

# **2024 SOUTH CAROLINA FACT BOOK**

**A statistical guide to the  
Thoroughbred industry  
in South Carolina**



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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 SOUTH CAROLINA 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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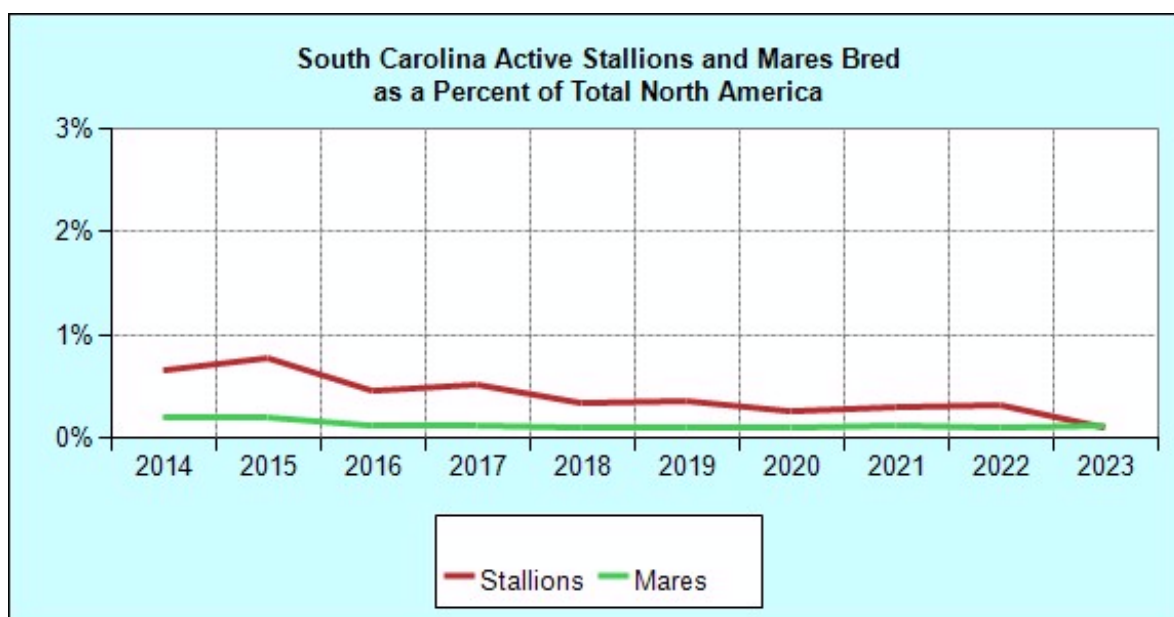
*Bred (Area Foaled): The term "bred" is sometimes used to describe the location where a foal was born, e.g., Kentucky bred (born in Kentucky) or New York bred (born in New York).*

