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Empire State Strikes Back

New York revival fueled by VLTs at Aqueduct

BY TOM LAMARRA

evelopments over Independence Day weekend in 2010, though not unexpected for those who follow the New York Thoroughbred breeding industry, drove home the point: The New York-bred program can produce quality racehorses.

In a span of three days at Belmont Park, state-bred runners won three graded stakes: Turtle Bird Stable's Haynesfield took the Suburban Handicap (gr. II) July 3; Paul Pompa Jr., Stephen Yarbrough, and Winter Park Partners' Franny Freud won the Prioress Stakes (gr. I) July 4; and Zayat Stables' Rightly So triumphed in the Bed o' Roses Handicap (gr. III) July 5.

According to information compiled by the New York Thoroughbred Breeders, New York-bred horses accounted for 15 graded-stakes victories in 2010. Haynesfield and Rightly So returned later in the season to win grade I events in New York.

Despite such success the program has had its ups and downs, a product of the horse industry's volatility in New York and across the country. In the past decade there have been questions about the future of the New York Racing Association, declines in the Thoroughbred foal crop in state and out; and the shuttering of New York City Off-Track Betting Corp., a revenue source for the New York Thoroughbred Breeding & Development Fund.

It appears 2011 will be a payback year of sorts for New York breeders and New York racing in general. After a 10-year wait, video lottery terminals should be operating at Aque-



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| 1 | POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Vinery New York | \$10,000 | 113/41 | 3/3 | 1/3 | (Caleb's Posse, \$120,834) | \$1,083,923 | 369 | 14 | 1.49 | 1.40 | |
| 2 | TOUCH GOLD (94, Deputy Minister), Adena Springs at McMahon of Saratoga Toreds | \$10,000 | 122/34 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Tocco d'Oro, \$50,200) | \$630,051 | *736 | 30 | 1.38 | 2.11 | |
| 3 | GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm | \$7,500 | 75/22 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Runaway Wildcat, \$50,400) | \$516,495 | *533 | 13 | 1.10 | 1.71 | |
| 4 | FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions at Keane Stud | \$8,500 | 54/17 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Giant Ryan, \$62,060) | \$505,150 | 327 | 23 | 1.77 | 1.31 | |
| 5 | REPENT (99, Louis Quatorze), Vinery New York | \$5,000 | 86/23 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (It's Never to Late, \$41,700) | \$492,877 | *338 | 13 | 1.30 | 1.27 | |
| 6 | CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Highcliff Farm | \$7,500 | 45/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jeranimo, \$57,000) | \$414,937 | *209 | 9 | 1.44 | 1.51 | |
| 7 | PURGE (01, Pulpit), Vinery New York | \$5,000 | 73/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Show Trial, \$37,380) | \$404,399 | *275 | 3 | 0.92 | 1.75 | |
| 8 | READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), Sequel Stallions at Keane Stud | \$6,500 | 32/14 | 1/2 | 1/1 | (Eminent Tale, \$84,000) | \$392,791 | *158 | 7 | 1.51 | 1.25 | |
| 9 | ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Dutchess Views Farm/Metropolitan Stud | \$3,500 | 39/14 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Devilish Spirit, \$55,800) | \$352,228 | 137 | 3 | 1.26 | 0.99 | |
| 10 | GOLD TOKEN (93, Mr. Prospector) | Died, 2006 | 25/6 | 1/3 | 0/1 | (Inherit the Gold, \$162,000) | \$326,358 | *281 | 10 | 1.35 | 1.15 | |
| 11 | CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds | \$5,000 | 63/16 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Schoolyard Cat, \$44,130) | \$295,179 | *439 | 22 | 1.34 | 1.28 | |
| 12 | DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations | \$5,000 | 23/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Dr Disco, \$58,000) | \$241,047 | 188 | 7 | 1.44 | 1.26 | |
| 13 | ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs at McMahon of Saratoga Tbreds | \$6,000 | 60/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Awesome Dudette, \$25,890) | \$176,212 | *721 | 39 | 1.32 | 1.40 | |
| 14 | ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge), Keane Stud Operations | \$3,500 | 23/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Eltish Star, \$30,400) | \$171,282 | 282 | 12 | 1.23 | 1.33 | |
| 15 | RAFFIE'S MAJESTY (95, Cormorant), Sugar Maple Farm | \$3,000 | 16/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Stud Muffin, \$62,730) | \$162,735 | 139 | 10 | 1.60 | 1.10 | |
| 16 | REGAL CLASSIC (85, Vice Regent) | Pnsd | 12/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Won Great Classic, \$61,200) | \$153,816 | *961 | 44 | 1.41 | 1.52 | |
| 17 | WESTERN EXPRESSION (96, Gone West), Highcliff Farm | \$5,000 | 21/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jethro Jr., \$29,120) | \$125,968 | *280 | 4 | 1.18 | 1.29 | |
| 18 | MAYAKOVSKY (99, Matty G), Mill Creek Farm | N/A | 11/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Cody Samora, \$43,200) | \$123,631 | 85 | 1 | 1.23 | 1.30 | |
| 19 | GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm | \$3,000 | 19/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Galaxy Rush, \$16,700) | \$114,132 | 51 | 0 | 0.54 | 1.28 | |
| 20 | SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag), Buckridge Farm | \$3,000 | 13/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Yoko, \$31,760) | \$104,548 | *171 | 1 | 0.84 | 1.17 | |

