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# 2012 Leading Sires in New York

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1	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$12,500	189/104	4/6	3/4	(Caleb's Posse, \$270,000)	\$4,546,198	*445	17	1.44	1.39
2	BLUEGRASS CAT (03, Storm Cat), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$15,000	176/97	5/7	2/5	(Teeth of the Dog, \$410,900)	\$4,011,903	*288	10	1.37	2.13
3	EL CORREDOR (97, Mr. Greeley), Questroyal North	\$7,500	193/100	7/13	4/7	(Beautiful But Blue, \$294,450)	\$3,984,911	*843	30	1.26	1.56
4	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	123/62	5/9	3/5	(Hessonite, \$441,000)	\$3,602,944	402	30	1.76	1.26
5	TOUCH GOLD (94, Deputy Minister), Adena Springs at McMahon of Sar Tbreeds	\$7,500	150/79	1/1	0/1	(Pot of Gold, \$106,721)	\$1,948,545	*778	31	1.29	1.99
6	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	29/12	2/5	0/2	(Trinniberg, \$1,382,000)	\$1,916,718	46	2	2.42	1.26
7	UTOPIA (JPN) (00, Forty Niner), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	77/34	3/5	3/3	(Matchmadeinheaven, \$186,842)	\$1,846,960	134	3	1.08	1.32
8	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$7,500	88/49	2/2	0/2	(Jeranimo, \$297,000)	\$1,768,190	*260	12	1.39	1.50
9	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold), Highcliff Stallions at Mill Creek Farm	\$6,000	87/45	3/3	1/3	(Greed and Fear, \$129,900)	\$1,724,718	*127	4	0.91	1.48
10	ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs at McMahon of Sar Tbreeds	\$6,000	131/51	1/1	0/1	(Alpha Bettor, \$180,497)	\$1,577,434	*766	44	1.25	1.25
11	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	121/62	3/3	1/3	(Jolienne, \$94,770)	\$1,512,627	*489	26	1.21	1.28
12	POMEROY (01, Boundary), Vinery New York at Sugar Maple	\$5,000	98/51	0/0	0/0	(Normal Practice, \$79,050)	\$1,473,503	*169	6	1.20	1.39
13	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	93/44	0/0	0/0	(L. A. Girl, \$130,370)	\$1,420,714	*584	15	1.07	1.60
14	ROARING FEVER (00, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$2,500	64/29	2/2	0/2	(Elsaraorin, \$98,243)	\$1,258,987	155	6	1.24	1.00
15	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	64/30	1/1	1/1	(Dr Disco, \$78,850)	\$1,114,892	222	8	1.33	1.24
16	RAFFIE'S MAJESTY (95, Cormorant), Sugar Maple Farm	N/A	39/21	0/0	0/0	(Royal Suspicion, \$106,535)	\$860,104	*166	11	1.51	1.13
17	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag), Buckridge Farm	\$2,500	52/26	0/0	0/0	(Say Mr. Sandman, \$84,324)	\$781,609	*180	1	0.84	1.13
18	PRIME TIMBER (96, Sultry Song), Sez Who Thoroughbreds North	N/A	48/23	0/0	0/0	(Modern Child, \$63,025)	\$758,253	222	5	1.14	1.26
19	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Sugar Maple Farm	\$3,000	39/19	0/0	0/0	(Verbosity, \$72,716)	\$742,549	71	0	0.81	1.24
20	♯ FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$7,500	14/9	2/2	2/2	(West Hills Giant, \$192,153)	\$702,143	*32	2	2.74	1.27
21	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry), Sandy Way Farm	\$2,500	45/13	0/0	0/0	(Previous Honor, \$114,285)	\$652,513	147	0	0.63	0.95
22	SUNRIVER (03, Saint Ballado), Vinery New York	Died, 2009	46/17	1/1	1/1	(I Bet Toni Knows, \$98,980)	\$644,286	103	2	1.26	1.43
23	WILD DESERT (02, Wild Rush), Unbridled Racing Stable	\$3,000	31/11	1/3	1/1	(Sunny Desert, \$260,000)	\$586,456	69	1	0.88	1.09
24	ANDROMEDA'S HERO (02, Fusaichi Pegasus), Dutchess Views Farm	\$1,500	39/16	2/2	2/2	(Tequila Hero, \$89,425)	\$558,451	64	2	0.68	1.06
25	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge), Keane Stud Operations	Died, 2012	38/13	0/0	0/0	(El Grande Patron, \$71,130)	\$551,720	299	13	1.21	1.29

