

# Building an Empire

*Big Brown adds star power to New York stallion roster for 2015*

BY FRANK ANGST



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Dual classic winner Big Brown at Dutchess Views Farm near Pine Plains, N.Y.

**THE PILE OF LETTERS**, many fans' phone calls, and media requests from the likes of the *Wall Street Journal* asking to visit the farm near Pine Plains, N.Y., serve as reminder for Dutchess Views Farm that Big Brown carries a level of fame rarely seen in a New York-based stallion.

Big Brown is the first Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) winner to stand in the Empire State since 1979 winner Spectacular Bid moved to New York's Milfer Stud in 1990, where he stood through 2003, after initially standing nine years at Claiborne Farm in Kentucky. Big Brown also began his stud career in Kentucky at Three Chimneys Farm

near Midway, where he stood from 2009 through last season.

While Big Brown will add star power to New York, returning Empire State stallions include a champion male sprinter in Trinniberg, his sire Teuflesberg, and the state's 2014 leading sire and perennial success story Freud. Those stallions helped register a record season last year (with numbers still coming in) as they accounted for at least 1,487 foals at total advertised stallion fees of \$8.9 million, both New York records for the 21st century.

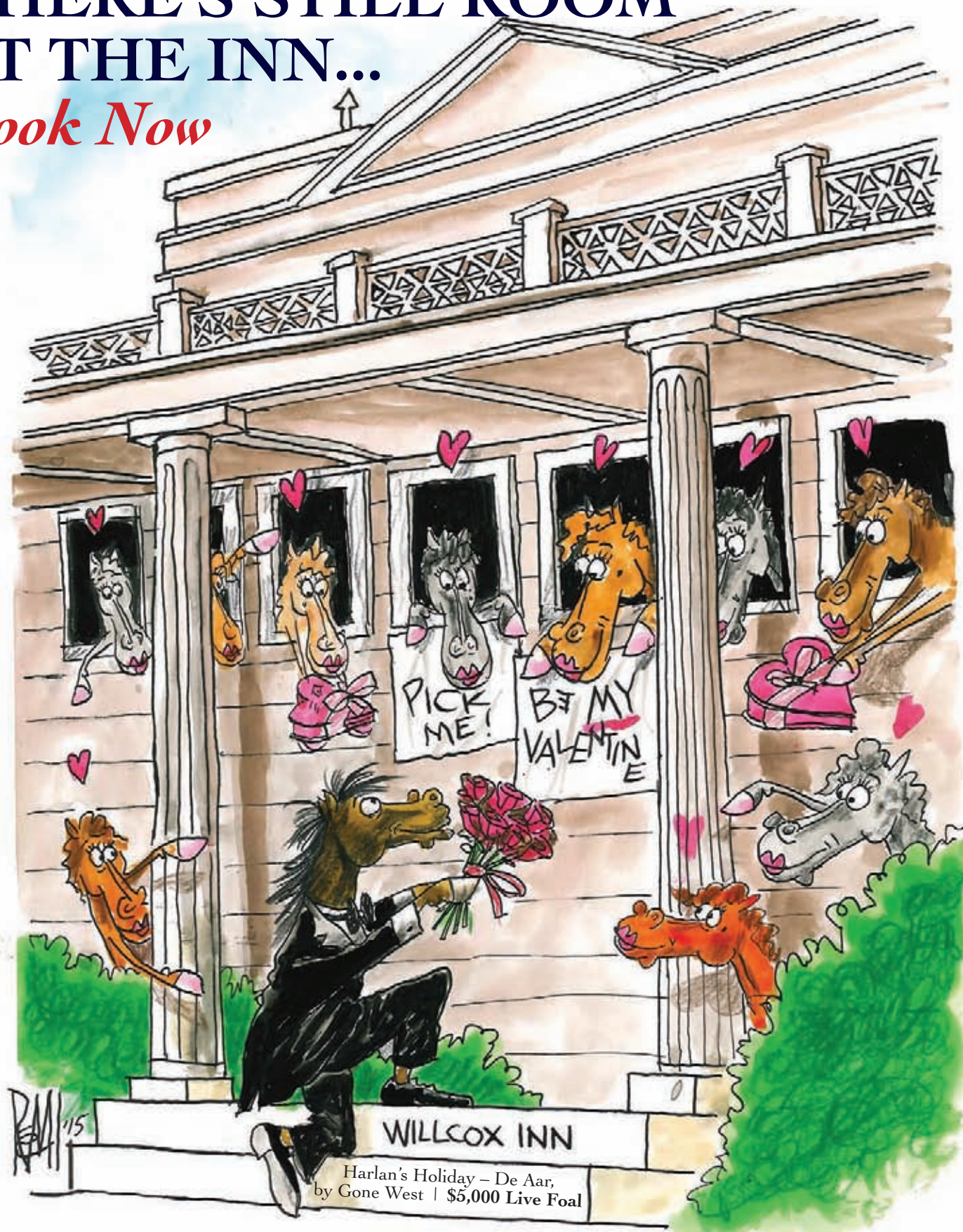
Becky Thomas of Sequel Stallions New York said the success of the New York-bred program has helped shape the

