



Keane Stud is home to seven stallions for 2016

SKIP DICKSTEIN PHOTOS

Friendly Invasion

International spice brings good flavor to Keane Stud

BY TERESE KARMEL

WHEN SPENDTHRIFT FARM decided to send Normandy Invasion to stand at Keane Stud near Amenia, N.Y., the addition of the 5-year-old son of Tapit to the farm's stallion roster not only ramped up its offerings but also touched the roots of its French-born farm manager.

Born and raised in the village of Cambremer (population, 1,100) in Basse-Normandie, the heart of the French breeding region, Philippe Lasseur has been Keane farm manager since 1987, and as far as is known, the longest-tenured farm manager in New York.

Since 1900 multiple generations of his family have worked on a Basse-Normandie horse farm, a stone's throw from Omaha, Utah, and other D-Day beaches. During World War II, when the Nazis occupied France, Lasseur's family
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	BIG BROWN (05, Boundary), Dutchess Views Farm	\$10,000	155/69	4/10	0/4	(Dortmund, \$1,353,080)	\$5,096,830	*460	14	1.37	1.80
2	FREUD (98, Storm Cat), Sequel Stallions New York	\$10,000	173/85	5/8	4/5	(Lubash, \$346,650)	\$4,881,515	*915	41	1.64	1.29
3	POSSE (00, Silver Deputy), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	175/78	4/6	4/4	(Royal Posse, \$304,610)	\$4,130,232	*646	30	1.36	1.35
4	HERE'S ZEALOUS (97, Dehere), Kaz Hill Farm	\$1,000	55/35	1/1	0/1	(Green Gratto, \$420,550)	\$1,777,034	181	1	0.98	0.97
5	DISCO RICO (97, Citidancer)	Died, 2014	49/21	0/0	0/0	(Goodtolook, \$191,032)	\$1,634,268	251	11	1.38	1.22
6	STONESIDER (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$3,500	66/28	2/4	0/2	(Galiana, \$272,290)	\$1,633,579	*185	4	1.18	1.20
7	FROST GIANT (03, Giant's Causeway), Keane Stud Operations	\$7,500	60/26	2/3	2/2	(Loki's Vengeance, \$216,950)	\$1,625,529	*154	6	1.69	1.17
8	BUSTIN STONES (04, City Zip), Waldorf Farm	\$2,500	61/33	1/1	1/1	(Hot Stones, \$134,417)	\$1,468,988	112	2	1.29	1.40
9	BOB AND JOHN (03, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	65/36	1/1	0/1	(Pain and Misery, \$258,900)	\$1,436,020	*192	9	0.99	1.33
10	DESERT PARTY (06, Street Cry), Sequel Stallions New York	\$4,000	71/30	2/2	2/2	(Desert Dynamo, \$174,150)	\$1,417,445	106	4	0.95	1.46
11	CATIENUS (94, Storm Cat)	N/A	68/41	0/0	0/0	(Spectacular Me, \$221,910)	\$1,415,229	*550	23	1.13	1.25
12	NOBLE CAUSEWAY (02, Giant's Causeway)	Died, 2014	84/42	3/3	1/3	(Noble and a Beauty, \$89,780)	\$1,136,719	231	7	0.82	1.09
13	COSMONAUT (02, Lemon Drop Kid), Keane Stud Operations	\$5,000	30/15	1/1	1/1	(Wonderment, \$111,000)	\$753,454	66	2	1.12	1.06
14	MR. SEKIGUCHI (03, Storm Cat), Mole's Hill Farm	\$2,500	29/16	1/1	1/1	(Yourdreamsormine, \$157,270)	\$731,625	*89	2	0.95	1.25
15	GIANT SURPRISE (09, Giant's Causeway), Rockridge Stud	\$5,000	10/4	2/4	2/2	(Sudden Surprise, \$326,300)	\$675,647	26	2	3.27	1.26
16	GOLDEN MISSILE (95, A.P. Indy), Milfer Farm	\$3,500	54/21	0/0	0/0	(Estrada's Girl, \$130,826)	\$643,827	*634	13	1.04	1.52
17	CONGRESSIONALHONOR (01, Forestry)	N/A	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Superling, \$128,850)	\$522,291	161	1	0.72	0.96
18	TEUFLESBERG (04, Johannesburg), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	30/14	0/0	0/0	(Dominic's Smile, \$101,300)	\$460,855	83	4	1.61	1.19
19	MIRACLE MAN (02, Yankee Victor), Pucker Ridge Farm	\$2,000	5/4	1/1	1/1	(Jc's Shooting Star, \$242,940)	\$389,551	8	1	1.91	1.57
20	THE CLIFF'S EDGE (01, Gulch), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	37/16	0/0	0/0	(Frazil, \$80,066)	\$388,839	234	4	0.82	1.18
21	ALEX'S PAL (99, Valid Expectations)	Died, 2015	16/8	0/0	0/0	(All About Abby, \$94,879)	\$315,542	102	2	1.25	0.93
22	JUSTENUFFHUMOR (05, Distorted Humor)	N/A	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Kathy's Humor, \$135,757)	\$279,676	48	0	0.56	1.16
23	COURAGEOUS CAT (06, Storm Cat), Questroyal North	\$6,000	10/3	1/1	1/1	(School Board Prez, \$182,690)	\$260,910	27	1	1.15	1.20
24	SIR WHIMSEY (04, Jump Start), Mill Creek Farm	\$2,500	6/2	1/1	1/1	(Take Issue, \$127,925)	\$217,483	8	1	1.17	0.95
25	HERE COMES BEN (06, Street Cry), McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds	\$7,500	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Ben's Girl, \$34,810)	\$184,949	41	0	0.56	1.14
26	DUBLIN (07, Afleet Alex), Keane Stud Operations	\$2,500	21/3	0/0	0/0	(Dr Blarney, \$58,920)	\$179,876	54	0	0.44	1.24
27	ELTISH (92, Cox's Ridge)	Died, 2012	18/5	0/0	0/0	(Eltish Charmer, \$22,308)	\$155,367	313	13	1.15	1.25
28	D' FUNNYBONE (07, D'wildcat), Rockridge Stud	\$2,500	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Uno Emayo, \$48,702)	\$142,614	*34	0	0.53	1.35
29	RELATO DEL GATO (01, Tale of the Cat)	Died, 2014	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Town Kitty, \$79,848)	\$119,450	12	0	0.96	0.75
30	SMART ALERT (96, Gold Alert)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(True Shot, \$59,697)	\$109,938	13	0	0.53	0.36
31	SAY FLORIDA SANDY (94, Personal Flag)	Pnsd	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Say Mr. Sandman, \$20,200)	\$106,618	*189	1	0.78	1.10
32	UNCLE CAMIE (00, Abaginone)	Died, 2012	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Southern, \$85,670)	\$104,222	27	1	0.90	0.78
33	GRIFFINITE (98, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Miss Thang, \$33,265)	\$89,702	67	0	0.58	0.88
34	DR LARGE (06, A.P. Indy), Oriskany Creek Farm	\$2,500	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Spooled, \$26,339)	\$68,906	20	1	0.82	0.71
35	NORTHERN SPUR (IRE) (91, Sadler's Wells)	Pnsd	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Chilton, \$18,207)	\$66,638	100	2	1.15	1.15

