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Pennsylvania battles to keep funding

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The two will be forever linked: the 2004 Triple Crown run by Smarty Jones and passage of the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act several weeks later.

The Pennsylvania-bred racehorse was so popular that slot machines authorized by the gaming law—Act 71—were dubbed “Smarty Slots.” It was to be the perfect combination: renewed interest in horse racing because of Smarty Jones, and gaming revenue that could be used to capitalize on that interest.

Almost eight years later Smarty Jones is back in Pennsylvania, standing stud at Northview Stallion Station. The stallion remains popular with fans and breeders, but how much of that has carried over to Pennsylvania racing is questionable. And though the slots keep spinning, the horse racing and breeding industry is continually battling to maintain its share of the revenue.

It's a complicated situation. Economic impact figures show Act 71 has greatly enhanced the breeding of Thoroughbred and Standardbred horses, preserved 500,000 acres of open space, and more than doubled the return on every dollar of racing- and breeding-related expenditures.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the value of the state's equine industry jumped from \$780 million in 2001 to \$3 billion in 2008. Over the same period the racing industry's value went from \$334.5 million to \$1.6 billion.

But even those numbers haven't kept lawmakers at bay as they seek to balance the state budget. There also is an uneasy relationship between horsemen and the racetracks, all six of which are now owned exclusively by casino companies.

The racing industry receives 12% of gross slots revenue at racetrack casinos and 6% from non-track casinos, with a combined cap of 18%. For fiscal year 2010-11 that amounted to \$180.6 million for purses; \$18.5 million for the Thoroughbred breeding fund; \$17.5 million for the Standardbred breeding fund and sires stakes program; and



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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview	\$10,000	76/29	1/1	0/1	(San Pablo, \$90,000)	\$879,138	*558	26	1.59	1.39
2	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Northview	\$7,500	69/17	1/1	0/1	(Isn't He Clever, \$278,000)	\$860,201	*324	10	1.74	2.47
3	E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Northview	\$9,000	110/36	1/2	0/1	(Fort Larned, \$98,550)	\$852,821	*685	26	1.27	1.26
4	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste), Northview	\$7,000	89/27	0/0	0/0	(Zetterholm, \$78,200)	\$619,457	*233	8	1.18	1.44
5	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Penn Ridge Farms	\$6,000	77/23	1/1	0/1	(Quotable, \$37,600)	\$572,753	*619	41	1.40	1.26
6	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American), Penn Ridge Farms	Died, 2010	37/13	2/3	0/2	(Singlet, \$90,000)	\$508,780	*596	13	1.21	1.26
7	EUROSILVER (01, Unbridled's Song), Penn Ridge Farms	\$3,500	67/15	0/0	0/0	(Devilish Silver, \$42,555)	\$380,238	*272	6	1.05	1.40
8	OFFLEE WILD (00, Wild Again), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	54/14	1/1	0/1	(Middle of the Nite, \$47,550)	\$372,755	191	6	1.50	1.32
9	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$3,500	56/12	0/0	0/0	(Favorite Flavor, \$37,965)	\$348,016	*249	5	1.30	1.07
10	UNBRIDLED ENERGY (02, Unbridled's Song), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	46/14	0/0	0/0	(Sterling Madame, \$42,300)	\$308,024	*158	3	1.08	1.21
11	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	31/9	0/0	0/0	(Bet the Power, \$73,800)	\$266,740	*325	7	1.18	1.19
12	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview	\$3,500	37/9	0/0	0/0	(Big Grandpa, \$43,020)	\$259,400	131	6	1.40	1.50
13	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	29/8	0/0	0/0	(Wow Me, \$27,300)	\$217,763	518	22	1.26	1.22
14	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat), Star Barn Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	38/11	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Desire, \$26,446)	\$199,104	*267	7	1.08	1.19
15	TRUST N LUCK (00, Montbrook), Penn Ridge Farms	\$2,000	27/8	0/0	0/0	(First Trumpet, \$26,880)	\$160,551	*200	5	1.02	1.16
16	LOVE OF MONEY (01, Not For Love), Northview	\$2,500	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Doctor Dinero, \$25,200)	\$160,468	79	3	1.24	1.33
17	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$2,000	37/6	0/0	0/0	(Red Pete, \$31,180)	\$156,092	258	7	1.12	1.30
18	CAT THIEF (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	35/9	0/0	0/0	(Dr. W, \$20,450)	\$133,378	*423	18	1.23	1.69
19	PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$1,000	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Tightend Touchdown, \$64,800)	\$131,941	132	2	1.18	1.07
20	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$2,500	34/7	0/0	0/0	(Torchme, \$28,670)	\$129,933	*167	2	0.84	1.14

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\$11.4 million for horsemen's pensions and health insurance.