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# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN NEW YORK

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled). (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2015 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2014 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>FREUD</b> (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	161/78	5/10	3/5	(Lubash, \$311,720)	<b>\$4,505,272</b>	*735	39	1.69	1.28
2	<b>POSSE</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	159/93	8/9	7/8	(The Lewis Dinner, \$229,500)	<b>\$4,314,867</b>	*569	26	1.38	1.37
3	<b>BIG BROWN</b> (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$8,500	138/74	11/13	0/11	(Dortmund, \$359,400)	<b>\$4,218,036</b>	*339	14	1.31	1.86
4	<b>NOBLE CAUSEWAY</b> (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	98/50	3/4	0/3	(Samraat, \$745,000)	<b>\$2,320,408</b>	203	6	0.85	1.08
5	<b>CONGAREE</b> (98, Arazi), Saratoga Stud	\$7,500	68/33	3/6	0/3	(Don't Tell Sophia, \$909,597)	<b>\$2,170,083</b>	*313	15	1.38	1.46
6	<b>DISCO RICO</b> (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	Died, 2014	53/31	3/3	3/3	(Marriedtothemusic, \$193,725)	<b>\$2,067,490</b>	243	11	1.36	1.22
7	<b>STONESIDER</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Saratoga Stud	\$3,500	74/35	2/4	1/2	(Galiana, \$221,531)	<b>\$1,972,034</b>	*171	3	1.18	1.22
8	<b>BOB AND JOHN</b> (03, Seeking the Gold), Saratoga Stud	\$6,000	93/46	1/1	0/1	(Jonrah, \$123,214)	<b>\$1,596,304</b>	*179	8	0.97	1.40
9	<b>CATIENUS</b> (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	84/47	1/0	0/1	(Jcs American Dream, \$134,516)	<b>\$1,376,120</b>	*535	26	1.13	1.26
10	<b>FROST GIANT</b> (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$10,000	44/25	1/1	1/1	(Loki's Vengeance, \$128,459)	<b>\$1,286,782</b>	*129	5	1.90	1.15
11	<b>BUSTIN STONES</b> (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$5,000	41/23	2/2	1/2	(Hot Stones, \$232,339)	<b>\$1,122,808</b>	72	2	1.36	1.48
12	<b>HERE'S ZEALOUS</b> (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	58/27	0/0	0/0	(Here's Zealicious, \$192,494)	<b>\$1,088,296</b>	174	0	0.84	0.97
13	<b>GOLDEN MISSILE</b> (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	62/28	0/0	0/0	(Estrada's Girl, \$141,334)	<b>\$985,593</b>	*620	15	1.05	1.54
14	<b>THE CLIFF'S EDGE</b> (01, Gulch), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	51/27	1/1	0/1	(Frazil, \$108,318)	<b>\$659,276</b>	229	5	0.84	1.20
15	<b>TEUFLESBERG</b> (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	34/18	0/0	0/0	(Good Bye Greg, \$63,766)	<b>\$633,700</b>	70	4	1.78	1.19
16	<b>CONGRESSIONALHONOR</b> (01, Forestry), Sandy Way Farm	\$2,500	37/11	1/1	1/1	(Merry's Honor, \$77,760)	<b>\$570,735</b>	161	1	0.68	0.95
17	<b>LEWIS MICHAEL</b> (03, Rahy), Questroyal North	\$2,500	41/21	1/1	0/1	(Los Bambinos, \$97,950)	<b>\$564,326</b>	77	2	0.78	1.17
18	<b>MR. SEKIGUCHI</b> (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	35/18	0/0	0/0	(Little Daniella, \$47,225)	<b>\$538,590</b>	*86	1	0.87	1.28
19	<b>DESERT PARTY</b> (06, Street Cry), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	38/9	2/2	1/2	(Heart's Song, \$138,910)	<b>\$474,780</b>	71	2	0.77	1.48
20	<b>COSMONAUT</b> (02, Lemon Drop Kid), Saratoga Stud	\$5,000	25/9	1/1	1/1	(Selenite, \$124,676)	<b>\$458,583</b>	45	1	1.01	1.11
21	<b>ELTISH</b> (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	28/17	0/0	0/0	(Gingee, \$64,930)	<b>\$403,672</b>	308	13	1.16	1.26
22	<b>ALEX'S PAL</b> (99, Valid Expectations)	N/A	19/8	0/0	0/0	(My Pal Chrisy, \$105,000)	<b>\$392,740</b>	88	2	1.28	0.95
23	<b>SAY FLORIDA SANDY</b> (94, Personal Flag)	Pnsd	22/9	0/0	0/0	(Say Mr. Sandman, \$59,840)	<b>\$295,707</b>	*189	1	0.80	1.12
24	<b>MUSKET MAN</b> (06, Yonaguska), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	7/3	1/1	1/1	(Ostrolenka, \$187,292)	<b>\$231,364</b>	15	1	1.57	1.11
25	<b>NORTHERN SPUR (IRE)</b> (91, Sadler's Wells)	Pnsd	9/7	0/0	0/0	(Chilton, \$116,650)	<b>\$214,276</b>	99	4	1.17	1.16
26	<b>UNCLE CAMIE</b> (00, Abaginone)	Died, 2012	7/1	1/1	1/1	(Uncle Southern, \$153,150)	<b>\$171,674</b>	27	1	0.89	0.78
27	<b>DR LARGE</b> (06, A.P. Indy), Banahan Farms	\$2,500	2/1	1/2	1/1	(Spooled, \$135,288)	<b>\$143,954</b>	8	1	3.37	0.78
28	<b>GRIFFINITE</b> (98, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Canela Rose, \$29,137)	<b>\$127,122</b>	66	0	0.60	0.89
29	<b>HARLEM ROCKER</b> (05, Macho Uno)	Pnsd	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Rock My Dreams, \$57,518)	<b>\$93,030</b>	8	0	1.60	1.12
30	<b>MIRACLE MAN</b> (02, Yankee Victor), Pucker Ridge Farm	\$2,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Lyrical Miracle, \$65,515)	<b>\$86,221</b>	7	0	0.82	1.56

