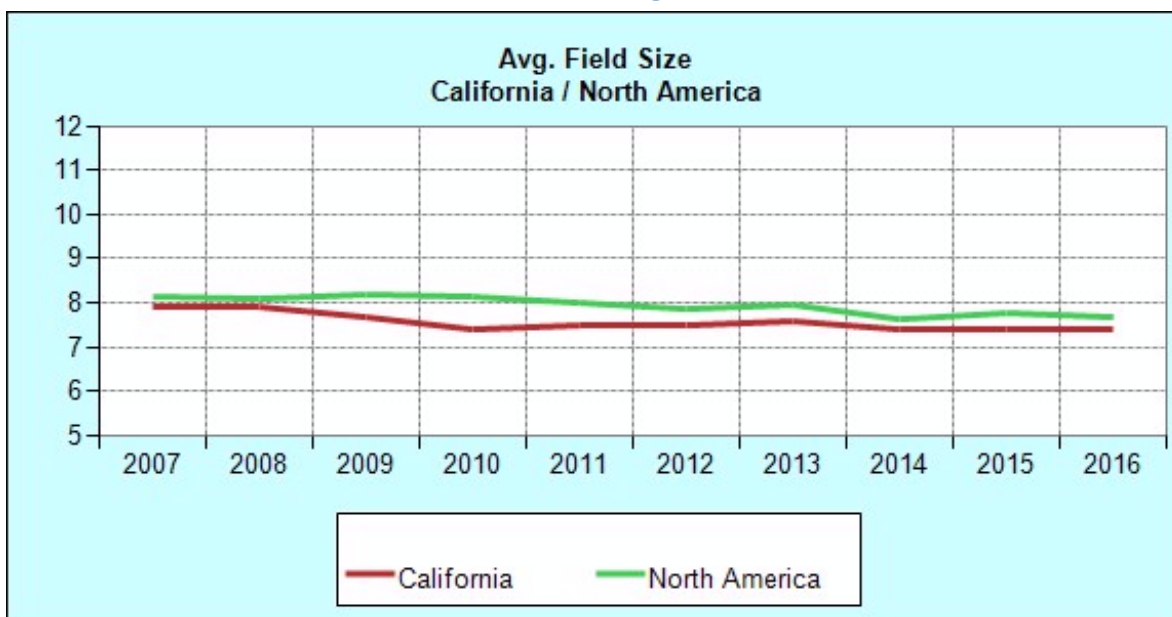
## Conception Area of California-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
CA	1,618	1,554	1,520	1,537	1,662
KY	181	141	125	133	155
AZ	8	13	2	12	2
FL	8	8	6	3	2
ID	3	0	5	1	8
BC	3	0	1	2	0
OR	3	6	3	7	6
NY	2	1	3	1	1
LA	2	7	0	2	0
WA	2	4	4	1	2
AB	2	0	0	2	0
MD	1	0	0	0	0
TX	1	1	0	0	0
ON	1	1	5	0	0
OH	1	2	0	0	0
OK	0	0	0	1	0
PA	0	1	0	11	1
UT	0	1	10	0	0
VA	0	3	0	0	0
MS	0	1	0	0	0
NM	0	2	0	1	1
CO	0	0	2	0	0
KS	0	0	3	0	0
IA	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>1,746</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>1,714</b>	<b>1,841</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 08/01/2017

## California Racing Overview



Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
1996	5,487	142,578,160	8,256	43,859	724	8.0	25,985
1997	5,200	161,019,383	8,116	42,199	710	8.1	30,965
1998	5,190	153,946,371	8,013	40,299	702	7.8	29,662
1999	5,030	166,705,425	8,131	40,820	687	8.1	33,142
2000	5,080	171,481,758	7,945	39,718	692	7.8	33,756
2001	5,107	172,374,537	8,019	39,323	733	7.7	33,753
2002	5,111	173,318,373	8,062	39,161	756	7.7	33,911
2003	5,126	188,866,449	8,020	38,798	759	7.6	36,845
2004	5,128	169,881,579	8,064	38,797	755	7.6	33,128
2005	5,012	169,694,557	7,877	37,672	738	7.5	33,858
2006	5,094	177,135,584	8,223	39,000	742	7.7	34,773
2007	5,055	179,231,621	8,438	40,045	731	7.9	35,456
2008	5,076	198,311,069	8,357	39,945	733	7.9	39,068
2009	4,782	174,432,359	7,694	36,972	690	7.7	36,477
2010	4,403	132,541,382	6,651	32,412	618	7.4	30,103
2011	4,184	140,521,016	6,537	31,272	578	7.5	33,585
2012	4,064	170,539,513	6,455	30,303	581	7.5	41,963
2013	4,117	171,303,718	6,345	31,446	578	7.6	41,609
2014	3,900	172,627,195	6,195	28,768	552	7.4	44,263
2015	3,873	144,285,157	5,870	28,739	560	7.4	37,254
2016	3,792	164,414,213	5,801	27,946	542	7.4	43,358