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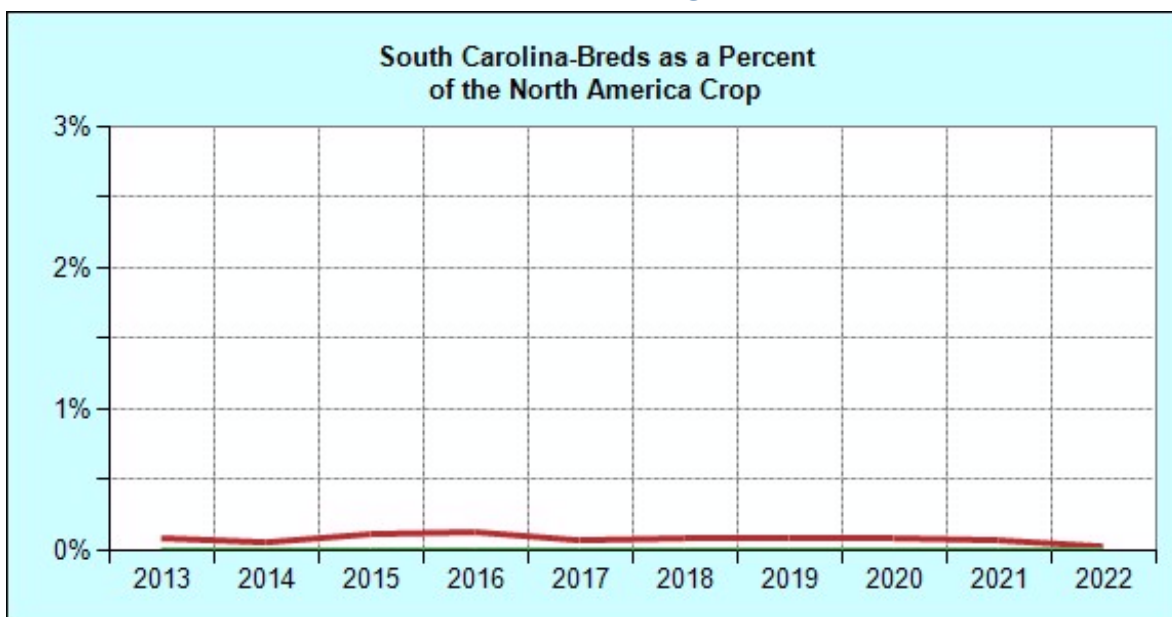
## Annual Mares Bred to South Carolina Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2003	156	0.2	27	0.6	5.8	14.2
2004	145	0.2	28	0.6	5.2	14.6
2005	142	0.2	31	0.7	4.6	15.1
2006	130	0.2	22	0.5	5.9	15.5
2007	136	0.2	26	0.7	5.2	15.8
2008	147	0.3	29	0.8	5.1	15.6
2009	86	0.2	20	0.6	4.3	14.9
2010	91	0.2	24	0.8	3.8	14.2
2011	68	0.2	20	0.7	3.4	14.2
2012	65	0.2	19	0.7	3.4	14.7
2013	59	0.2	18	0.7	3.3	15.5
2014	77	0.2	15	0.7	5.1	16.5
2015	72	0.2	16	0.8	4.5	18.1
2016	45	0.1	9	0.5	5.0	18.4
2017	43	0.1	10	0.5	4.3	18.2
2018	32	0.1	6	0.3	5.3	18.7
2019	28	0.1	6	0.4	4.7	18.9
2020	27	0.1	4	0.3	6.8	19.3
2021	35	0.1	4	0.3	8.8	21.0
2022	29	0.1	4	0.3	7.3	22.1
2023	30	0.1	1	0.1	30.0	26.1

Figures as of 04/01/2024

## Annual South Carolina Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	South Carolina	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
2002	62	35,978	0.2
2003	67	37,067	0.2
2004	54	37,949	0.1
2005	59	38,365	0.2
2006	48	38,104	0.1
2007	54	37,499	0.1
2008	49	35,274	0.1
2009	53	32,364	0.2
2010	38	28,420	0.1
2011	22	24,941	0.1
2012	16	23,542	0.1
2013	22	23,248	0.1
2014	14	23,001	0.1
2015	26	23,049	0.1
2016	29	22,680	0.1
2017	16	22,254	0.1
2018	19	21,289	0.1
2019	18	20,541	0.1
2020	15	19,892	0.1
2021	13	19,025	0.1
2022	5	18,700 *	0.0

\* Estimated figure

Figures as of 04/01/2024

## Foaling Area of South Carolina-Sired Registered Foals

Foaling Area	Crop Year				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
MD	2	0	0	1	1
SC	2	10	12	14	17
VA	2	0	0	0	0
WV	1	1	0	1	1
NY	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2022  
 Figures as of 04/01/2024