state's currently strong stallion roster.

"Now that the program is on the incline again, it's really made people stop and take a look," Thomas said. "When you look at the money associated with the program—you're not going to have every Kentucky breeder—but you do have a large number of people who look at the program and utilize it in a lot of different ways."

Noting the success New York-breds enjoyed on the track in 2014, with horses such as Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr.



LEE P. THOMAS

Big Brown had 11 stakes winners in 2014

IT) winner and champion turf female Dayatthespa, New York Thoroughbred Breeders executive director Jeffrey Cannizzo said he's seen similar improvement in the quality of New York-based stallions in recent years.

"The stallion landscape here is evolving in the right direction, and it's going hand in hand with our breeding industry," Cannizzo said. "It's the chicken and the egg. Do stallions come here because of the good mares or do the good mares come because of the good stallions? I'm a believer that it's kind of hand in hand which is why we've seen this steady progression in our foal crop.

"We've seen our stallion roster improve based on quality. At the end of the day, you look at what's happening on the racing scene and that's in line with this move to quality as well."

Big Brown was moved to Michael Lischin and Anya Sheckley's Dutchess Views this year after Sunrise Stallions' Andrew Cohen and Gary Tolchin's Golden Goose Enterprises purchased a majority interest in the two-time classic winner last year. They were among the owners of Big Brown during his racing career.

As 10-year-old Big Brown begins his seventh season at stud, his connections certainly deserve credit for timing. Besides interest in Big Brown for his on-track accomplishments that included victories in the Derby and the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) to earn champion 3-year-old honors of 2008, the son of Boundary—Mien, by Nureyev, also has one of the top colts on this year's Triple Crown trail in Dortmund.

Out of the Tale of the Cat mare Our Josephine, Dortmund closed out a perfect 2014 campaign with a victory in the Los

**Special Note For Sire Lists:**

For 2014 lists: Include stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in North America (stallions exported prior to the 2010 breeding season are excluded), and have runners in North America. All available statistics listed for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2014 (February 2, 2015 for 2015 lists). As supplied to *The Blood-Horse* by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ¶ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race.) For 2015 lists: Earnings earnings include adjusted money from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Adjusted earnings are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2014 is \$21,617 or 45% of the 2014 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 45% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 19%; Singapore by 54%.