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worked in the basement that the Germans had taken over for their headquarters. Then when the Allies bombed the area, family legend has it they fled into the woods.

When Dr. Winslow Stevens, a prominent equine veterinarian, decided to lease the New York operation from its developer



Keane Stud's Philippe Lasseur

and owner, James Edwards, he asked Lasseur to become a partner.

Stevens and Lasseur, who have been friends for years, run a beautifully kept stallion and broodmare operation that has a long-time loyal clientele.

By design, the stallion roster is limited to seven horses, and the bulk of the farm income comes from the boarding and care of some 80 broodmares and their weanlings.

"Dr. Stevens and I are not salespeople," said Lasseur. "We're not going to spend our time on the phone because we're not good at it. We spend our time taking care of horses."

Stevens reiterated the attitude.

"Neither of us is a bloodstock agent," he said. "We're horsemen who get mares pregnant and take care of their babies. We like to stand stallions for people interested in doing their own promotions. We don't have a list of 200 to 300 people who we can call and say 'Hey, have I got a stallion for you.'"

In addition to 5-year-old Normandy Invasion (who will stand for \$5,000 in 2016), a multiple graded stakes-placed colt who earned \$551,900 in his four-season racing career, Keane stands two other

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2015 NEW YORK SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Freud	173	85
Posse	175	78
Big Brown	155	69
Noble Causeway	84	42
Catienus	68	41
Bob and John	65	36
Here's Zealous	55	35
Bustin Stones	61	33
Desert Party	71	30
Stonesider	66	28
Frost Giant	60	26
Golden Missile	54	21
Disco Rico	49	21
Lewis Michael	40	18
The Cliff's Edge	37	16
Mr. Sekiguchi	29	16
Cosmonaut	30	15
Teuflesberg	30	14
Congressionalhonor	25	9
Alex's Pal	16	8
Justenuffhumor	22	6
Eltish	18	5
Here Comes Ben	16	5
Say Florida Sandy	16	5
D' Funnybone	13	4
Marsh Side	11	4
Giant Surprise	10	4
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Miracle Man	5	4

