

THE TEXAS HORSE INDUSTRY SUMMARY STATEMENTS

- Texas is home to over 1 million horses, representing approximately 15% of all horses nationwide.
- Texas leads the nation in number of registered
 - American Quarter Horses
 - American Paint Horses
 - Appaloosa Horses
 - American Miniature Horses
- Texas is second only to California in total
 - Arabian Horses
 - Thoroughbred Breeding Stallions
- 953,983 Texans are horse industry participants and there are 288,839 Texas horse owners. These owners each have an average of 3.7 horses.
- FTE employment across the Texas horse industry exceeds 43,000 people and compares with the Rubber Products, Agricultural Forestry & Fishery Services, Wood Products & Transportation Services Industries.
- The majority of participants associate with horses for “Quality of Life” reasons. There is significant crossover in use of horses for pleasure/recreation and showing/competition.
- Horseowners have \$13 billion invested in barns, towing vehicles, trailers, tack and related equipment and spend \$2.1 billion annually just to maintain their horses.
- In showing and racing alone, almost 300,000 owners, family members & volunteers spend \$3 billion per year attending competitive events with over 250,000 horses.
- Texas horses are valued at \$4.2 billion.
- Annual cash receipts for horses bought/sold exceeds \$354 million. Horse receipts are over 2 times greater than the combined total for hogs, sheep and lambs, and are 1.1 times the total receipts for Texas wheat.
- Total impact of the horse industry to Texas economy exceeds \$11 billion annually.