\*AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX and COMPARABLE INDEX: Lifetime AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned 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; 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 AVERAGE-EARNINGS INDEX higher than their mares' COMPARABLE INDEX.

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Alamitos Futurity (gr. I). Dortmund was listed fourth on Steve Haskin's initial Derby Dozen in *The Blood-Horse*.

Lischin said that breeders often wait longer to commit to stallions in New York, but Big Brown was bucking that trend with 45 mares already committed. Lischin credited the buzz around Dortmund as helping to increase interest in Big Brown, who stands for \$8,500.

"People have noticed over the years that if you have the stallion of a horse making

big news, like Dortmund for Big Brown, there's a dramatic difference in the number of people who will come to look at the horse," Lischin said, adding that he expects all breeders looking at New York stallions to give Big Brown a long look. "He certainly is a horse that everyone will consider, and then depending on their price range and mare, would pick."

Lischin said there is excitement from both breeders and the general public.

"There's been a lot of excitement," he

said. "The day after the horse arrived, the *Wall Street Journal* was up here with a photographer and a writer, and they did a really nice article. That's the first time the *Journal* has ever been out here," Lischin said. "There's definitely more interest than any other horse we've ever had in the 18 years we've been here. This is just another level of excitement. This is a famous, well-known horse in New York."

While curiosity and headline power can't hurt, the success Big Brown's progeny enjoyed last year will go a long way toward securing him mares this season. Big Brown boasted 11 stakes winners in 2014 including three graded/group stakes winners.

"It's been very good for Big Brown," Lischin said. "He fits here well in New York."

The lucrative racing program both for New York-breds and for horses by New York sires has helped increase interest in the state's stallions. To participate in the New York-bred program, resident mares are free to visit stallions in any state as long as they return within 90 days of their final cover. Non-resident mares can participate in the program if they foal in New York, stay in the state for at least 90 days

2015 NEW YORK SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Catienus	27	9
Bob and John	30	6
Freud	44	4
Here's Zealous	22	4
Stonesider	21	4
Posse	50	3
Big Brown	48	3
Desert Party	19	3
Disco Rico	16	3
Mr. Sekiguchi	10	3
Noble Causeway	29	2
Bustin Stones	11	2
Alex's Pal	6	2

2015 MARYLAND SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Not For Love	41	9
Oriente	44	6
Lion Hearted	36	6
Petionville	23	4
Scipion	17	4
Two Punch	17	4
Dance With Ravens	26	3
Great Notion	18	3
Gators N Bears	12	3
Giacomo	31	2
Louis Quatorze	22	2
Cherokee's Boy	12	2
M Eighty	3	2