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# 2012 Leading Sires in Pennsylvania

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1	<b>E DUBAI</b> (98, Mr. Prospector), Northview PA	\$7,500	213/125	5/11	1/5	(Fort Larned, \$3,598,455)	<b>\$7,675,795</b>	*704	29	1.38	1.24
2	<b>SMARTY JONES</b> (01, Elusive Quality), Northview PA	\$7,500	134/73	10/17	1/10	(Better Life, \$928,167)	<b>\$4,762,500</b>	*336	19	1.73	2.36
3	<b>WISEMAN'S FERRY</b> (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	89/43	2/7	0/2	(Wise Dan, \$2,622,037)	<b>\$4,501,216</b>	*255	6	1.54	1.07
4	<b>JUMP START</b> (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	142/87	11/16	5/11	(Rail Trip, \$392,000)	<b>\$4,398,556</b>	*572	32	1.61	1.38
5	<b>ROCKPORT HARBOR</b> (02, Unbridled's Song), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$7,500	185/103	4/5	1/4	(Harbor Mist, \$146,715)	<b>\$4,398,337</b>	277	9	1.23	1.51
6	<b>SILVER TRAIN</b> (02, Old Trieste), Northview PA	\$6,000	171/96	4/6	1/4	(Zetterholm, \$193,200)	<b>\$2,940,473</b>	*255	11	1.08	1.40
7	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold), Penn Ridge Farms	\$6,000	131/70	4/5	0/4	(Tomorrow's Tale, \$100,180)	<b>\$2,408,758</b>	*620	43	1.37	1.25
8	<b>OFFLEE WILD</b> (00, Wild Again), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	98/53	1/1	0/1	(Hogy, \$152,787)	<b>\$1,825,243</b>	198	6	1.40	1.30
9	<b>REAL QUIET</b> (95, Quiet American), Penn Ridge Farms	Died, 2010	69/32	3/6	0/3	(Singlet, \$177,500)	<b>\$1,633,259</b>	*608	14	1.21	1.25
10	<b>EUROSILVER</b> (01, Unbridled's Song), Penn Ridge Farms	\$3,500	114/53	2/2	0/2	(Devilish Silver, \$84,995)	<b>\$1,522,323</b>	*285	7	0.99	1.37
11	<b>MEDALLIST</b> (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,500	65/41	1/3	0/1	(Big Grandpa, \$123,280)	<b>\$1,299,616</b>	133	6	1.34	1.46
12	<b>LITE THE FUSE</b> (91, Buckaroo), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	57/35	0/0	0/0	(Sleeping Tiger, \$106,832)	<b>\$1,288,620</b>	519	22	1.26	1.21
13	<b>TRAJECTORY</b> (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Farm	N/A	77/33	0/0	0/0	(Sniper, \$115,296)	<b>\$1,231,604</b>	339	13	1.14	1.37
14	<b>ALBERT THE GREAT</b> (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	68/35	1/1	1/1	(Great Lookinblonde, \$178,756)	<b>\$1,145,818</b>	*327	8	1.16	1.18
15	<b>GIMMEAWINK</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	N/A	73/38	0/0	0/0	(Jet Blue Girl, \$97,460)	<b>\$981,571</b>	*176	2	0.83	1.12
16	<b>DELAWARE TOWNSHIP</b> (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$2,000	55/28	0/0	0/0	(Red Pete, \$114,690)	<b>\$965,040</b>	259	7	1.12	1.27