The Race Horse Development Fund, however, earned another \$46.7 million. That money went to the state general fund under a reduction enacted by the state legislature a few years ago that is set to expire in 2013.

So instead of receiving \$274.9 million, racing and breeding got \$228.1 million. This year Republican Gov. Tom Corbett proposed taking another \$72 million to support other agriculture programs, a plan being fought by horsemen and breeders.

The proposed cut was announced in February, but it's subject to budget negotiations that will continue through the spring.

"I feel pretty optimistic about stopping the take," said Todd Mostoller, executive director of the Pennsylvania Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, which represents horsemen at Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course and Presque Isle Downs & Casino. "You have to remember 75% of the people (that voted on Act 71) aren't in the legislature anymore, so we're going through the process of educating members.

"As we do that, I'm optimistic that through the education process and legislators having a growing knowledge of the industry in Pennsylvania, we'll protect what we have."

On the surface it's business as usual in the Keystone State. But the nagging threats of reductions in racing's share of slots revenue has an impact: Farm owners may not invest as much money in upgrades, some mares may not come to the state to be bred,

and owners and trainers wonder what the purse structure will look like in two years.

"Imagine the outcry from business leaders if the state attracted businesses to Pennsylvania through Keystone Opportunity Zones and then ended them without



PHBPA executive director Todd Mostoller

warning or decreased the tax benefits by 50% after a business had already located there," said Salvatore DeBunda, president of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, which represents horsemen and negotiates contracts at Parx Racing. "The Race Horse Development Fund represented a commitment by state government, a commitment that breeders' incentives and purses would be at certain levels, which attracted individuals and

businesses to Pennsylvania as a place to breed horses, purchase farms, and race horses."

"Unfortunately, the governor has undermined confidence in the Pennsylvania program just by his announcement (of the potential for a reduction)," said Jeb Hannum, executive secretary for the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association. "It may take a long time to get that trust back. The timing couldn't be worse with what's happening (in neighboring states)."

The advent of video lottery terminals at Aqueduct in New York last fall already has produced millions of dollars for the New York Thoroughbred breeding program, which is touting higher purses and awards for breeders, owners, and stallion owners. And Maryland racing is showing increasing purses and awards through non-track slots parlors in the state.

That said, Pennsylvania horse racing still has plenty of financial resources. Two of Pennsylvania's three Thoroughbred tracks were in the top 10 in North America in gross purses paid in 2011: Parx was second at \$64.9 million, while Penn National was eighth at \$36 million.

Each of these tracks races about 200 programs a year. The third track, Presque Isle, paid \$22 million in purses for 98 days of racing last year.

Meanwhile, statistics show the growth of the Pennsylvania-bred program and its earnings potential. Politics aside, Hannum said the program "has been an enormous success."

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1	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$10,000	108/40	2/2	2/2	(Apprehender, \$56,200)	\$1,074,243	*429	15	1.46	1.40
2	BLUEGRASS CAT (03, Storm Cat), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$17,500	84/23	1/1	1/1	(Percussion, \$85,200)	\$709,541	*257	6	1.40	2.20
3	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	52/10	1/1	0/1	(Mr. Vegas, \$101,000)	\$573,144	380	29	1.78	1.28
4	TOUCH GOLD (94, Deputy Minister), Adena Springs at McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$10,000	88/30	0/0	0/0	(Quiet Man, \$49,950)	\$499,356	*771	30	1.33	2.03
5	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$5,000	59/11	0/0	0/0	(Winning Drive, \$44,200)	\$368,448	*575	15	1.09	1.63
6	ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs at McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$6,000	71/13	0/0	0/0	(Joan's Choice, \$55,000)	\$330,597	*763	43	1.29	1.26
7	UTOPIA (JPN) (00, Forty Niner), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Muster Up, \$46,690)	\$318,659	111	0	0.68	1.40
8	CONGAREE (98, Arazzi), Highcliff Farm	\$7,500	36/6	0/0	0/0	(Jeranimo, \$48,000)	\$257,671	*250	11	1.44	1.52
9	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	37/9	0/0	0/0	(Dr Disco, \$44,850)	\$226,812	217	8	1.37	1.25
10	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	56/10	0/0	0/0	(No Detour, \$30,500)	\$210,004	*477	23	1.26	1.30

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Pennsylvania-bred runners earned \$10.8 million for an average of \$7,422 per starter, according to The Jockey Club. In 2011, total earnings were \$50.5 million for an average of \$20,890 per starter.