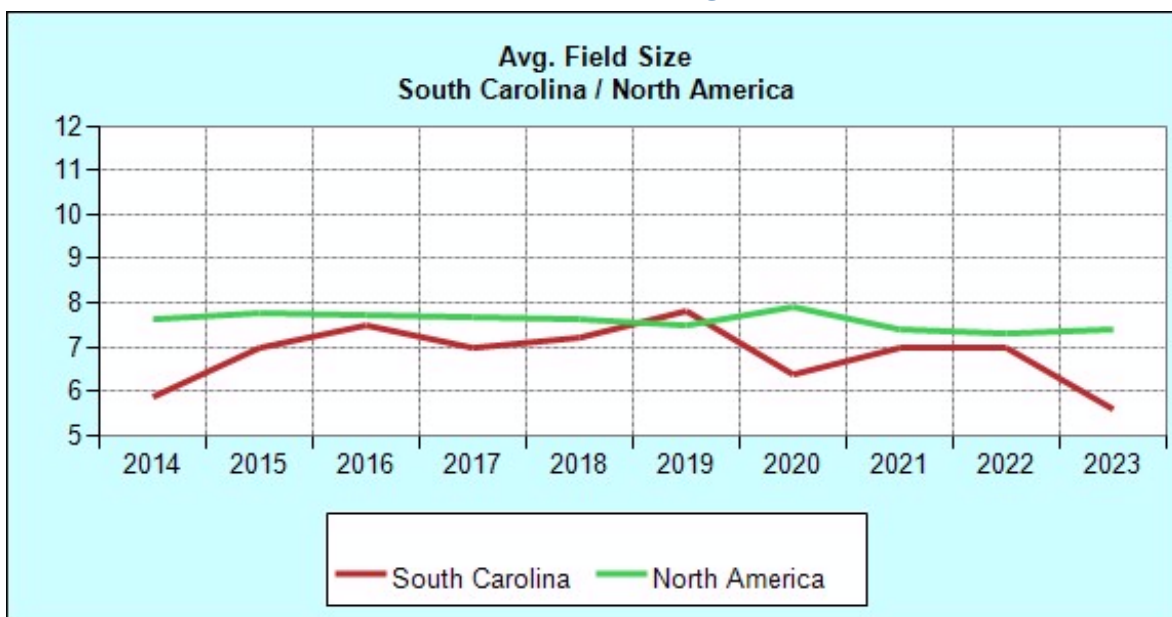
## Conception Area of South Carolina-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
SC	2	10	12	14	17
NY	1	0	1	0	0
KY	1	1	0	1	2
MD	1	1	0	0	0
FL	0	1	2	2	0
WV	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</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 2022. Figures as of 04/01/2024

## South Carolina Racing Overview



Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2003	24	590,000	150	183	5	7.6	24,583
2004	23	523,600	146	171	4	7.4	22,765
2005	20	535,000	142	169	4	8.5	26,750
2006	21	591,600	145	171	4	8.1	28,171
2007	20	592,100	128	155	4	7.8	29,605
2008	19	580,000	122	143	4	7.5	30,526
2009	20	540,000	136	160	4	8.0	27,000
2010	19	530,000	123	138	4	7.3	27,895
2011	23	555,000	139	169	5	7.3	24,130
2012	23	565,000	129	154	5	6.7	24,565
2013	23	565,600	147	185	5	8.0	24,591
2014	23	593,500	111	135	5	5.9	25,804
2015	22	635,000	125	153	5	7.0	28,864
2016	21	660,000	139	157	4	7.5	31,429
2017	20	475,000	113	139	5	7.0	23,750
2018	17	585,000	112	123	4	7.2	34,412
2019	21	505,000	136	163	5	7.8	24,048
2020	5	65,000	32	32	1	6.4	13,000
2021	9	185,000	61	63	2	7.0	20,556
2022	17	420,000	99	119	4	7.0	24,706
2023	19	515,000	100	107	4	5.6	27,105