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>NOT FOR LOVE</b> (90, Mr. Prospector), Northview Stallion Station	\$15,000	113/60	7/7	3/7	(Steady N Love, \$169,225)	<b>\$3,276,516</b>	889	79	1.71	1.45
2	<b>ORIENTATE</b> (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	136/79	2/2	1/2	(Declassify, \$192,500)	<b>\$2,375,680</b>	*737	40	1.30	1.75
3	<b>LION HEARTED</b> (96, Storm Cat), Northview Stallion Station	\$2,500	94/44	1/1	1/1	(Spotted Heart, \$122,470)	<b>\$1,738,231</b>	*577	21	1.22	1.30
4	<b>DANCE WITH RAVENS</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,000	89/49	1/1	1/1	(Dancing Roy, \$89,180)	<b>\$1,704,384</b>	303	10	1.17	1.48
5	<b>GIACOMO</b> (02, Holy Bull), Heritage Stallions	\$3,500	106/48	2/2	1/2	(Classic Giacroll, \$207,060)	<b>\$1,700,364</b>	*260	15	1.12	1.27
6	<b>PETIONVILLE</b> (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	75/43	3/3	1/3	(Caribbean Cowboy, \$141,356)	<b>\$1,527,963</b>	*661	49	1.33	1.28
7	<b>GREAT NOTION</b> (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	49/23	3/3	2/3	(Talk Show Man, \$162,211)	<b>\$1,431,016</b>	162	11	1.60	1.22
8	<b>LOUIS QUATORZE</b> (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	59/23	1/3	0/1	(Ribo Bobo, \$238,167)	<b>\$1,342,935</b>	*945	24	1.15	1.34
9	<b>OUTFLANKER</b> (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	56/29	2/2	1/2	(Joint Custody, \$91,425)	<b>\$1,261,699</b>	*506	24	1.40	1.14
10	<b>SCIPION</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	50/30	1/1	1/1	(Speed Is Life, \$117,670)	<b>\$1,082,249</b>	97	3	1.14	1.05
11	<b>ROCK SLIDE</b> (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	53/26	1/1	0/1	(Rockinontheater, \$89,095)	<b>\$938,338</b>	251	8	1.02	1.21
12	<b>TWO PUNCH</b> (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	57/23	0/0	0/0	(Coco Punch, \$110,457)	<b>\$863,615</b>	*1103	56	1.42	1.40
13	<b>GATORS N BEARS</b> (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	40/15	2/2	1/2	(Bear Access, \$103,860)	<b>\$771,159</b>	150	6	1.05	1.19
14	<b>CHEROKEE'S BOY</b> (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,000	30/18	0/0	0/0	(Imanindianoutlaw, \$81,568)	<b>\$690,637</b>	84	1	1.20	1.05
15	<b>GREEK SUN</b> (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	Private	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Exclusively Greek, \$73,168)	<b>\$384,111</b>	32	0	1.00	1.17
16	<b>STREET MAGICIAN</b> (04, Street Cry), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	15/5	2/2	2/2	(Rockin Jojo, \$101,050)	<b>\$288,567</b>	36	2	0.97	1.20
17	<b>RUSH BAY</b> (02, Cozzene)	Died, 2012	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Pearl Bay, \$111,100)	<b>\$206,154</b>	18	0	0.72	1.12
18	<b>GO FOR GIN</b> (91, Cormorant)	Pnsd	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Donna's Girl, \$47,552)	<b>\$193,243</b>	*400	14	1.24	1.40
19	<b>MOJAVE MOON</b> (96, Mr. Prospector), Bonita Farm	Private	8/3	1/0	0/1	(Mo Bagels, \$95,894)	<b>\$165,352</b>	188	5	0.82	1.17
20	<b>M EIGHTY</b> (99, Lite the Fuse), Shamrock Farm	Private	5/5	0/0	0/0	(Italian Delight, \$45,660)	<b>\$159,718</b>	13	0	1.36	0.89

after foaling, and are bred back to a New York-based stallion.

With that type program, Cannizzo said, quality stallions are needed.

"It's highly important; otherwise, it doesn't necessarily work here," Cannizzo said. "When people bring mares here to foal, the reality is that many of them are non-resident mares. They need to stay and be bred to New York stallions. When people are breeding commercially or for specific reasons, they're going to look to have stallions that fit their own program. If you don't have the right stallion pool to do that, they're not going to be bringing their mares here.

"It's highly important to have the right stallions, a roster that's continually improving and continually fresh, that offers all of the bloodlines and pedigrees the breeders are interested in from a commercial standpoint and to race."

Progeny of nominated New York-based stallions are eligible to race in the lucrative New York Stallion Series, which includes 10 races with total purses of \$1.1 million. Under a policy that started last year, all foals by stallions that are nominated to the series are automatically eligible—without a nomination fee—for all New York Stallion Stakes series races.

Breeders of New York-sired New York-breds are eligible for extra bonuses in the New York State Thoroughbred Breeding and Development Fund program that in 2014 paid out \$12.8 million. While a New York-bred receives an award of 15% of purse money earned when winning a New York race (7.5% for second or third), those percentages double to 30%-15% when the New York-bred is also New York-sired.

Stallion owners also are eligible for bonus awards of 10% of top-three finishes. In 2014 a total of \$3,031,327 was paid out with Sequel leading the way at \$700,607. In 2014, 86 stallion owners collected from the fund, averaging a record \$35,248 a payment.



New York Thoroughbred Breeders' Jeff Cannizzo



Freud, New York's leading sire of 2014



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# 2014 LEADING SIRES IN PENNSYLVANIA