The biggest year-to-year jump came from 2006 to 2007 when earnings went from \$26.4 million to \$39.7 million. The second-largest jump came from 2010 to 2011, when earnings went from \$40.5 million to \$50.5 million, according to the statistics.

Though the number of registered foals in Pennsylvania has leveled off—1,427 in 2008; 1,500 in 2009; and 1,491 in 2010, according to The Jockey Club—the state showed continued growth in national market share. In 2006 Pennsylvania accounted for 3.6% of the United States Thoroughbred foal crop, but in 2010 the figure was 6%.

Since 2000, the state's foal crop has increased 61.5%, The Jockey Club reported. Pennsylvania ranked fifth behind Kentucky, Florida, Louisiana, and California by number of foals in 2010.

A five-year review (2007-11) of data from The Jockey Club shows the numbers of mares bred in Pennsylvania peaked at 1,752 in 2009. The number was 1,173 in 2007 and 1,273 in 2011.

The number of stallions also spiked in 2009 at 128, according to The Jockey Club. It was 106 in 2007 and only 90 in 2011.

Roughly 49% of the registered Pennsylvania-bred foals in 2010 were conceived in Pennsylvania, The Jockey Club reported. But in a sign of strength in the Kentucky stallion market, 35% were con-

ceived in the Bluegrass State, far more than the number conceived in states that border Pennsylvania.

The numbers were more stable on the Standardbred side—2,892 mares bred in 2007 and 2,946 in 2009, according to the Standardbred Breeders Association of Pennsylvania. The stallion count has hovered between 101 in 2007 and 107 in 2010.

The results of the March 26 Fasig-Tipton 2-year-olds in training sale in Florida weren't lost on supporters of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred breeding program. The sale-topping colt—by Big Brown, who stands at Three Chimneys Farm in Kentucky—sold for \$1.3 million, while the second-highest-priced colt, by Distorted Humor, who stands at WinStar Farm in Kentucky, sold for \$1.2 million.

Both of these sale horses are Pennsylvania-breds because they were foaled in the state.

"We've definitely made major improvements in the quality of bloodstock," said Carl McEntee, bloodstock manager for Northview Stallion Station, which opened a Pennsylvania division several years ago. "(The Fasig-Tipton sale results) are enough proof Act 71 shows the quality of bloodstock in Pennsylvania competes on a national level."

McEntee said the four top stallions in Pennsylvania weren't standing in the state prior to passage of the slots law. Jump Start, who stands at Northview, is the leading sire in Pennsylvania, while Silver Train is a new addition from Vinery in Kentucky.



Northview Stallion Station's Carl McEntee

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PENNSYLVANIA MARES AND STALLIONS

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Mares Bred	1,273	1,631	1,752	1,414	1,173
Stallions	90	120	128	120	106
Book Size	14.1	13.6	13.7	11.8	11.1

PENNSYLVANIA FOALS

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Registered Foals	1,491	1,500	1,427	1,278	1,265
National Share	6%	5.2%	4.4%	3.7%	3.6%

Statistics from The Jockey Club

PENNSYLVANIA PURSES FOR 2011

Racetrack	Total Purses Paid (Average)	Restricted Purses Paid	Racing Dates	Number of Races
Parx Racing & Casino	\$64,908,308 (\$321,304)	\$5,525,008	202	1,876
Hollywood Casino at Penn National	\$36,022,954 (\$181,020)	\$6,680,236	199	1,773
Presque Isle Downs & Casino	\$22,046,603 (\$224,965)	\$2,612,890	98	800

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2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	42/13	0/0	0/0	(Help a Brother, \$20,800)	\$262,109	134	5	1.26	1.24
3	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	26/5	1/1	1/1	(Su Casa G Casa, \$68,952)	\$200,914	142	3	0.85	1.20
4	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	29/8	0/0	0/0	(Joyful Kiss, \$34,800)	\$173,457	229	7	1.05	1.09
5	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki)	Pnsd	44/13	0/0	0/0	(Dollys Affair, \$17,050)	\$149,818	*914	38	1.31	1.42

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Smarty Jones, meanwhile, has support from breeders in the Mid-Atlantic region, McEntee said, and is "really coming into his own and starting to prove himself."

Like Hannum, McEntee believes slots funding will be preserved at current levels. He noted Northview has invested about \$15 million in Pennsylvania.

"I think they'll stick by the commitment made in Act 71," McEntee said. "It's a matter of credibility for the state. We're doing well, but (the governor's action) may have stifled new people coming in this season because they're up in the air about where to go."

"A 30% drop in purses would hurt racing, but it also hurts breeders (because awards are based on a percentage of purses). We need to have clarity in the program so everyone can continue investing in Pennsylvania. We want to grow and improve our stallion program."