17	<b>LOVE OF MONEY</b> (01, Not For Love), Northview PA	Died, 2012	46/24	0/0	0/0	(Wire Funds, \$92,040)	<b>\$887,233</b>	81	2	1.11	1.28
18	<b>SNOW RIDGE</b> (98, Tabasco Cat), Star Barn Thoroughbreds	Died, 2012	63/36	0/0	0/0	(Manhattan Ridge, \$73,742)	<b>\$820,499</b>	*268	7	1.05	1.18
19	<b>INVISIBLE INK</b> (98, Thunder Gulch), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Died, 2011	31/15	2/2	1/2	(Prince of Time, \$199,021)	<b>\$810,865</b>	*108	5	0.83	1.22
20	<b>CAT THIEF</b> (96, Storm Cat), Penn Ridge Farms	\$4,000	58/28	0/0	0/0	(Cat's Review, \$84,268)	<b>\$747,001</b>	*425	18	1.20	1.67
21	<b>ECCLESIASTIC</b> (01, Pulpit), Diamond B Stables	\$3,500	32/16	0/0	0/0	(Deacon Furr, \$110,985)	<b>\$660,779</b>	*88	0	0.95	1.05
22	<b>RIMROD</b> (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	23/12	1/1	1/1	(Lenape Rim, \$84,463)	<b>\$627,368</b>	63	2	1.78	1.27
23	<b>TRUST N LUCK</b> (00, Montbrook), Penn Ridge Farms	N/A	55/24	0/0	0/0	(Gentle Edwin, \$53,710)	<b>\$609,842</b>	*201	5	0.97	1.15
24	<b>PARTNER'S HERO</b> (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	48/16	0/0	0/0	(Heros Reward, \$85,830)	<b>\$597,362</b>	412	19	1.25	1.37
25	<b>FORMAL DINNER</b> (88, Well Decorated), Mtn Springs Racing Stable	N/A	49/25	0/0	0/0	(Caviar N Champagne, \$80,784)	<b>\$551,449</b>	*620	24	1.09	1.10
26	<b>WHEATON</b> (90, Alydar), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Died, 2006	17/5	1/4	1/1	(Russell Road, \$226,430)	<b>\$432,266</b>	329	15	1.33	1.04
27	<b>PURE PRECISION</b> (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$1,000	24/13	0/0	0/0	(Tightend Touchdown, \$115,239)	<b>\$410,328</b>	140	2	1.15	1.05
28	<b>WILL'S WAY</b> (93, Easy Goer), Pin Oak Lane Farm	Pnsd	19/10	0/0	0/0	(Reflected Way, \$136,163)	<b>\$385,292</b>	201	5	1.18	1.08
29	<b>SOUTHERN SUCCESS</b> (03, Dixieland Band), Xanthus Farms	\$1,500	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Golden Success, \$172,845)	<b>\$347,697</b>	30	0	1.19	1.21
30	<b>SIPHON</b> (BRZ) (91, Itjara), Pin Oak Lane Farm	N/A	34/12	0/0	0/0	(Sir Cadian, \$93,758)	<b>\$338,380</b>	*666	15	0.94	1.49

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Morgan's Ford has produced top runners such as grade I winner I Believe in You and multiple graded stakes victors Redeemed, Bank Audit, and Get Serious. Dixieland Gold and Tizahit were both grade II winners produced by the farm, while Skip-



Early Mass, dam of Redeemed

aslew brought home a grade III victory. Redeemed and Bank Audit earned respective 2011 and 2005 horse of the year titles in the state, among a slew of other Virginia-bred champions for the farm (see box).