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

## South Carolina-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



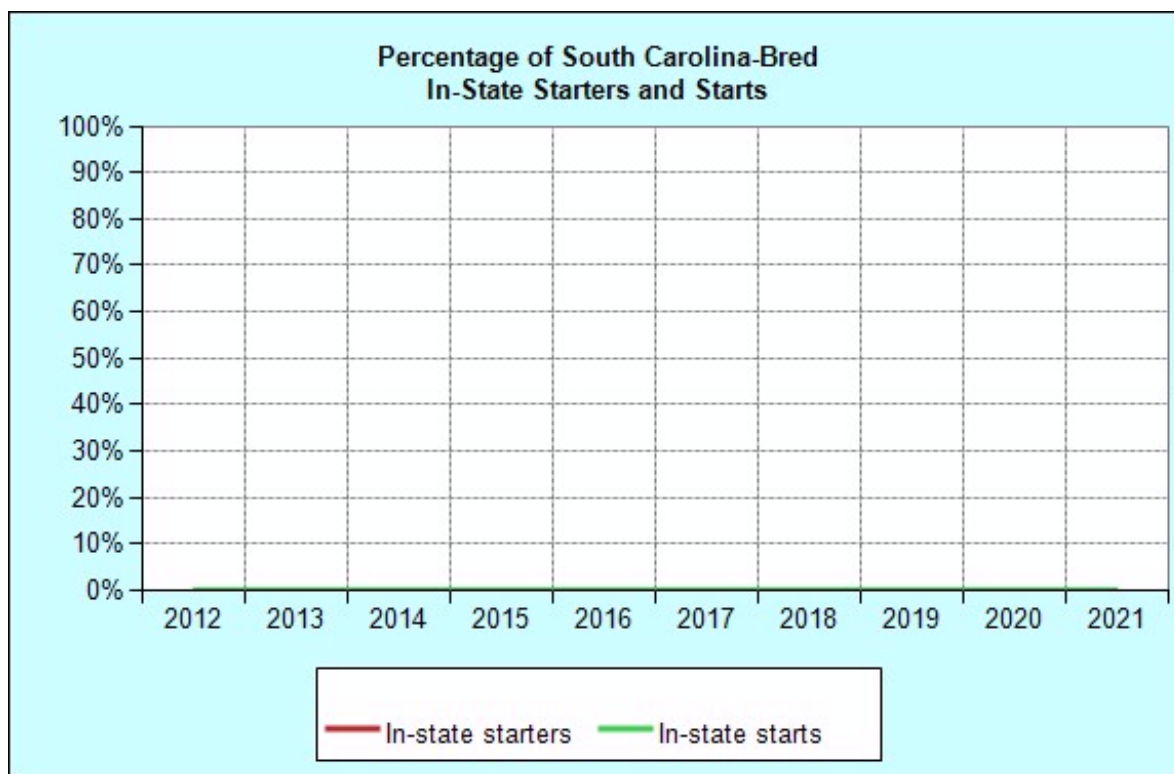
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2003	138	914	1,399,624	10,142	6.6
2004	115	747	1,369,232	11,906	6.5
2005	93	708	1,217,430	13,091	7.6
2006	100	602	934,644	9,346	6.0
2007	86	530	849,647	9,880	6.2
2008	80	419	622,446	7,781	5.2
2009	72	360	541,936	7,527	5.0
2010	70	357	592,199	8,460	5.1
2011	52	305	489,061	9,405	5.9
2012	44	233	369,353	8,394	5.3
2013	45	232	498,714	11,083	5.2
2014	31	165	396,936	12,804	5.3
2015	28	163	424,409	15,157	5.8
2016	27	156	322,424	11,942	5.8
2017	26	181	472,192	18,161	7.0
2018	31	159	552,660	17,828	5.1
2019	34	251	831,090	24,444	7.4
2020	28	175	452,887	16,175	6.3
2021	29	198	625,359	21,564	6.8
2022	39	233	1,051,683	26,966	6.0
2023	36	246	902,148	25,060	6.8

## South Carolina-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2002	62	29	489	890,793	30,717	16.9
2003	67	35	468	750,388	21,440	13.4
2004	54	26	302	444,385	17,092	11.6
2005	59	29	412	810,300	27,941	14.2
2006	48	26	325	433,463	16,672	12.5
2007	54	30	354	889,828	29,661	11.8
2008	49	16	166	248,558	15,535	10.4
2009	53	19	237	475,959	25,050	12.5
2010	38	16	126	143,313	8,957	7.9
2011	22	7	147	459,740	65,677	21.0
2012	16	8	120	340,956	42,620	15.0
2013	22	10	84	93,671	9,367	8.4
2014	14	7	146	447,856	63,979	20.9
2015	26	14	82	291,908	20,851	5.9
2016	30	15	131	491,341	32,756	8.7
2017	16	6	44	154,929	25,822	7.3
2018	19	9	51	119,885	13,321	5.7
2019	18	11	69	470,159	42,742	6.3
2020	15	12	89	382,859	31,905	7.4
2021	13	4	17	47,740	11,935	4.3

Figures as of 04/01/2024

## South Carolina-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
2002	29	0	0.0	489	0	0.0
2003	35	1	2.9	468	3	0.6
2004	26	1	3.8	302	2	0.7
2005	29	1	3.4	412	3	0.7
2006	26	0	0.0	325	0	0.0
2007	30	0	0.0	354	0	0.0
2008	16	0	0.0	166	0	0.0
2009	19	0	0.0	237	0	0.0
2010	16	0	0.0	126	0	0.0
2011	7	0	0.0	147	0	0.0
2012	8	0	0.0	120	0	0.0
2013	10	0	0.0	84	0	0.0
2014	7	0	0.0	146	0	0.0
2015	14	0	0.0	82	0	0.0
2016	15	0	0.0	131	0	0.0
2017	6	0	0.0	44	0	0.0
2018	9	0	0.0	51	0	0.0
2019	11	0	0.0	69	0	0.0
2020	12	0	0.0	89	0	0.0
2021	4	0	0.0	17	0	0.0