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| 1 | NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station | \$20,000 | 90/30 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Eighttofasttocatch, \$64,950) | \$790,212 | 765 | 68 | 1.81 | 1.48 |
| 2 | LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station | \$3,000 | 93/32 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Aspenglow, \$60,000) | \$754,386 | *461 | 15 | 1.29 | 1.33 |
| 3 | DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station | \$2,000 | 56/19 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Darn That Raven, \$73,090) | \$522,975 | 210 | 0 | 1.01 | 1.51 |
| 4 | LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm | \$5,000 | 66/21 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sweet Goodbye, \$48,750) | \$487,672 | *870 | 23 | 1.18 | 1.42 |
| 5 | ORATORY (02, Pulpit), Country Life Farm | \$4,000 | 41/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Grandiloquent, \$52,630) | \$406,140 | *123 | 0 | 1.24 | 1.19 |
| 6 | ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farms | \$2,500 | 46/12 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Rock Castle County, \$21,620) | \$278,556 | 188 | 5 | 1.11 | 1.30 |
| 7 | GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station | \$2,000 | 21/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Great Intuition, \$60,330) | \$264,537 | 93 | 3 | 1.52 | 1.22 |
| 8 | TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station | N/A | 42/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Pewter Punch, \$21,420) | \$202,052 | *1017 | 53 | 1.46 | 1.43 |
| 9 | GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic), Shamrock Farms | \$1,500 | 23/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Gator Bay, \$34,140) | \$200,595 | 102 | 0 | 1.00 | 1.25 |
| 10 | OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farms | \$3,000 | 29/8 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Jack On the Rocks, \$43,220) | \$162,636 | 426 | 19 | 1.42 | 1.18 |

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duct later this year to provide a needed financial boost; the state-bred program is the most lucrative in the country but has experienced revenue declines in recent years.

The delay in getting VLTs has led to some starts and stops by breeders. Finger Lakes Gaming & Racing, the only non-NYRA Thoroughbred track in the state, was among the first tracks in the state to open a VLT parlor in the early 2000s, but many breeders were counting on an Aqueduct facility that would funnel money to the three NYRA tracks.

Expectations were understandably fueled in 2003 when Sackatoga Stable's Funny Cide became the first New Yorkbred to win the Kentucky Derby (gr. I). The gelding was foaled in New York by a mare that had been bred to prominent Kentucky stallion Distorted Humor.

In 2001, 1,772 Thoroughbred foals were registered in New York, according to The Jockey Club. The number increased to 2,025 by 2004 in anticipation of additional revenue from VLTs, then began to decline slowly with each passing year.

By 2009 there were 1,607 registered foals in New York. The numbers, however, reflect national trends as well; throughout the period, New York continued to account for about 5.5% of the nation's Thoroughbred foal crop.

"If you go back and look at the legislation allowing for VLTs that passed in 2001, clearly people assumed Aqueduct would be operating in a reasonable period of time," NYRA president and chief executive officer Charles Hayward said.