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



## California-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



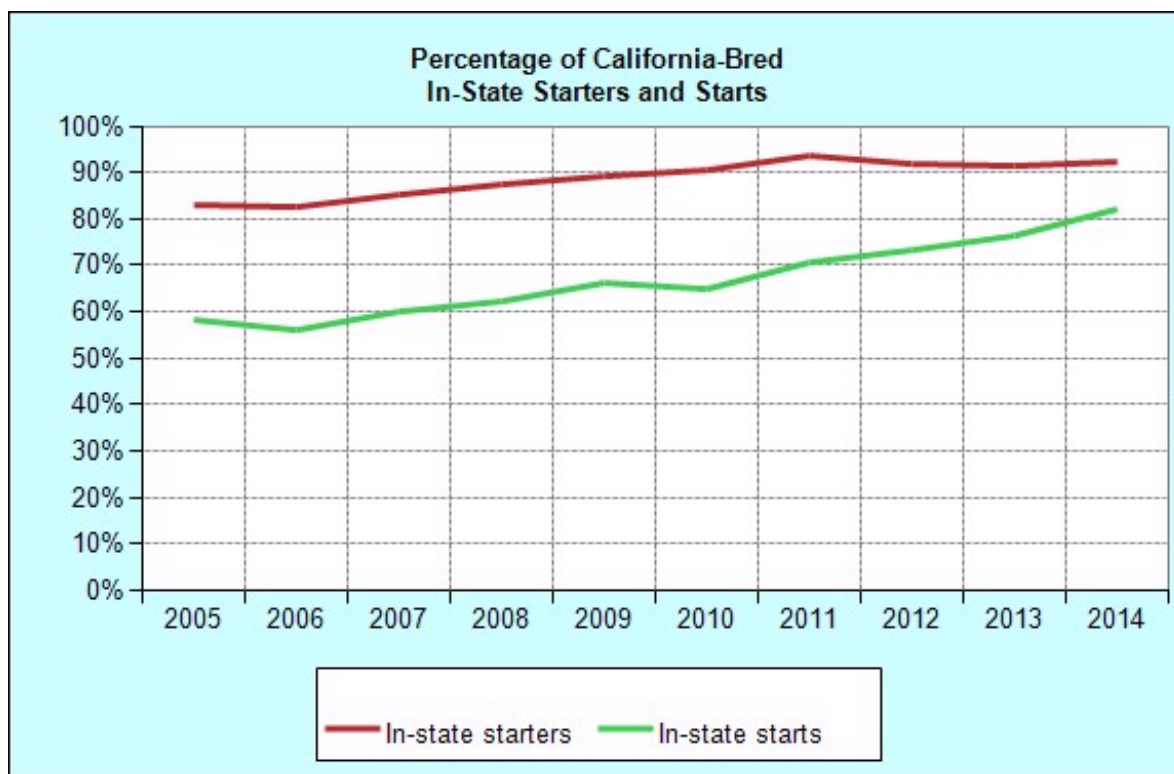
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
1996	6,762	47,225	66,558,560	9,843	7.0
1997	6,299	43,119	68,037,141	10,801	6.9
1998	5,952	39,863	68,306,025	11,476	6.7
1999	5,798	38,902	75,760,864	13,067	6.7
2000	5,503	36,798	80,108,919	14,557	6.7
2001	5,633	36,633	79,976,017	14,198	6.5
2002	5,820	37,089	78,281,474	13,450	6.4
2003	5,976	38,169	79,071,802	13,232	6.4
2004	6,326	39,096	85,114,876	13,455	6.2
2005	6,425	39,191	91,920,460	14,307	6.1
2006	6,537	39,559	94,506,263	14,457	6.1
2007	6,437	39,190	93,285,295	14,492	6.1
2008	6,379	38,590	84,751,426	13,286	6.1
2009	5,799	36,041	72,491,714	12,501	6.2
2010	5,322	33,439	69,753,684	13,107	6.3
2011	4,879	29,542	69,494,847	14,244	6.1
2012	4,408	27,622	67,217,944	15,249	6.3
2013	4,195	26,825	69,773,564	16,633	6.4
2014	4,020	24,748	72,643,378	18,070	6.2
2015	3,855	24,175	66,757,695	17,317	6.3
2016	3,708	23,484	65,985,050	17,795	6.3