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

Figures as of 04/01/2024

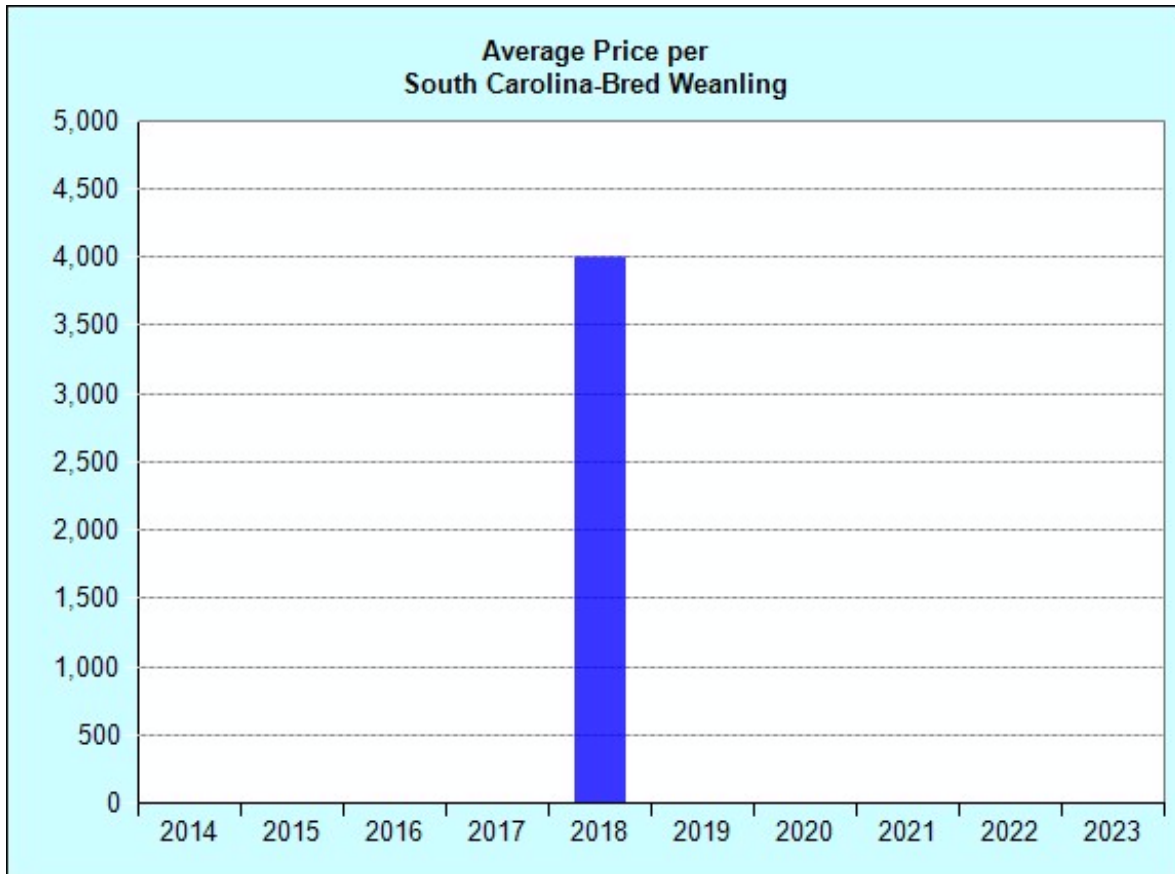
# Percentage of South Carolina-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