The success of Morgan's Ford is as much a product of cooperation as it is experience, the perfect melding of two individuals whose skill sets complement each other. While Susie's knowledge of pedigrees and horsemanship has yielded a productive Thoroughbred program, Wayne applies his architectural background to the development of a facility that has expanded from an original 370-acre plot.

Friends as teenagers and married in 1977, the couple, now both in their late 50s, grew up riding and being around horses. Wayne is from Leesburg, Va., and was in the saddle at age 3, while Susie was born in Red Bank, N.J., and competed with show horses up and down the Eastern Seaboard before turning to racing. Susie was also immersed in the world of Thoroughbred competition and breeding through her mother, the late Elizabeth Thomas. Neapolitan Way, runner-up to Little Current in the 1974 Preakness Stakes (gr. I), was part of Thomas' stable.

"Susie's always been 20 years ahead of me in the Thoroughbred game; she's al-

ways going to be the horseman I refer to when breeding questions are on the table," Wayne remarked, calling his wife "a genuine student of pedigrees."

"When Susie and I first got married, I was an architect in my own little studio and we were working in separate places, so we weren't able to spend a lot of time together," he continued. "We took a look at that right away and said that wasn't the way we wanted to live our lives together. The building, the purchasing of land, the stocking and conserving and housing and staffing...all that has been going on since then."

Trainer John Forbes, a longtime associate of the farm who currently trains Get Serious, painted the best picture of Mor-

## Virginia-Bred Champions Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm

- 2002 3-year-old Male: Kris's Prayer
- 2003 2-year-old Male: Skipaslew
- 2005 Older Mare: Bank Audit
- 2005 Sprinter: Bank Audit
- 2005 Horse of the Year: Bank Audit
- 2009 2-year-old Filly: Tizahit
- 2011 3-year-old Male: Redeemed
- 2011 Horse of the Year: Redeemed

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2	<b>DANCE WITH RAVENS</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	131/66	7/7	3/7	(Charmingmegan, \$136,930)	<b>\$3,310,848</b>	260	8	1.25	1.49
3	<b>LION HEARTED</b> (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	109/62	5/5	2/5	(Silver Heart, \$178,842)	<b>\$2,271,682</b>	*490	20	1.29	1.33
4	<b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	64/36	2/2	2/2	(Varborough, \$158,835)	<b>\$1,697,657</b>	*460	21	1.41	1.17
5	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	55/34	2/6	0/2	(Jazzy Idea, \$392,270)	<b>\$1,661,874</b>	120	6	1.73	1.22
6	<b>TWO PUNCH</b> (83, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	Died, 2011	70/37	1/5	0/1	(Bold Affair, \$310,020)	<b>\$1,578,890</b>	*1059	55	1.44	1.41
7	<b>GATORS N BEARS</b> (00, Stormy Atlantic), Shamrock Farm	Died, 2012	57/26	1/5	0/1	(Action Andy, \$402,760)	<b>\$1,311,919</b>	130	2	1.08	1.26
8	<b>LOUIS QUANTORZE</b> (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$3,000	93/35	1/1	1/1	(Le Deluge, \$93,510)	<b>\$1,282,897</b>	*902	24	1.16	1.37
9	<b>ROCK SLIDE</b> (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,500	78/32	0/0	0/0	(Ariana D, \$117,837)	<b>\$1,119,551</b>	213	6	1.05	1.24
10	<b>SCIPION</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$3,000	31/15	2/2	2/2	(Pitch N Roll, \$127,580)	<b>\$679,069</b>	56	2	1.14	1.12
11	<b>CHEROKEE'S BOY</b> (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Stand N Ovation, \$87,795)	<b>\$660,990</b>	58	1	1.41	1.18
12	<b>GO FOR GIN</b> (91, Cormorant), Bonita Farm	Pnsd	44/23	0/0	0/0	(Moral High Ground, \$50,326)	<b>\$524,576</b>	*389	13	1.29	1.44
13	<b>SEEKING DAYLIGHT</b> (98, Seeking the Gold), Md Stallion Stn at Shamrock Farms	Died, 2009	24/11	0/0	0/0	(Queen Chatanika, \$73,470)	<b>\$397,489</b>	*201	1	1.24	1.36
14	<b>DEPUTY STORM</b> (01, Forestry), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Adventure, \$56,930)	<b>\$384,962</b>	42	2	1.27	1.32
15	<b>ST AVERIL</b> (01, Saint Ballado), Maryland Stallion Station	N/A	37/12	0/0	0/0	(Averil's Ring, \$65,005)	<b>\$340,023</b>	*120	1	0.50	1.03