When state officials agreed in 2010 on selection of a casino developer, there was a sense of finality—not an easy thing in New York—that led to heightened interest in the New York-bred program, already considered one of the best and most lucrative in the country. But with pari-mutuel revenue on the decline, VLT-generated funding is considered a safeguard for the future.

Detractors contend state-bred programs encourage mediocrity. Whether that's the case largely depends on the parameters of the program. New York rules give breeders flexibility when it comes to breeding mares to stallions out of state; Kentucky is a popular choice as evidenced by Funny Cide.

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| 1 | E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Ghost Ridge Farms | \$10,000 | 108/25 | 3/4 | 0/3 | (Skysurfers, \$705,000) | \$1,534,827 | *595 | 21 | 1.30 | 1.25 |
| 2 | JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Ghost Ridge Farms | \$10,000 | 77/34 | 3/3 | 1/3 | (Pants On Fire, \$629,500) | \$1,331,764 | *408 | 21 | 1.49 | 1.39 |
| 3 | SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Ghost Ridge Farms | \$10,000 | 85/31 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Gilded Gem, \$138,200) | \$1,116,325 | *285 | 8 | 1.73 | 2.68 |
| 4 | TOCCET (00, Awesome Again), Dana Point Farm | \$3,500 | 63/18 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Hyperlink, \$70,600) | \$529,540 | *237 | 8 | 1.24 | 1.32 |
| 5 | REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American) | Died, 2010 | 38/16 | 1/1 | 0/1 | (Norman Asbjornson, \$89,480) | \$497,842 | *506 | 12 | 1.21 | 1.27 |
| 6 | EUROSILVER (01, Unbridled's Song), Penn Ridge Farms | \$3,500 | 78/26 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sterling Outlook, \$52,700) | \$493,107 | *237 | 3 | 0.93 | 1.45 |
| 7 | GRAND REWARD (01, Storm Cat), Ghost Ridge Farms | \$4,000 | 70/21 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Miss Cherokee Cat, \$57,620) | \$461,222 | *366 | 1 | 1.06 | 1.42 |
| 8 | WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm | \$3,500 | 61/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Copper Forest, \$41,600) | \$372,034 | *232 | 5 | 1.21 | 1.07 |
| 9 | MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA | \$4,000 | 28/15 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Sortano, \$49,170) | \$286,620 | 113 | 4 | 1.44 | 1.58 |
| 10 | ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm | \$3,500 | 45/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Mia Alberta, \$27,000) | \$261,655 | *287 | 5 | 1.22 | 1.20 |
| 11 | CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms | \$4,000 | 49/17 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Miss Pauline, \$40,320) | \$259,274 | *392 | 18 | 1.25 | 1.72 |
| 12 | PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Northview PA | \$2,000 | 36/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Listentothewindblo, \$31,560) | \$240,584 | 381 | 18 | 1.30 | 1.39 |
| 13 | DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm | \$2,000 | 36/14 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Doasisay Notasisay, \$34,000) | \$240,094 | 243 | 7 | 1.16 | 1.33 |
| 14 | SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Star Barn Thoroughbreds | \$5,000 | 40/13 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Snow Mon, \$26,940) | \$238,344 | *240 | 7 | 1.12 | 1.23 |
| 15 | TRUST N LUCK (00, Montbrook), Penn Ridge Farms | \$2,000 | 29/9 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Ima Smash Oak, \$37,000) | \$184,593 | *177 | 5 | 1.04 | 1.21 |
| 16 | RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm | \$1,500 | 10/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lenape Rim, \$57,600) | \$175,090 | 41 | 1 | 1.26 | 1.37 |
| 17 | WHEATON (90, Alydar) | Died, 2006 | 16/5 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Hollywood Left, \$56,052) | \$170,044 | 329 | 15 | 1.31 | 1.06 |
| 18 | PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm | \$2,000 | 20/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Romin Robin, \$36,675) | \$152,977 | 117 | 2 | 1.22 | 1.11 |
| 19 | LIDO PALACE (CHI) (97, Rich Man's Gold), Northview PA | \$3,000 | 34/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Nextdoorneighbor, \$29,120) | \$147,162 | 141 | 3 | 0.95 | 1.35 |
| 20 | FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated), Mountain Springs Racing Stable | \$2,500 | 34/3 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Midnight Thunder, \$38,085) | \$145,012 | *607 | 24 | 1.12 | 1.13 |

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horse must have been foaled in the state and the mare must meet certain requirements.