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2015 LEADING SIRES IN MARYLAND

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	NOT FOR LOVE (90, Mr. Prospector)	Pnsd	108/55	2/2	1/2	(I'm Mr. Blue, \$133,290)	\$2,871,210	926	77	1.70	1.45
2	LION HEARTED (96, Storm Cat)	Died, 2015	86/47	1/1	1/1	(Jar of Hearts, \$119,580)	\$1,890,004	*599	18	1.21	1.29
3	ORIENTATE (98, Mt. Livermore), Northview Stallion Station	\$5,000	103/54	1/1	1/1	(Oh Baby Oh Baby, \$87,787)	\$1,675,541	*751	33	1.27	1.71
4	GREAT NOTION (00, Elusive Quality), Northview Stallion Station	\$3,500	51/23	3/4	1/3	(Phlash Phelps, \$165,512)	\$1,227,139	194	12	1.53	1.23
5	LOUIS QUATORZE (93, Sovereign Dancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	61/32	0/0	0/0	(Senor Louie, \$107,520)	\$1,183,058	*965	21	1.15	1.33
6	DANCE WITH RAVENS (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	72/28	1/1	1/1	(A P Elvis, \$91,590)	\$1,165,796	328	10	1.14	1.46
7	PETIONVILLE (92, Seeking the Gold), Murmur Farm	\$5,000	63/34	0/0	0/0	(Pesci to De Niro, \$56,415)	\$892,622	*690	41	1.31	1.28
8	SCIPION (02, A.P. Indy), Murmur Farm	\$2,500	45/20	0/0	0/0	(Grandiflora, \$69,537)	\$852,508	112	3	1.09	1.06
9	OUTFLANKER (94, Danzig), Shamrock Farm	\$3,000	47/18	0/0	0/0	(Pinkout, \$89,230)	\$824,742	*522	21	1.38	1.14
10	STREET MAGICIAN (04, Street Cry), Heritage Stallions	\$3,000	32/17	0/0	0/0	(Blitzensmajikreign, \$79,280)	\$818,622	53	2	1.14	1.17
11	ROCK SLIDE (98, A.P. Indy), Shamrock Farm	\$2,000	40/16	0/0	0/0	(Aix En Provence, \$125,960)	\$799,768	261	8	1.02	1.20
12	TWO PUNCH (83, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2011	40/24	0/0	0/0	(Jackson P, \$64,446)	\$765,061	*1104	56	1.41	1.39
13	GATORS N BEARS (00, Stormy Atlantic)	Died, 2012	30/11	0/0	0/0	(Thisdansenstaken, \$98,745)	\$602,230	151	5	1.04	1.19
14	CHEROKEE'S BOY (00, Citidancer), Murmur Farm	\$2,000	31/15	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Rock, \$69,941)	\$553,670	89	1	1.14	1.02
15	¶ FRIESAN FIRE (06, A.P. Indy), Country Life Farm	\$4,000	25/7	0/0	0/0	(Morning Fire, \$134,713)	\$418,104	59	0	0.82	1.31
16	GO FOR GIN (91, Cormorant)	Pnsd	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Shaunna Alexandra, \$216,172)	\$367,822	*401	12	1.24	1.39
17	M EIGHTY (99, Lite the Fuse)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Fran's Buckaroo, \$84,351)	\$186,362	14	0	1.37	0.90
18	GREEK SUN (01, Danzig), Marathon Farm	Private	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Grecian Star, \$36,080)	\$154,939	32	0	0.96	1.16
19	PLAN (05, Storm Cat)	N/A	18/3	0/0	0/0	(Patsy's Star, \$24,051)	\$114,733	41	0	0.31	1.09
20	MOJAVE MOON (96, Mr. Prospector), Bonita Farm	Private	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Hideaway Moon, \$40,925)	\$57,790	188	2	0.83	1.15
21	LA REINE'S TERMS (95, Private Terms)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(La Reine's Gem, \$39,425)	\$52,195	23	0	0.55	1.27
22	¶ ADMIRAL ALEX (07, Afleet Alex), Shamrock Farm	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Captain Alex, \$46,847)	\$48,477	5	0	0.59	0.95
23	FLEET FOOT (98, Gone West)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Fleetwood Star, \$29,765)	\$45,530	54	0	0.62	1.00
24	UNBRIDLED MATE (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Jo Way Java, \$18,095)	\$35,912	16	0	0.24	0.64
25	¶ ETCHED (05, Forestry), Bonita Farm	\$3,500	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Eve, \$22,728)	\$30,257	18	0	0.18	1.04