## Racing Year

Racing Area	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
MD	55.30%	73.16%	42.96%	59.36%	56.74%
DE	15.54%	4.02%	8.39%	10.87%	2.91%
WV	13.97%	11.85%	23.84%	13.30%	15.75%
PA	6.83%	3.28%	9.82%	6.30%	0.52%
NJ	2.48%	0.13%	1.22%	0.00%	0.24%
NM	1.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NE	0.97%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
OH	0.85%	0.10%	1.01%	1.17%	1.80%
VA	0.77%	1.82%	3.27%	0.83%	1.07%
CO	0.76%	1.92%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
OK	0.57%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
KY	0.42%	0.04%	0.18%	0.00%	0.00%
PR	0.21%	0.06%	2.53%	0.00%	0.00%
TX	0.13%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
FL	0.04%	2.86%	3.28%	8.12%	8.45%
NY	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
IN	0.00%	0.11%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
AR	0.00%	0.42%	3.45%	0.00%	0.00%
CA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.97%
LA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.48%
MA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.02%

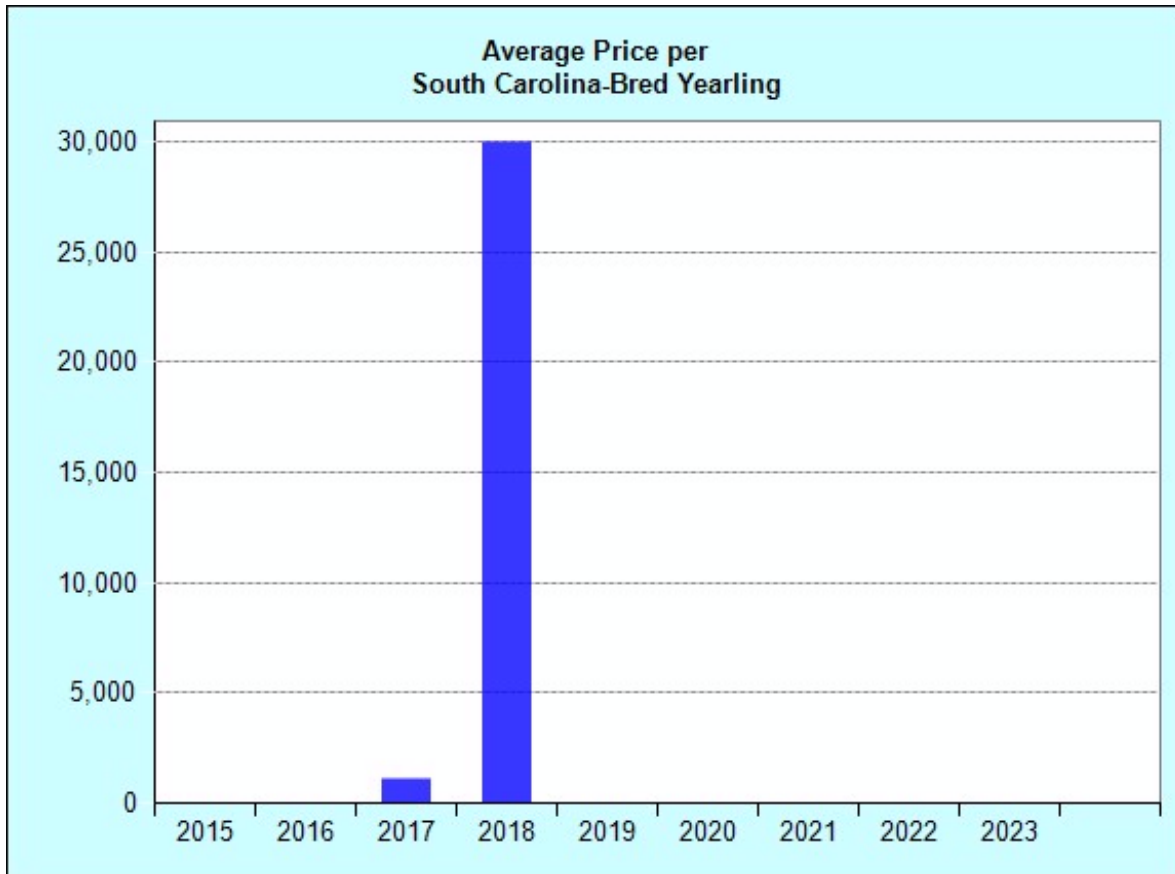
Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2023