## California-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
1995	3,336	2,119	37,811	73,202,248	34,546	17.8
1996	3,196	1,991	36,975	78,574,778	39,465	18.6
1997	3,127	1,938	33,994	76,317,526	39,380	17.5
1998	3,229	1,962	34,260	71,711,067	36,550	17.5
1999	3,332	2,158	35,905	72,291,053	33,499	16.6
2000	3,618	2,333	39,651	91,833,481	39,363	17.0
2001	3,773	2,439	40,310	94,714,442	38,833	16.5
2002	3,823	2,522	41,349	95,340,923	37,804	16.4
2003	3,867	2,493	39,959	90,443,246	36,279	16.0
2004	3,787	2,375	36,987	82,708,790	34,825	15.6
2005	3,664	2,316	36,367	79,974,562	34,531	15.7
2006	3,320	2,080	33,099	75,350,099	36,226	15.9
2007	3,087	1,881	30,529	68,021,947	36,163	16.2
2008	2,914	1,746	28,853	68,755,367	39,379	16.5
2009	2,467	1,560	25,651	69,293,759	44,419	16.4
2010	1,998	1,297	21,919	63,850,719	49,230	16.9
2011	1,842	1,264	19,779	68,512,358	54,203	15.6
2012	1,714	1,154	14,497	44,579,674	38,631	12.6
2013	1,692	1,137	10,871	33,473,904	29,441	9.6
2014	1,747	884	4,733	17,855,676	20,199	5.4
2015	1,837	193	330	1,651,070	8,555	1.7

Figures as of 08/01/2017

## California-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	2,119	1,797	84.8	37,811	20,410	54.0
1996	1,991	1,721	86.4	36,975	20,497	55.4
1997	1,938	1,670	86.2	33,994	20,048	59.0
1998	1,962	1,673	85.3	34,260	19,390	56.6
1999	2,158	1,743	80.8	35,905	18,820	52.4
2000	2,333	1,922	82.4	39,651	21,692	54.7
2001	2,439	2,005	82.2	40,310	22,369	55.5
2002	2,522	2,094	83.0	41,349	23,233	56.2
2003	2,493	2,022	81.1	39,959	21,419	53.6
2004	2,375	1,937	81.6	36,987	21,073	57.0
2005	2,316	1,918	82.8	36,367	21,150	58.2
2006	2,080	1,714	82.4	33,099	18,560	56.1
2007	1,881	1,601	85.1	30,529	18,308	60.0
2008	1,746	1,526	87.4	28,853	17,957	62.2
2009	1,560	1,391	89.2	25,651	17,034	66.4
2010	1,297	1,174	90.5	21,919	14,183	64.7
2011	1,264	1,181	93.4	19,779	14,013	70.8
2012	1,154	1,061	91.9	14,497	10,597	73.1
2013	1,137	1,038	91.3	10,871	8,324	76.6
2014	884	815	92.2	4,733	3,890	82.2
2015	193	173	89.6	330	296	89.7