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	204/115	9/12	2/9	(Majestic Harbor, \$460,250)	\$5,547,180	422	26	1.39	1.45
2	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview	\$10,000	153/90	8/10	2/8	(Miss Behaviour, \$548,834)	\$5,226,557	*916	41	1.59	1.35
3	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	214/97	3/4	1/3	(Frivolity, \$106,472)	\$3,028,424	*434	9	0.84	1.41
4	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	153/84	3/3	0/3	(Balance of Power, \$181,330)	\$2,749,714	*339	16	1.04	1.33
5	SMARTY JONES (01, Elusive Quality), Northview	\$4,000	104/54	5/9	2/5	(Cary Street, \$320,998)	\$2,600,685	*487	25	1.68	2.06
6	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy), Dana Point Farm	\$5,000	64/34	1/4	0/1	(Wise Dan, \$1,259,310)	\$2,332,104	*274	6	1.72	1.09
7	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview	\$2,500	82/48	1/1	1/1	(Vielsalm, \$103,204)	\$2,150,977	150	2	1.11	1.30
8	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	51/28	1/2	0/1	(Moonshine Mullin, \$641,627)	\$1,546,698	*356	9	1.17	1.14
9	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview	\$2,000	60/34	1/3	0/1	(Monkey's Medal, \$134,305)	\$1,359,398	175	6	1.28	1.43
10	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American)	Died, 2010	43/25	1/5	1/1	(Where's Rosie B, \$144,420)	\$1,085,770	*624	16	1.19	1.23
11	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	36/20	0/0	0/0	(Isabella Swift, \$148,245)	\$949,251	56	2	1.21	1.00
12	LOVE OF MONEY (01, Not For Love)	Died, 2012	46/20	0/0	0/0	(Avaritia, \$90,733)	\$892,311	107	2	1.05	1.26
13	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$3,500	48/32	0/0	0/0	(Marten Lake, \$59,290)	\$847,302	361	14	1.09	1.37
14	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	30/16	1/1	1/1	(Lenape Rim, \$93,300)	\$834,344	81	2	1.48	1.21
15	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	33/19	0/0	0/0	(He's Got Talent, \$106,998)	\$685,927	58	0	0.97	1.42
16	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	Private	41/17	0/0	0/0	(Graced, \$100,420)	\$676,404	174	3	0.94	0.86
17	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	47/17	2/0	0/2	(Nasty Noozie, \$82,963)	\$666,604	437	21	1.21	1.34
18	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality), Mountain Springs Racing Stable	\$2,500	50/29	1/2	0/1	(Gimmedrink, \$86,130)	\$626,052	*199	3	0.78	1.06
19	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$1,000	35/16	0/0	0/0	(Hasty Miss, \$78,560)	\$561,182	278	7	1.08	1.23
20	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo)	N/A	32/17	0/0	0/0	(Well Lit, \$61,230)	\$555,708	533	23	1.23	1.19
21	SIR SHACKLETON (01, Miswaki), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	33/18	2/2	1/2	(Patty's Key, \$73,620)	\$525,982	*92	2	0.68	1.08
22	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$1,500	20/13	1/1	1/1	(Raging Smoke, \$99,480)	\$490,842	46	1	1.04	1.26
23	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated)	N/A	29/13	1/3	1/1	(Caviar N Champagne, \$184,640)	\$483,985	*639	25	1.08	1.10
24	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Infinity of Humor, \$80,351)	\$470,040	31	0	1.21	1.21
25	AISLE (99, Pulpit), Whirlwind Stables	\$1,000	23/14	0/0	0/0	(Kohl, \$75,420)	\$455,451	81	0	0.84	0.79
26	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2012	30/17	1/1	0/1	(One Diego, \$48,657)	\$389,366	*284	8	1.00	1.16
27	♠ BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview	\$3,000	9/4	1/2	1/1	(Miss Bullistic, \$161,620)	\$357,325	21	1	1.88	0.99
28	BARBICAN (03, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2011	12/9	0/0	0/0	(Tastefully Simple, \$128,906)	\$341,758	25	0	1.04	1.01
29	PURE PRECISION (99, Montbrook), Blackstone Farm	\$1,000	24/11	1/1	0/1	(Tightend Touchdown, \$155,500)	\$331,965	159	3	1.12	1.01
30	SOUTHERN SUCCESS (03, Dixieland Band), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	16/10	0/0	0/0	(Golden Success, \$54,636)	\$298,991	43	0	1.12	1.10

While Big Brown looks to gain a foothold in New York, Freud is back for his 14th year at stud in New York. Freud finished as New York's leading sire last year, paced by New York-bred grade III winner Lubash, a turf runner who secured the seventh and eighth stakes wins of his career in 2014. Along with grade I winner Frost Giant, who stands at Keane Stud Operations, Freud carries the state's highest stud fee of \$10,000 at Becky Thomas and Dennis Narlinger's Sequel Stallions New York.

With grade I winners such as Giant Ryan and Franny Freud, Freud has built up the quality of broodmares through his own success. Last year Freud led all other sires with 11 individual winners and 12 races won at the Saratoga Race Course meeting.

"The quality of his mares has certainly picked up, which is defi-

nately related to his success," Thomas said. "For Freud to have made it with those level of mares, it's a phenomenal feat."