Resident mares must remain in New York from within 90 days after last cover in the year of conception until foaling the following year; no breed-back to a New York stallion is required.

Non-resident mares must foal in New York, be bred back to a New York-registered stallion, and remain in the state for 90 days after foaling.

"The New York breeder is a savvy breeder," said Jeffrey Cannizzo, executive director of the New York Thoroughbred Breeders. "The program offers the option of staying in state or breeding to out-ofstate stallions. There's actually a 50-50 split between the two, and that creates a unique balance in New York that many states don't have. "It's helping the program, and I think the horses speak for themselves on the racetrack."

Cannizzo said there are no plans to change the structure of the program, only enhance it and restore a few elements that were lost because of NYCOTB-related revenue cuts. He said the goal is to increase payments when revenue from VLTs is finally realized.

"We'll be able to fund the program and pay breeders as we did in past years," Cannizzo said. "From there, it's an open stream. I think we'll be getting creative in looking at what would be better incentives for Thoroughbred breeders."

Construction on the VLT casino at Aqueduct began earlier this year. Genting New York, which is building and will operate the facility, said it plans to have 1,600 machines operating at launch, which could



be late summer or early fall of this year.

Ultimately 4,500 VLTs, along with related amenities, are planned for Aqueduct.

New York horse industry officials can rely only on projections when it comes to determining how much revenue VLTs will produce for racing and breeding. Hayward outlined the projections based on the full 4,500 machines and a win-per-machine of \$300 a day, a figure some believe could be higher, given Aqueduct's location.

Cannizzo is in that camp. He said given the investment planned by Genting New York, as well as numbers generated by other casinos in the region, a win-permachine of \$300 per day "is very low and very conservative. My belief and those of gaming experts is it will be significantly higher, and if that happens, it changes everything."

By legislation, 1% of gross VLT revenue, or \$4.9 million the first full year of operation, will go to breeders' awards. At the outset the funding will help compensate for a loss of about \$4 million the NYTBDF

| 2011 New Jersey Sires By Winners | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Sire | Rnrs | Wnrs | | | | | | |
| Defrere | | 8 | | | | | | |
| Don Six | 15 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Unbridled Jet | 11 | 6 | | | | | | |
| Close Up | 11 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Deputy Warlock | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Tree | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Harrington Sound | | | | | | | | |
| Iron Deputy | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Evening Kris | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |



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| Rank | Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing | 2011 Stud Fee | Rnrs/ Wnrs | Wnrs/ Wns | SW/ BT SW | (Chief Earner, Earnings) | 2011 Earnings | Foals | Stks Wnrs | *A-E Index | *Comp Index |
| 1 | DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms | \$2,500 | 41/12 | 1/1 | 1/1 | (Su Casa G Casa, \$110,000) | \$307,305 | 135 | 1 | 0.84 | 1.17 |
| 2 | PRIZED (86, Kris S.), O'Sullivan Farms | \$3,500 | 25/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Premio Loco, \$50,000) | \$189,039 | *727 | 29 | 1.40 | 1.37 |
| 3 | WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm | \$2,500 | 32/10 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Lil Miss Jane, \$23,490) | \$180,628 | 119 | 4 | 1.43 | 1.28 |
| 4 | BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki) | Pnsd | 53/18 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Allie's the Boss, \$20,020) | \$173,365 | *913 | 37 | 1.34 | 1.44 |
| 5 | LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm | \$2,500 | 44/11 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Blues in the Night, \$24,400) | \$168,520 | 215 | 7 | 1.09 | 1.09 |
| 6 | MEADOW MONSTER (91, Meadowlake), O'Sullivan Farms | \$2,000 | 18/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (That's No Bargain, \$49,110) | \$149,596 | 338 | 9 | 1.01 | 1.10 |
| 7 | BOP (97, Rahy), O'Sullivan Farms | \$2,500 | 23/6 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Beboppin Betty, \$19,820) | \$126,900 | *100 | 5 | 1.22 | 0.87 |
| 8 | REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner), Blue Spruce Farm | \$1,000 | 16/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (All Myself, \$27,330) | \$112,620 | 79 | 2 | 1.28 | 0.88 |
| 9 | YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms | \$1,500 | 21/7 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Fagedaboudit Sal, \$15,726) | \$111,284 | 256 | 9 | 1.16 | 1.02 |
| 10 | PRINTS OF PEACE (01, Storm Cat), O'Sullivan Farms | \$750 | 12/4 | 0/0 | 0/0 | (Printscess Poach, \$36,500) | \$99,010 | 36 | 0 | 0.88 | 0.77 |

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.