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

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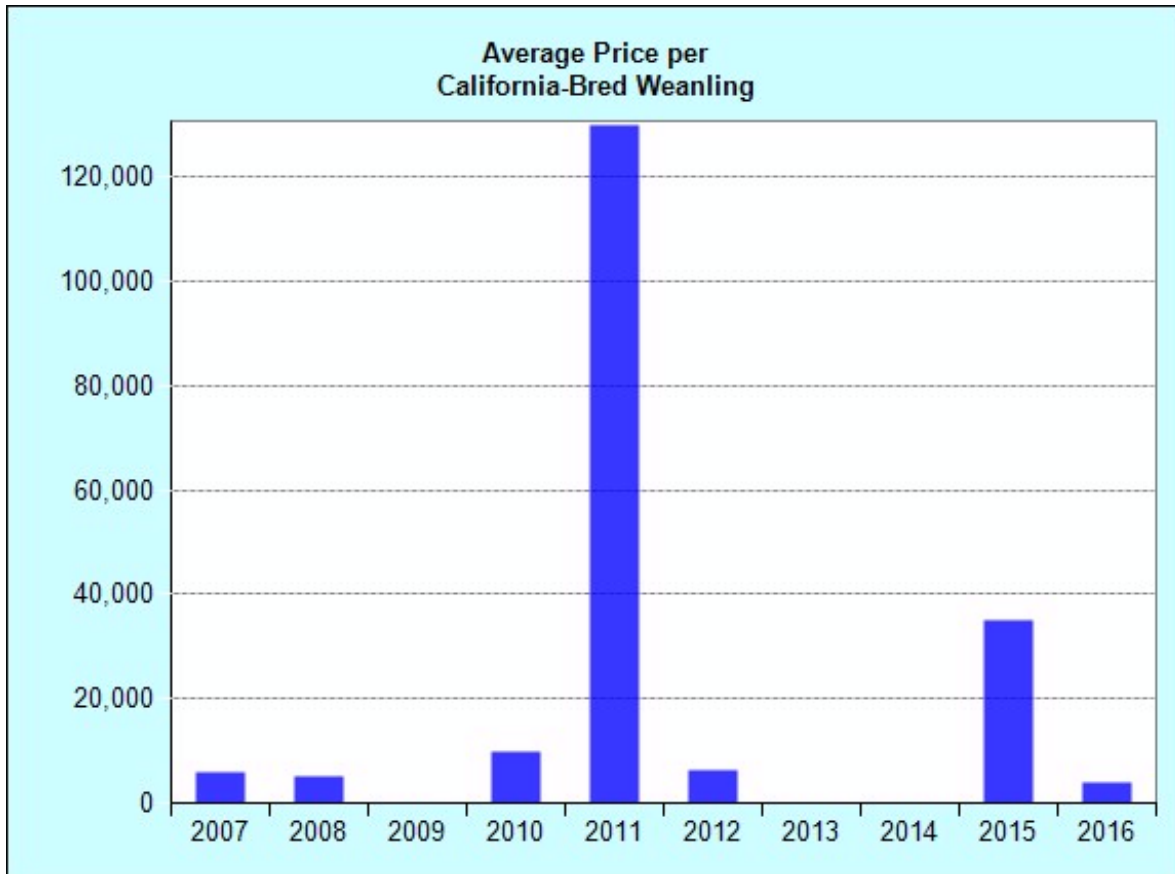
## Percentage of California-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