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gan's Ford and the couple whose passion for all creatures great and small permeates their self-made haven.

"My first visit to the farm I was greeted by a llama, who thankfully didn't spit on me," he recalled. "There were peacocks around and Chinese silky chickens, a parrot out in the atrium, and some dogs. They also had a pet opossum who had been rescued from the side of the road on a trip home from Saratoga. If you set foot on the place and you didn't love animals, you might as well move along. It's always been that way, and that's how they've handled their horses and what they expect from a trainer and what they expect from racing."

The broodmare band at Morgan's Ford began with six non-commercial horses purchased or bred by Susie and her moth-

er; the farm has produced 350 foals since then. A total of 24 mares now reside at Morgan's Ford out of 56 Thoroughbreds currently there.

"A whole lot of our mares were born here," said Wayne. "It gives us some point of pride to go to a sale and say, 'Let me point out something in the pedigree,' and look down and we bred the whole page."

"We have some old bloodlines here," Susie added, "going back to the third, fourth, fifth generations."

Among the top members of the farm's current broodmare band are Early Mass (Pleasant Tap—My Prayer, by Hero's Honor), the dam of Redeemed; Never a No Hitter (Kris S.—Jeano, by Fappiano), who produced Tizahit and is a half sister to the dam of 2005 champion 2-year-old filly Folklore; and Go Baby Go (Lion Cav-

ern—Bequest, by Sharpen Up), the dam of stakes winner Hugo.

Currently, Early Mass is in foal to Include, while Never a No Hitter is in foal to Tiznow. Go Baby Go is barren, but her daughter, River Fancy, is in foal to City Zip. A newcomer is the multiple stakes-winning Lord Avie mare My Lordship, who earned \$512,660 on the racetrack for Live Oak Plantation. She was purchased by Morgan's Ford for \$32,000 in foal to Birdstone at the 2012 Keeneland November sale.

The farm also keeps a handful of runners in training; Susie and Wayne are inclined to sell colts as weanlings and yearlings and hang on to a promising filly or two.

"First, we're trying to breed a racehorse, and, second, we're trying to think about a horse that would do well at the sale," Wayne said.

"There really shouldn't be any difference between the two," Susie remarked. "We try to breed a sound horse, one with stamina."

Forbes attests to that devotion. In the old days he trained for Elizabeth Thomas, counting stakes winner Mosquera (the dam of Bank Audit) and the multiple stakes-placed Chanctonbury among his successes for the family. In 2005 Forbes went to \$130,000 for Morgan's Ford-bred Get Serious at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale; the chestnut gelding has raced to five grade III stakes wins in the course of a six-year career and has earned \$1,123,091 for James M. Dinan and Phantom House Farm.

"The horses they breed are sounder and much more durable; they just raise solid runners," the trainer said. "In the case of Get Serious, knock wood, he's as sound as the day he was foaled. He's just had the physical integrity, soundness-wise, that is



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# 2012 Leading Sires in West Virginia