According to economic impact data compiled by the Department of Agriculture and other sources, breeding farms have been established since passage of the slots law. The farms have invested more than \$25 million in land, improvements, and equipment.

Lawmakers with racetracks or breeding farms in their districts weighed in on the topic in March during a one-day conference on the horse industry in Pennsylvania.

"The people who have invested in the equine industry expected us to deliver on the promises we made when we passed Act 71," said Republican Rep. Chris Ross, who has Harrah's Chester Casino & Race-track in his district. "When we change the rules and introduce uncertainty, businesses pull out and jobs are lost."

"We need to make (the Race Horse Development Fund) whole. We need to make sure we have a good, healthy industry that can compete successfully with New York, Maryland, Delaware, and other states that are eager to take our breeders and our horse racing away from us."

Northview, which also has a division in northeastern Maryland, is located in the district represented by Republican Rep. Stan Saylor.

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								Foals	Siks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	74/22	0/0	0/0	(Universal Language, \$70,000)	\$708,127	248	1	1.17	1.49
2	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	64/31	1/1	0/1	(Hobbitontherocks, \$48,050)	\$684,084	*488	19	1.30	1.33
3	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	71/18	1/1	0/1	(Eighttofasttocatch, \$72,000)	\$594,679	799	71	1.78	1.47
4	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	Died, 2011	37/14	1/1	1/1	(Bold Affair, \$55,860)	\$427,441	*1053	55	1.45	1.42
5	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$3,000	44/11	1/1	1/1	(Sneaky Lil, \$59,670)	\$370,602	*895	24	1.17	1.39
6	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	31/11	0/0	0/0	(Fivefourthreetwone, \$43,986)	\$315,352	*458	19	1.41	1.17
7	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Dixie Notion, \$32,250)	\$276,599	113	5	1.70	1.22
8	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	41/10	0/0	0/0	(Granite Run, \$29,900)	\$267,519	209	6	1.12	1.27
9	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic), Shamrock Farm	\$1,500	31/9	1/2	0/1	(Action Andy, \$86,600)	\$254,404	130	2	1.00	1.25
10	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant), Bonita Farm	Pnsd	28/8	0/0	0/0	(Silent Sky, \$23,510)	\$156,149	*388	13	1.31	1.46

*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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1	DEFERRE (92, Deputy Minister), Walnford Stud	\$2,000	33/6	0/0	0/0	(Arlo, \$66,560)	\$213,630	*544	21	1.26	1.20
2	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations), Birch Creek Farm	\$1,500	15/3	1/1	0/1	(C C's Pal, \$67,000)	\$137,786	76	2	1.17	0.96
3	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	\$2,500	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Raging Six, \$37,935)	\$95,984	59	0	1.07	1.35
4	MO MON (98, Maria's Mon), Four Winds Farm	Died, 2011	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Macho Mo Mon, \$16,500)	\$56,435	106	2	0.89	1.14
5	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled), Sleeter Farm	Died, 2011	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Go Unbridled, \$14,400)	\$52,990	*242	9	1.05	1.23

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Pennsylvania that has been growing during this whole down time has been the area of agriculture," Saylor said. "And the reason for the job creation in agriculture—our number one industry in Pennsylvania—is because of this fund."

The Pennsylvania Thoroughbred breeding fund was established in 1974,

the year Keystone Race Track—later called Philadelphia Park and now Parx—opened. The program went from about \$65,000 in disbursements in its first year to roughly \$20 million last year, according to the PHBA.


In 2011 there were 560 individuals or entities that earned breeder, owner, or stal-

lion awards for an average of \$15,156. The fund, which also receives revenue from a percentage of pari-mutuel handle, paid \$7.6 million in breeder awards, \$5.1 million in owner bonuses, and \$726,000 in stallion awards.

In addition, stakes restricted to Pennsylvania-bred runners were valued at \$2 million, and purses for almost 400 state-bred overnight races totaled \$12.3 million, according to the PHBA.

Hannum said no matter what action the legislature takes on the Corbett budget proposal, funding is required by statute for the breeder and stallion awards and stakes program. If need be, the owner bonuses and number of restricted races would have to be adjusted.

"The overall message is that the fund right now is one of the best in the country," Hannum said. "The foal crop is up significantly since 2000, and the quality of our stallions has been greatly impacted by Act 71.

"There is a strong recognition (in the state) about the intent of Act 71, which is called the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act, that it was done in part to benefit horse racing through an agreement among the state, racetracks, and horsemen. At the end of the day, I think we'll be fine." 



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