Racing Year

Racing Area	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
CA	81.35%	79.86%	77.01%	79.42%	78.43%
AZ	3.85%	3.76%	3.52%	4.08%	4.24%
PA	2.63%	1.88%	2.37%	2.95%	2.27%
NM	2.45%	2.85%	3.08%	3.51%	4.03%
WA	1.41%	1.49%	0.82%	0.67%	0.77%
WV	1.04%	1.38%	1.61%	1.45%	1.24%
OR	0.86%	0.64%	0.50%	0.73%	0.89%
NY	0.81%	0.78%	0.79%	0.48%	0.46%
MN	0.62%	0.86%	0.92%	0.70%	0.58%
MD	0.61%	0.88%	1.67%	0.78%	0.33%
OH	0.55%	0.59%	0.40%	0.22%	0.35%
AB	0.37%	0.63%	0.74%	1.01%	0.87%
AR	0.31%	0.28%	0.25%	0.20%	0.10%
KY	0.31%	0.22%	2.21%	0.19%	0.53%
MB	0.31%	0.15%	0.40%	0.66%	0.76%
CO	0.26%	0.23%	0.18%	0.25%	0.36%
DE	0.26%	0.32%	0.08%	0.14%	0.10%
NE	0.25%	0.34%	0.26%	0.23%	0.48%
FL	0.24%	0.31%	0.21%	0.20%	0.42%
BC	0.24%	0.16%	0.42%	0.30%	0.51%
IA	0.20%	0.31%	0.19%	0.20%	0.51%
SK	0.12%	0.11%	0.14%	0.11%	0.11%
NJ	0.11%	0.05%	0.09%	0.15%	0.08%
IL	0.10%	0.16%	0.17%	0.14%	0.16%
OK	0.08%	0.25%	0.29%	0.13%	0.19%
ON	0.08%	0.03%	0.01%	0.00%	0.09%
IN	0.07%	0.11%	0.12%	0.09%	0.02%
LA	0.06%	0.12%	0.13%	0.10%	0.28%
PR	0.06%	0.10%	0.00%	0.03%	0.05%
MT	0.06%	0.04%	0.02%	0.02%	0.00%
NV	0.04%	0.05%	0.07%	0.05%	0.07%
WY	0.04%	0.22%	0.06%	0.01%	0.00%
MI	0.03%	0.00%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%
ID	0.02%	0.52%	0.54%	0.26%	0.28%
MA	0.01%	0.00%	0.18%	0.07%	0.07%
TX	0.01%	0.08%	0.29%	0.18%	0.11%
ND	0.00%	0.02%	0.02%	0.01%	0.01%
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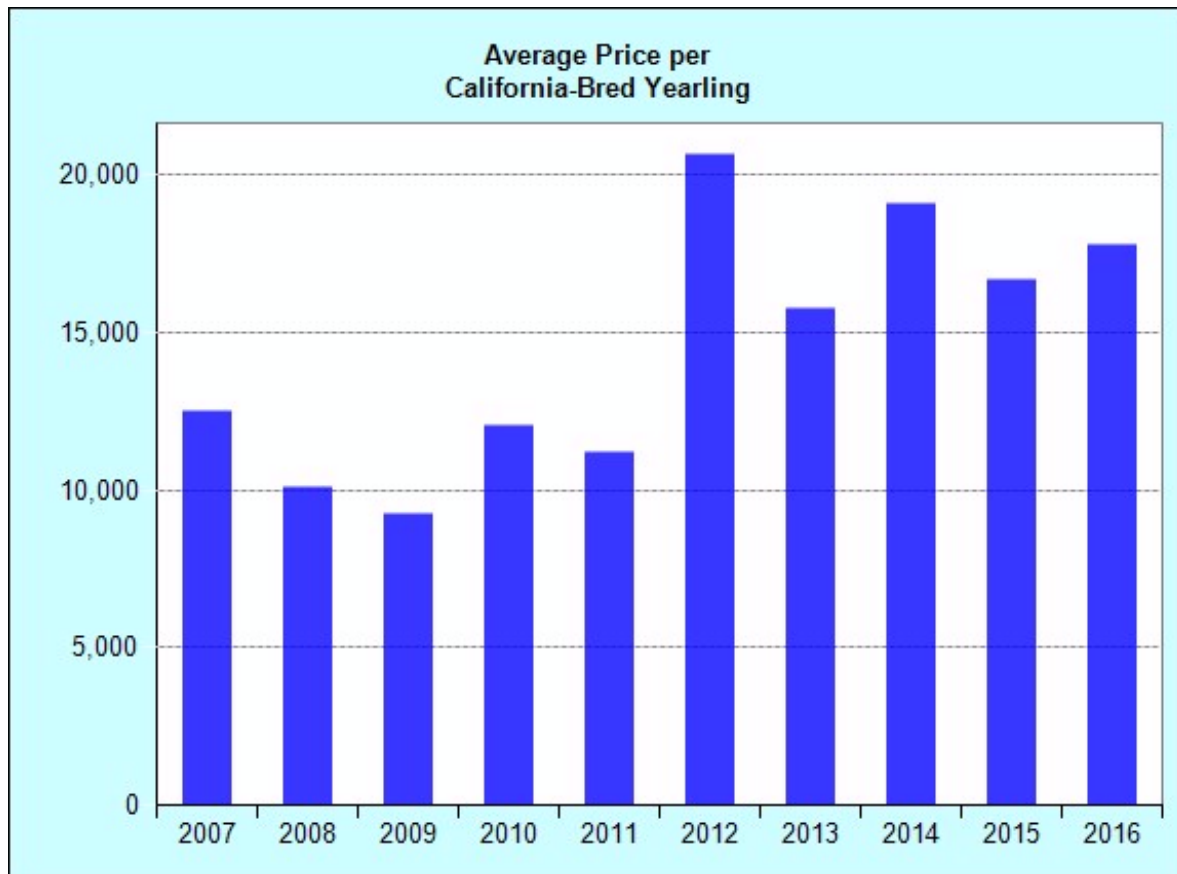
Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2016