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	147/87	7/10	3/7	(Risky Rachel, \$198,750)	<b>\$3,415,581</b>	*265	13	1.28	1.28
2	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,000	72/38	5/8	5/5	(Down Town Allen, \$214,730)	<b>\$1,662,456</b>	138	8	1.28	1.23
3	PRIZED (86, Kris S.), O'Sullivan Farms	Pnsd	51/15	2/5	1/2	(Premio Loco, \$296,382)	<b>\$879,189</b>	*744	30	1.40	1.33
4	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$2,500	57/28	0/0	0/0	(Strawberry Cupcake, \$77,530)	<b>\$826,609</b>	230	7	1.02	1.08
5	BLACK TIE AFFAIR (IRE) (86, Miswaki), O'Sullivan Farms	Pnsd	71/30	0/0	0/0	(Belle of Camden, \$87,030)	<b>\$753,553</b>	*914	38	1.29	1.41
6	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	44/18	2/2	2/2	(Jake N Elwood, \$164,900)	<b>\$673,618</b>	142	4	0.85	1.21
7	YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	27/14	1/1	0/1	(Hill Crossing, \$85,547)	<b>\$534,789</b>	270	9	1.13	1.01
8	BOP (97, Rahy), O'Sullivan Farms	Died, 2012	34/17	0/0	0/0	(King of Bop, \$45,830)	<b>\$488,637</b>	*118	5	1.08	0.92
9	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	20/13	1/1	0/1	(Flirting Song, \$82,938)	<b>\$487,919</b>	25	1	1.26	0.75
10	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore), Householder Farm	N/A	23/14	0/0	0/0	(Pagan Jewel, \$49,646)	<b>\$372,273</b>	43	4	1.29	0.93

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typical of the horses Wayne and Susie raise. I bought him with confidence because they had raised him. I think I might not

have been willing to put that much money on the barrel if he hadn't come from their program. They first and foremost love ani-

mals, love horses, love racing, and that's the way they live their lives."

Wayne said that in addition to domestic buyers, individuals from about 19 countries have purchased horses from the farm. The couple sells at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale and at Keeneland, running their own consignment rather than listing with a larger operation.

"We're the mom-and-pop outfit," was Wayne's modest description. "We bring our own horses and staff; we're in the barn, and we like that aspect of things. We like the people. We like filling in the blanks for potential buyers. We can answer questions: 'He doesn't get sick; he didn't have surgery.' We can talk about his mother and other foals in the family... It is work, but we like to do it and people have kind of come to expect it from us."

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has owned Morgan's Ford horses since her family bought Happy in Space from the farm in the mid-'80s; the Galaxy Libra gelding won the Sierra Madre Handicap (gr. III) in 1988 and earned \$335,550. Redeemed and I Believe in You also raced under Jay Em Ess silks; I Believe in You brought \$315,000 as the top-priced filly and second-highest-priced horse at the 1999 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale before taking the Hollywood Starlet Stakes (gr. I) in 2000, while Redeemed counted the 2012 Brooklyn Handicap (gr. II) among his five stakes scores.

"They raise their horses like horses, and what you see is what you get," Siegel said. "Everything we've bought from them has been sound, and they do a nice job. We've gotten a lot of good value there, and you learn in this business to keep going back to things that work well. They take a lot of pride in their operation; they really do."

The couple is not afraid to breed to sires that have yet to become established or those seen as slightly less commercial; they plan on supporting Redeemed in his first year at stud at Northview Stallion Station near Chesapeake City, Md.

"We bred a mare to Einstein and sold an Einstein filly in July of this year, and I didn't see any other commercial breeders who have bred to Einstein," Susie said. "We sold her to Einstein's breeder; we were thrilled and they were thrilled. She wasn't by Bernardini or A.P. Indy or Distorted Humor, but she was a solid filly."

The Chatfield-Taylors own shares in the stallions During, Include, Latent Heat, Lion Hearted, and Yes It's True. With 18 mares booked to those and to Gio Ponti, Congrats, Paddy O'Prado, Arch, Giant Oak, Cowboy Cal, English Channel, Blame, and Trappe Shot, among others, the farm is looking at its biggest foaling class ever next year.