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In the second year, breeders' awards will receive 1.25% of gross revenue and 1.5% in year three and thereafter.

Purses at NYRA will get 6.5% of gross revenue, or \$32 million in the first year. Hayward said the three NYRA tracks paid \$103 million in purses in 2010, meaning purses would increase about 30% at the tracks based on the current projections.

NYRA also will get 4% of gross revenue for capital improvements (\$19.7 million in the first year based on projections) and 3% for operations (\$14.8 million in the first year).

Aqueduct, Belmont, and Saratoga offered a combined 800 state-bred restricted races last year; another 100 or so were run at Finger Lakes. Their total value was about \$36 million.

Hayward said NYRA has a good working relationship with the NYTB and the NYTBDF and that it will continue. Hayward added when a NYRA committee meets April 29 to discuss how revenue will be spent, he

will recommend the current ratio: 28% of the purse account for stakes and 72% for overnight races.

"Ultimately it will be a NYRA board decision on how the money will be spent," Hayward said. "There has been some concern by breeders that when NYRA starts getting (VLT revenue for purses), all of the money will go for open company and breeders will be forgotten. That's not going to happen.

"We support New York-bred racing because it's a great program. It works well for NYRA and our customers."

The total value of the New York-bred program is about \$52 million, the bulk in overnight and stakes purses. Cannizzo said the program already offers more money than those in states in which the industry receives revenue from alternative gaming. After the first year of VLT revenue in New York, awards for breeders, stallion owners, open-company races, and statebred stakes could increase to \$16 million or \$17 million from the current \$10 million, according to projections. That figure is expected to grow in years two and three as the percentage of revenue increases by statute.

Cannizzo said the New York-bred program basically lost 30% of its funding when NYCOTB closed. However, there has been a positive development: The net fund is down only 22% because of handle increases ontrack and through NYRA's ad-

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vance deposit wagering system.

"NYRA has picked up business ontrack and through its ADW system, and that's a great thing for the breeding fund because it receives more money (from a bet made through NYRA) than an OTB wager," he said. "If NYRA's business goes up, that's good for the state-bred program."

In early April the NYTBDF announced breeders would share in another \$861,000 in supplemental money left over from 2010 even after breeders, owners, and stallion owners were fully paid. The board decided that because breeders' awards have been capped, unlike the other categories, the funds would go to breeders.

Last fall two breeding outfits with Kentucky and Florida farms talked of plans to expand to New York. The announcements came a few months after New York state government finally sealed the deal on a developer for the Aqueduct VLT casino.

Vinery Ltd. said that in 2011 it would take over management of Empire Stud and rename it Vinery New York. Vinery president Tom Ludt said a group of Vineryowned mares would be sent to New York to be bred and will foal there.

Earlier, two Vinery stallions—Posse and Repent—were relocated to New York.

"We're excited about this expansion," Ludt said at the time. "(The stallions) have been very well-received by the New York breeders. We have seen benefits from operating in a regional market, and with

> casinos boosting the New York program we think that there will be a lucrative market for New York-breds."

> Meanwhile, longtime New York breeders Joe and Anne McMahon of McMahon Saratoga Thoroughbreds said they would stand five Adena Springs stallions—Alphabet Soup, Harlem Rocker, Silent Name, Tiago, and Touch Gold—at their farm in 2011.

"This is a grand opportunity for breeders to qualify their foals for what will arguably be the best purses and awards available anywhere in the United States," Joe McMahon said. "We are very excited to have North America's eight-time leading breeder entrust us with their accomplished stallions."

Cannizzo confirmed that other breeding operations have expressed interest in New York but said he couldn't offer specifics at this time.

"There are major national commercial (operations) that have asked about our program and the future of it," Cannizzo said. "In the next 12 months I think we'll see further development of operations in New York.

"I look at 2011 as sort of a transition year. In 2012 the whole game changes."



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