## Auction Results for California-Bred Weanlings



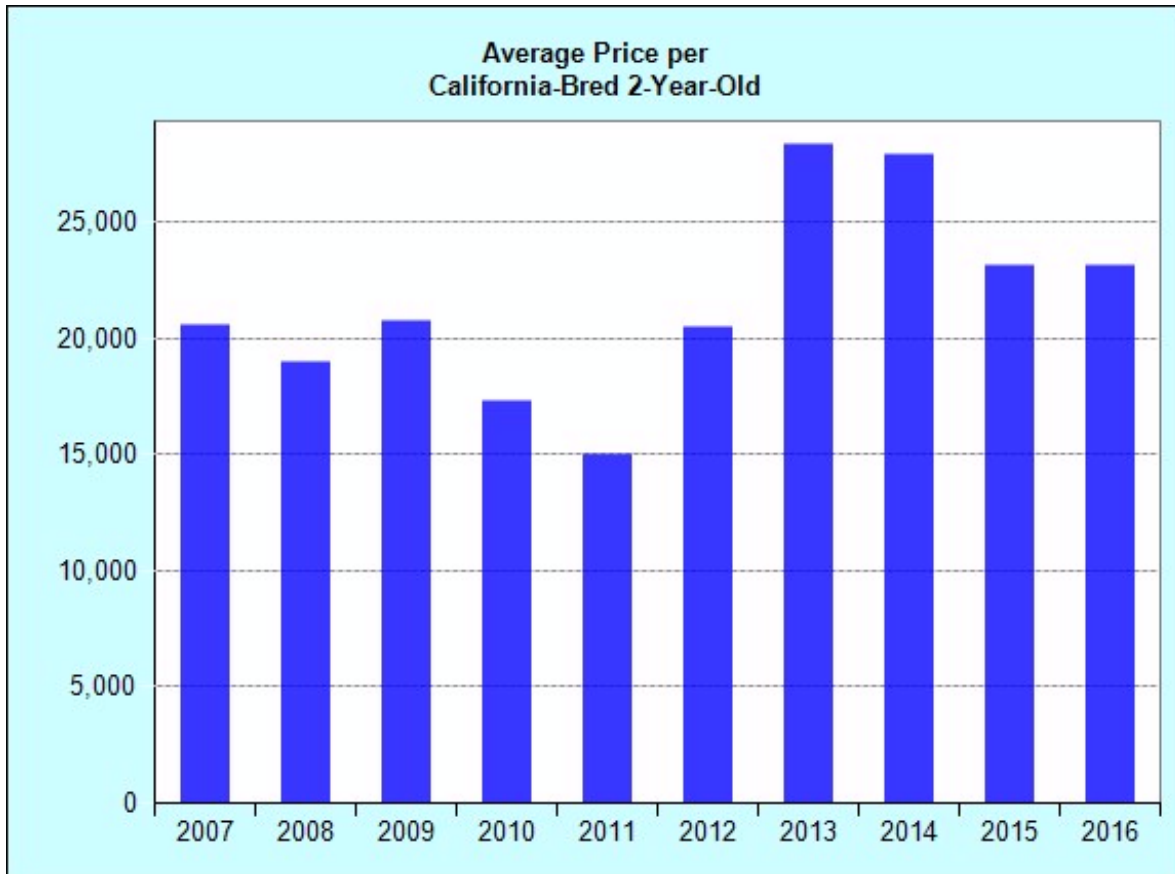
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	72	0.0	246,000	0.0	3,417	0.0	2,200	0.0
1997	87	20.8	245,350	-0.3	2,820	-17.5	1,700	-22.7
1998	62	-28.7	274,850	12.0	4,433	57.2	2,000	17.7
1999	56	-9.7	1,121,150	307.9	20,021	351.6	7,750	287.5
2000	85	51.8	1,518,600	35.5	17,866	-10.8	6,000	-22.6
2001	90	5.9	1,552,500	2.2	17,250	-3.5	3,450	-42.5
2002	77	-14.4	616,000	-60.3	8,000	-53.6	3,500	1.5
2003	116	50.7	481,550	-21.8	4,151	-48.1	2,450	-30.0
2004	113	-2.6	633,800	31.6	5,609	35.1	2,500	2.0
2005	86	-23.9	470,000	-25.8	5,465	-2.6	3,000	20.0
2006	68	-20.9	298,050	-36.6	4,383	-19.8	2,300	-23.3
2007	59	-13.2	341,450	14.6	5,787	32.0	2,700	17.4
2008	44	-25.4	230,100	-32.6	5,230	-9.6	1,950	-27.8
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	30	0.0	299,200	0.0	9,973	0.0	6,500	0.0
2011	1	-96.7	130,000	-56.6	130,000	1203.5	130,000	1900.0
2012	1	0.0	6,500	-95.0	6,500	-95.0	6,500	-95.0
2013	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2015	5	0.0	174,500	0.0	34,900	0.0	40,000	0.0
2016	2	-60.0	8,000	-95.4	4,000	-88.5	4,000	-90.0