"Look at the stud book and how much it's shrinking," Wayne remarked. "The Buckpasser line is fading out, the Man o' War line is very challenged...the diversity of the gene pool is very challenged at this point in the breed. I think we've got to do something about that; we need to be responsible and try to keep it diverse."

Producing mares aren't the only equine residents of the farm. Retirees such as I'll Get There (dam of I Believe in You), Mosquera, and Wonder's Delight, who produced stakes winner Huge, live out their days in a sprawling pasture known as the "pensioners' field."

A respect for age and the history that goes with it permeates every corner of Morgan's Ford. In addition to a log barn built out of the woods in 1940, much of the farm's resources come from the land itself. Almost all of the hay and straw are produced on-site, Santa Gertrudis cattle are raised for meat, an organic garden supplies vegetables, and a beehive produces fresh honey. Wayne has used a sawmill to build facilities on the property, and the couple plants 150 trees on the land each year; there is a 300-acre forest along with the vast, rolling paddocks and the three-quarter-mile grass course used for breaking young horses. Full-time employees, usually about eight of them, live on the farm year-round.

The land was a jungle with no functional fences and a shell of a home when the Chatfield-Taylors moved in after returning from their honeymoon. Initially intended to become a major horse operation in the 1930s with 2,500 acres, a house, and a main barn, it sat "in mothballs," Wayne said, for 30 years after a divorce between former owners Raymond R. Guest Sr. and Elizabeth Polk Guest. Then Susie's father, New York neurologist Dr. Samuel F. Thomas, bought a large plot on behalf of the couple.

"It came with the stipulation that the land go into conservation," Wayne recalled. "We didn't care one way or another regarding lots, so we didn't have a problem with it being protected from golf courses and houses. The farm had never had chemical sprays put on it, and that also made it beautiful to us."

Morgan's Ford grew to its current size as the Chatfield-Taylors purchased additional land over the years, committing the prop-



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2	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations), Birch Creek Farm	\$1,500	24/15	2/4	1/2	(C C's Pal, \$393,334)	\$892,546	76	2	1.31	0.94
3	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	\$2,500	28/17	0/0	0/0	(Don's Honour, \$155,310)	\$788,605	59	0	1.20	1.27
4	CRAFTY FRIEND (93, Crafty Prospector), Wainford Stud	N/A	26/15	0/0	0/0	(Hotnslick, \$100,280)	\$434,784	352	11	0.94	1.15
5	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled), Sleeter Farm	Died, 2011	23/8	1/1	1/1	(Go Unbridled, \$136,600)	\$345,784	*245	9	1.04	1.24

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erty to scenic easement. Approximately 6,000 surrounding acres have now been placed in permanent conservation by the couple's neighbors. The Chatfield-Taylors are also involved in a legal battle to save Morgan's Ford Bridge, a historic low-water crossing, from development by the highway department.

"That's our latest preservation challenge, and it's a big one," Wayne said. "It's going to have far-reaching effects on the whole conservation district. This is land that has been actively farmed by people who have been committed to being farmers for hundreds of years; it's a larger area that is quite special, that has grown from

what was offhandedly a system of protection against the new neighbors to one of the larger land conservation areas in Virginia."

Wayne has been a member of the Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders' Association since 1992 and serves as the organization's president. He was actively involved in bringing racing to Virginia with the opening of Colonial Downs in 1997. Susie is a board member of the Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association; the couple helped design the stable area at Colonial Downs. As proprietors of one of a handful of successful farms still in business, the Chatfield-Taylors are

well-aware of their importance to the industry in the state.

"There have been a number of big, meaningful farms that were important in the last century and are no longer here just because people died," Wayne said. "It has never been a goal to be the last guy left standing; that's not what we call winning. It's 'the more, the merrier' in this business. I would say there are still three or four farms our size that are certainly doing a great job breeding great horses, and there's a new group of smaller people trying to get started. Sure, there's a transition going on, but Virginia is a wonderful place to raise horses and a wonderful place for horsemen." 🐾



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