## Auction Results for South Carolina-Bred Weanlings



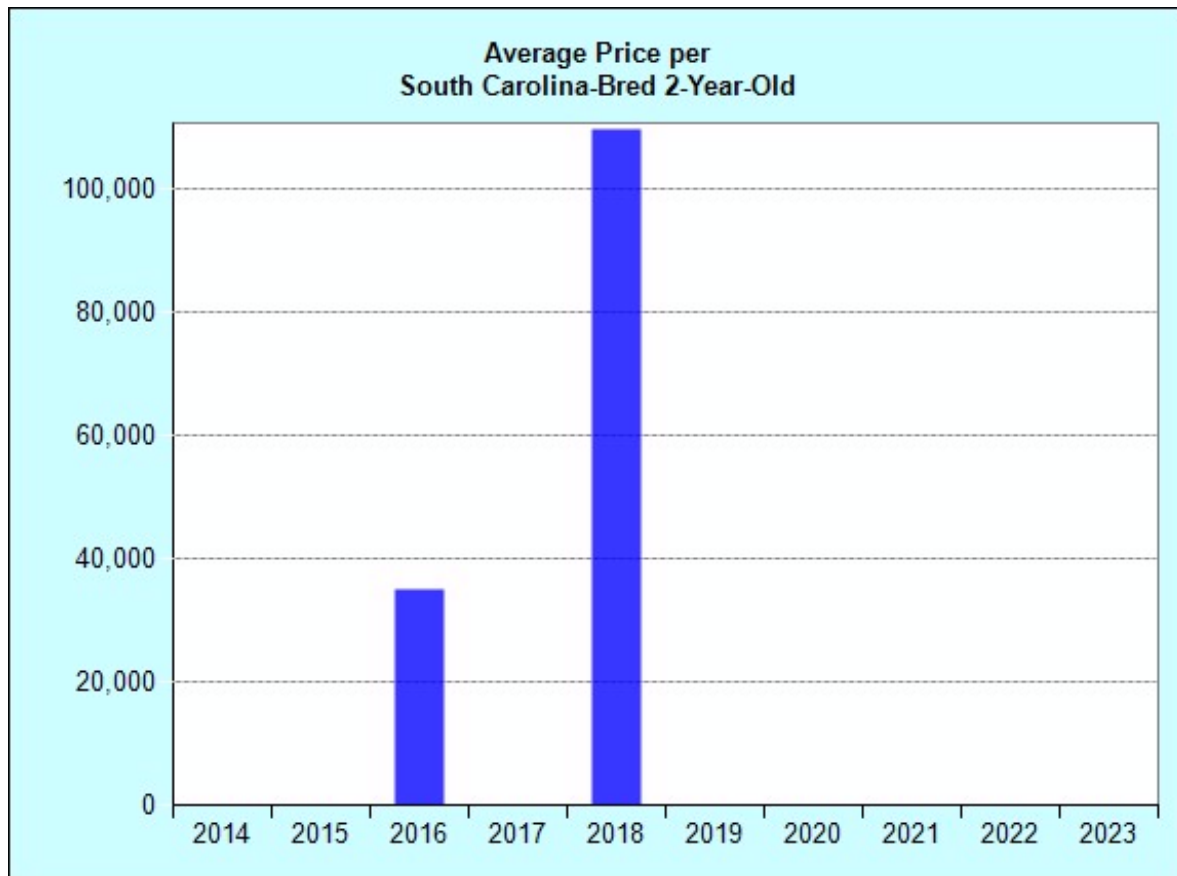
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2003	1	0.0	6,700	0.0	6,700	0.0	6,700	0.0
2004	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2018	1	0.0	4,000	0.0	4,000	0.0	4,000	0.0
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Auction Results for South Carolina-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2003	2	0.0	4,500	0.0	2,250	0.0	2,250	0.0
2004	3	50.0	11,750	161.1	3,917	74.1	3,300	46.7
2005	1	-66.7	1,000	-91.5	1,000	-74.5	1,000	-69.7
2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2017	2	0.0	2,200	0.0	1,100	0.0	1,100	0.0
2018	1	-50.0	30,000	1263.6	30,000	2627.3	30,000	2627.3
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

## Auction Results for South Carolina-Bred 2-Year-Olds



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2003	1	0.0	27,000	0.0	27,000	0.0	27,000	0.0
2004	2	100.0	8,000	-70.4	4,000	-85.2	4,000	-85.2
2005	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2006	1	0.0	8,000	0.0	8,000	0.0	8,000	0.0
2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
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	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2016	1	0.0	35,000	0.0	35,000	0.0	35,000	0.0
2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2018	1	0.0	110,000	0.0	110,000	0.0	110,000	0.0
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0