## Auction Results for California-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	451	0.0	3,527,603	0.0	7,822	0.0	3,500	0.0
1997	406	-10.0	3,175,400	-10.0	7,821	-0.0	4,000	14.3
1998	389	-4.2	4,144,790	30.5	10,655	36.2	6,000	50.0
1999	446	14.7	7,727,200	86.4	17,326	62.6	6,000	0.0
2000	620	39.0	8,895,519	15.1	14,348	-17.2	5,000	-16.7
2001	604	-2.6	12,754,023	43.4	21,116	47.2	6,350	27.0
2002	686	13.6	9,710,642	-23.9	14,155	-33.0	5,500	-13.4
2003	784	14.3	8,894,423	-8.4	11,345	-19.9	5,000	-9.1
2004	732	-6.6	10,508,110	18.1	14,355	26.5	6,000	20.0
2005	692	-5.5	10,010,471	-4.7	14,466	0.8	5,600	-6.7
2006	584	-15.6	7,687,539	-23.2	13,164	-9.0	5,850	4.5
2007	553	-5.3	6,929,359	-9.9	12,530	-4.8	5,000	-14.5
2008	445	-19.5	4,493,595	-35.2	10,098	-19.4	3,700	-26.0
2009	353	-20.7	3,272,100	-27.2	9,269	-8.2	3,700	0.0
2010	285	-19.3	3,433,150	4.9	12,046	30.0	5,000	35.1
2011	250	-12.3	2,808,700	-18.2	11,235	-6.7	4,500	-10.0
2012	261	4.4	5,393,200	92.0	20,664	83.9	10,000	122.2
2013	268	2.7	4,219,600	-21.8	15,745	-23.8	7,000	-30.0
2014	309	15.3	5,900,323	39.8	19,095	21.3	9,500	35.7
2015	325	5.2	5,428,910	-8.0	16,704	-12.5	9,500	0.0
2016	380	16.9	6,770,652	24.7	17,818	6.7	7,100	-25.3

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



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
1996	228	0.0	2,417,350	0.0	10,602	0.0	5,000	0.0
1997	218	-4.4	2,534,450	4.8	11,626	9.7	4,250	-15.0
1998	165	-24.3	2,619,500	3.4	15,876	36.6	6,000	41.2
1999	200	21.2	4,281,221	63.4	21,406	34.8	8,500	41.7
2000	241	20.5	5,504,050	28.6	22,838	6.7	5,000	-41.2
2001	222	-7.9	4,858,000	-11.7	21,883	-4.2	8,000	60.0
2002	261	17.6	6,444,650	32.7	24,692	12.8	8,200	2.5
2003	338	29.5	5,970,350	-7.4	17,664	-28.5	7,000	-14.6
2004	259	-23.4	6,349,000	6.3	24,514	38.8	12,000	71.4
2005	282	8.9	5,536,550	-12.8	19,633	-19.9	10,000	-16.7
2006	263	-6.7	9,809,589	77.2	37,299	90.0	11,000	10.0
2007	230	-12.6	4,727,400	-51.8	20,554	-44.9	7,000	-36.4
2008	166	-27.8	3,151,950	-33.3	18,988	-7.6	7,000	0.0
2009	90	-45.8	1,867,700	-40.7	20,752	9.3	5,600	-20.0
2010	109	21.1	1,889,800	1.2	17,338	-16.5	7,500	33.9
2011	105	-3.7	1,578,600	-16.5	15,034	-13.3	5,000	-33.3
2012	75	-28.6	1,540,000	-2.5	20,533	36.6	7,000	40.0
2013	108	44.0	3,065,100	99.0	28,381	38.2	10,000	42.9
2014	110	1.9	3,075,900	0.4	27,963	-1.5	11,500	15.0
2015	128	16.4	2,961,900	-3.7	23,140	-17.3	7,500	-34.8
2016	95	-25.8	2,197,900	-25.8	23,136	-0.0	8,000	6.7