Freud has shuttled to Argentina, which has opened the door to some additional quality mares. That led to Freud picking up the third top-level winner of his career last season when Alex Rossi won the Polla de Potrillos Roberto Alvarez Calderon Rey (Peruvian Two Thousand Guineas, Per-I).

Big Brown and Freud aren't the only New York stallions who had grade I winners last year as Congaree was born for a sixth New York season and his second at Saratoga Stud, where he stands for \$7,500. Last year Congaree's runners were led by Kentucky-bred Don't Tell Sophia, who won the Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (gr. I) at Keeneland and finished second in the Longines Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I) at Santa Anita Park.

Congaree had three total stakes winners last year, including 2015 Monrovia Stakes (gr. IIT) winner Shrinking Violet.

Thomas had closed up shop in New York for a couple of years before returning for the 2012 breeding season at Sequel Stallions New York. She said a partnership with Darley convinced her the timing was right to return. In that first year Sequel Stallions New York stood Darley's Girolamo, a grade I-winning sprinter by A.P. Indy.

Thomas said a horse such as Girolamo previously would not have started his career in New York, but the relationship with Darley allowed him to start there. Girolamo, whose first foals are 2-year-olds this season, moved to Darley Kentucky last year.

Under the agreement with Darley, Sequel is standing Desert Party, a grade II-winning son of Street Cry who stood his first three seasons in Kentucky before arriving in New York in 2013. Sequel also is standing 2012 Travers Stakes (gr. I) and 2013 Woodward Stakes (gr. I) winner Alpha, a son of Bernardini who is standing his first season for \$8,500. Thomas said stallions with that kind of potential are catching breeders' eyes.



Alpha makes his stallion debut in New York this year

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1	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$3,500	114/73	3/8	0/3	(Alonso, \$165,057)	\$2,776,643	*336	19	1.25	1.24
2	BROTHER DEREK (03, Benchmark), Naylee Farm	\$3,500	61/42	4/5	0/4	(Zee Bros, \$318,666)	\$1,840,389	*96	4	1.30	1.24
3	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	81/45	4/8	4/4	(Down Town Allen, \$236,760)	\$1,753,455	215	11	1.17	1.08
4	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	85/49	1/2	0/1	(Grand Yodeler, \$115,200)	\$1,418,485	734	29	1.01	1.06
5	BOP (97, Rahy)	Died, 2012	57/31	0/0	0/0	(Pepper Bay, \$72,016)	\$1,002,564	*185	5	0.99	0.90
6	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	58/31	1/1	1/1	(Joanne Elizabeth, \$88,445)	\$873,571	274	9	1.00	1.11
7	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	23/17	2/2	2/2	(Cat Thats Grey, \$103,108)	\$700,072	44	3	1.41	0.76
8	FOREST GROVE (01, Forestry), Naylee Farm	\$1,500	28/16	1/1	0/1	(Miss Layla, \$63,579)	\$486,053	100	3	0.91	1.23
9	REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	39/15	0/0	0/0	(Allegheny Jack, \$80,667)	\$469,386	126	3	0.99	0.82
10	MEDFORD (95, Meadowlake)	Pnsd	18/12	1/1	1/1	(Perfect Cross, \$73,151)	\$366,551	89	2	0.69	0.81
11	YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	21/13	0/0	0/0	(Margaret High, \$66,900)	\$345,646	286	10	1.12	1.00
12	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore), Householder Farm	Private	30/9	0/0	0/0	(Here Am I, \$39,226)	\$334,301	67	4	1.04	0.91
13	PRIZED (86, Kris S.)	Died, 2014	23/13	0/0	0/0	(Barcelona Baby, \$43,645)	\$298,577	*752	30	1.36	1.31
14	GHOSTLY MINISTER (97, Deputy Minister), Buckstud	\$2,500	22/8	0/0	0/0	(Bear's Lucky Lady, \$41,996)	\$232,154	65	1	0.93	0.97
15	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	18/8	0/0	0/0	(Hampton Bays Sun, \$62,560)	\$213,646	165	4	0.84	1.13
16	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	12/5	0/0	0/0	(One More Time, \$83,632)	\$210,812	36	0	0.82	1.19
17	ADMIRALTY ARCH (00, Arch)	Died, 2012	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Little Big Sime, \$120,726)	\$203,254	15	0	0.74	0.41
18	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Wild Faith, \$30,122)	\$187,032	35	0	0.67	1.29
19	FEAR THE CAPE (01, Cape Town), Blue Spruce Farm	\$1,500	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Fearless Angel, \$63,600)	\$186,420	29	1	1.04	0.87
20	REAL ESTATE (04, High Yield), Flamingo Run Farm	Private	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Emblem's Estate, \$46,022)	\$170,819	27	0	0.66	0.86