By design the farm is limited in its number of stallions and broodmares

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Spendthrift stallions: multiple graded stakes winner The Lumber Guy (Grand Slam—Boltano, by Unbridled's Song), who was 2012 New York horse of the year (\$2,500); and Dublin (Afleet Alex—Classy Mirage, by Storm Bird), New York's leading freshman sire of sale yearlings and fourth-leading freshman sire of 2-year-olds by progeny earnings, whose Dr. Blar-

ney won a stakes at Suffolk Downs in October. Dublin will stand for \$2,500.

"In the last couple of years, they have gotten things squared away and are now becoming a great place to raise and breed horses," said Spendthrift general manager Ned Toffey. "A few years ago when things fell into place, it looked like a good time to jump in and it coincided

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2015 MARYLAND SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Not For Love	108	55
Oriente	103	54
Lion Hearted	86	47
Giacomo	77	38
Petionville	63	34
Louis Quatorze	61	32
Dance With Ravens	72	28
Two Punch	40	24
Great Notion	51	23
Scipion	45	20
Outflanker	47	18
Street Magician	32	17
Rock Slide	40	16
Cherokee's Boy	31	15
Gators N Bears	30	11
Friesan Fire	25	7
Go for Gin	15	6
Greek Sun	10	4
Plan	18	3
M Eighty	6	3

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Maryland (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2011 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 6, 2015. As supplied to Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., 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%. 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).

*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.