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1	DEFERRE (92, Deputy Minister), Wainford Stud	\$2,000	46/23	1/1	1/1	(Maybe Tonight, \$125,590)	\$972,524	*575	23	1.24	1.18
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade), Greenfields Farm	Private	31/17	0/0	0/0	(Saucy Don, \$87,665)	\$624,407	72	2	1.19	1.22
3	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$2,000	10/9	0/0	0/0	(Chubbiana, \$116,300)	\$458,710	17	0	2.00	1.70
4	MO MON (98, Maria's Mon)	Died, 2011	33/10	0/0	0/0	(Mo Didn't Know, \$49,691)	\$379,424	122	3	0.74	1.15
5	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled)	Died, 2011	17/8	1/1	1/1	(O K Lefty, \$94,266)	\$348,391	*257	10	1.04	1.22
6	PARK AVENUE BALL (02, Citidancer), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Park Avenue Appeal, \$50,390)	\$232,479	32	0	0.66	1.35
7	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(She's Hot Wired, \$106,736)	\$200,407	11	0	1.12	0.97
8	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Lakota Brave, \$41,324)	\$155,906	222	4	1.08	1.22
9	COZY DELL (97, Cozzene), Hidden Acres 4-D Farm	\$500	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Kylie's Cozy Kid, \$80,125)	\$126,975	8	0	1.71	0.90
10	PERFECT (92, Affirmed)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Man, \$35,895)	\$54,541	94	2	0.77	0.79

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1	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$8,500	48/3	0/0	0/0	(Wundahowigother, \$22,800)	\$216,311	*392	14	1.31	1.86
2	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Jcs American Dream, \$35,400)	\$167,442	*543	26	1.13	1.26
3	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	44/4	0/0	0/0	(Just Stormin, \$25,620)	\$150,704	*864	39	1.69	1.28
4	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	50/3	0/0	0/0	(Regal Minister, \$25,000)	\$141,480	*616	26	1.38	1.37
5	CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Saratoga Stud	\$7,500	12/1	1/1	0/1	(Shrinking Violet, \$120,000)	\$128,427	*337	15	1.38	1.46
6	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold), Saratoga Stud	\$6,000	30/6	0/0	0/0	(Why Two, \$36,960)	\$116,062	*187	8	0.97	1.40
7	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer), Keane Stud Operations	Died, 2014	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Laura Can Disco, \$35,400)	\$97,364	250	11	1.36	1.22
8	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Majestic Kaz, \$34,260)	\$96,940	179	0	0.84	0.97
9	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Saratoga Stud	\$3,500	21/4	0/0	0/0	(Big Gally's Answer, \$17,400)	\$94,912	*182	3	1.18	1.22
10	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Sequel Stallions New York	\$7,500	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Partytime Chill, \$24,600)	\$94,877	90	2	0.77	1.48

"We had to have a stallion that people outside the state of New York perceived as a stallion they wanted to go to," Thomas said. "That's how the relationship with Darley evolved. Prior to that, if these types of horses ended up in New York, it was because they failed elsewhere. But to start off in New York—that was another thing."

This year's New York stallion roster boasts three horses that ranked in the top 65 on the North American sire list in 2014 in Freud, Posse, and Big Brown. After ranking second to Freud on last year's New York sire list, Posse is back for a sixth sea-

son. He had eight stakes winners in 2014, and stands for \$5,000 at Rockridge Stud.

The Empire State's top 11 sires in 2014 were represented by 12 grade/group stakes winners, the highest single-season total ever for New York-based stallions. Thirty-one of the 73 New York-bred stakes winners in 2014 were sired by New York-based stallions, including grade II winner Zivo (by True Direction) and graded winners Samraat (by Noble Causeway), Lubash, and Hot Stones (by Bustin Stones).

Besides offering a classic winner in

Big Brown, New York also offers a Breeders' Cup winner in 2012 champion male sprinter Trinniberg. The winner of the 2012 XpressBet Breeders' Cup Sprint (gr. I) stands for \$7,500 at Rockridge Stud near Hudson where he entered stud last season. New York-bred The Lumber Guy, a grade I winner who finished second to Trinniberg in the 2012 Sprint, is back for his second year at Keane Stud, where he commands \$3,500.

Also in New York is Trinniberg's sire, Teuflesberg, who stands for \$5,000 at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds. [B](#)



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