2015 LEADING SIRES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2015 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	JUMP START (99, A.P. Indy), Northview PA	\$10,000	174/84	4/7	1/4	(Pants On Fire, \$204,040)	\$4,463,499	*1111	38	1.53	1.34
2	ROCKPORT HARBOR (02, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2013	188/105	6/6	3/6	(Majestic Harbor, \$230,740)	\$4,316,117	439	23	1.35	1.42
3	CORINTHIAN (03, Pulpit), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$4,000	192/85	3/4	1/3	(Cash Bonus, \$102,418)	\$2,406,572	*471	11	0.79	1.39
4	FAIRBANKS (03, Giant's Causeway), Northview PA	\$2,500	102/46	1/1	0/1	(One Go All Go, \$248,400)	\$2,261,576	197	3	1.10	1.28
5	SILVER TRAIN (02, Old Trieste)	Died, 2013	124/63	1/2	0/1	(Silver Ocean, \$90,051)	\$1,609,592	*438	10	0.99	1.29
6	MEDALLIST (01, Touch Gold), Northview PA	\$2,000	55/37	0/0	0/0	(Love Came to Town, \$171,184)	\$1,597,933	186	5	1.29	1.41
7	TALENT SEARCH (03, Catienus), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	46/28	1/1	1/1	(Pink for Me, \$100,385)	\$1,097,949	79	1	1.07	1.34
8	WEIGELIA (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	\$3,500	39/18	1/1	1/1	(Pink Princess, \$182,020)	\$1,092,137	65	3	1.27	1.02
9	LORD SHANAKILL (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$5,000	61/27	1/2	0/1	(My Dream Boat, \$139,500)	\$827,466	93	1	0.87	0.95
10	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West)	N/A	36/18	0/0	0/0	(Marten Lake, \$156,823)	\$780,787	363	14	1.10	1.35
11	WISEMAN'S FERRY (99, Hennessy)	Died, 2015	41/21	0/0	0/0	(Wise Mac, \$94,460)	\$778,680	*282	6	1.68	1.09
12	BULLSBAY (04, Tiznow), Northview PA	\$3,000	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Bullheaded Boy, \$186,209)	\$734,370	35	1	2.03	1.09
13	ALBERT THE GREAT (97, Go for Gin), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	50/18	0/0	0/0	(Great Starlene, \$76,076)	\$653,441	*369	8	1.14	1.14
14	PARTNER'S HERO (94, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	35/18	0/0	0/0	(Noble Road, \$94,600)	\$614,046	448	15	1.20	1.33
15	LOVE OF MONEY (01, Not For Love)	Died, 2012	38/13	1/1	1/1	(Jack's in the Deck, \$110,170)	\$605,270	124	1	1.00	1.28
16	ACTIVIST (94, Wild Again), Godstone Farm	Private	30/15	0/0	0/0	(Pink Elephant, \$104,259)	\$596,972	175	3	0.94	0.84
17	GIMMEAWINK (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	33/14	0/0	0/0	(Winkatdawaw, \$91,820)	\$494,615	*215	1	0.78	1.05
18	REAL QUIET (95, Quiet American)	Died, 2010	22/9	0/1	0/0	(Darn Quiet, \$88,118)	\$434,815	*625	15	1.19	1.23
19	ANDIRON (06, A.P. Indy), Xanthus Farms	\$2,000	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Roxbury N Overton, \$191,450)	\$395,863	32	0	0.96	0.56
20	SIR SHACKLETON (01, Miswaki), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	27/11	0/0	0/0	(Loveshackled, \$66,737)	\$382,351	*94	1	0.69	1.06
21	RIMROD (00, Danzig), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Averyon, \$42,175)	\$377,844	95	2	1.37	1.17
22	SOUTHERN SUCCESS (03, Dixieland Band), Dana Point Farm	\$1,000	14/6	1/2	1/1	(R Frosty One, \$231,353)	\$367,164	47	1	1.14	1.16
23	DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (96, Notebook), Maui Meadow Farm	\$1,000	28/10	0/0	0/0	(Crossing, \$67,082)	\$354,136	285	7	1.06	1.21
24	LITE THE FUSE (91, Buckaroo)	N/A	25/10	0/0	0/0	(Downhill Dale, \$63,852)	\$340,866	537	22	1.22	1.18
25	CITY SHARPSTER (99, Carson City)	N/A	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Poderosa, \$53,648)	\$334,586	53	0	0.62	0.73
26	GOT THE LAST LAUGH (04, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$2,500	14/8	0/0	0/0	(Infinity of Humor, \$122,310)	\$329,076	31	0	1.20	1.22
27	SNOW RIDGE (98, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2012	22/13	0/0	0/0	(Victor's Tuition, \$40,673)	\$302,146	*285	5	0.99	1.15
28	MORE SMOKE (02, Smoke Glacken), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$1,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Raging Smoke, \$135,532)	\$288,166	47	1	1.01	1.21
29	POWER BY FAR (95, Power of Mind), Castle Rock Farm	\$1,500	7/2	1/1	1/1	(Power of Snunner, \$145,250)	\$223,587	108	2	1.22	1.17
30	AISLE (99, Pulpit)	N/A	18/7	0/0	0/0	(True Cost, \$64,838)	\$222,721	84	0	0.80	0.78
31	FORMAL DINNER (88, Well Decorated)	N/A	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Wild Kira, \$35,091)	\$220,347	*639	23	1.07	1.10
32	COASTAL STORM (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	12/7	0/0	0/0	(The Great Romp, \$47,749)	\$213,633	140	3	1.07	0.80
33	TEKKEN (IRE) (94, Nureyev), Lojeski Farms	\$1,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Bachman Billy, \$74,181)	\$186,458	43	1	1.28	1.23
34	STONECOLD BROKE (98, Unbridled)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Portent, \$35,350)	\$158,572	50	0	0.56	1.15
35	INVISIBLE INK (98, Thunder Gulch)	Died, 2011	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Invisible, \$62,828)	\$152,981	*109	4	0.87	1.21
36	REVIVAL SONG (01, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Pintoresco, \$33,305)	\$152,917	39	0	0.61	0.87
37	HARRY THE HAT (89, Seattle Slew)	Pnsd	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Teflon Tony, \$73,669)	\$140,212	161	5	1.01	0.78
38	IT'S A BIRD (03, Birdonthewire)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Thinks He's a Bird, \$42,270)	\$137,594	14	0	0.47	1.08
39	GOULDINGS GREEN (01, Charismatic)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(La Mala, \$47,811)	\$126,756	20	0	0.69	1.43
40	CAPITANO (01, Belong to Me)	N/A	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Capitano Storm, \$23,076)	\$110,398	27	0	0.58	1.10
41	IN THE WOODS (04, Forest Wildcat), Xanthus Farms	\$1,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. Mary S, \$21,960)	\$102,469	20	0	0.56	1.25
42	COMEDY SHOW (00, Distorted Humor), Three Point Farm	\$2,000	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Laughinlolligagger, \$21,515)	\$101,165	32	0	0.33	0.90
43	FASTNESS (IRE) (90, Rousillon)	Died, 2013	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Purrfast, \$22,230)	\$96,086	284	3	0.81	1.01
44	BARBICAN (03, A.P. Indy)	Died, 2011	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Barbican's Mist, \$26,660)	\$89,884	25	0	0.91	0.96
45	LYRACIST (96, Sultry Song)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Modest Mouse, \$85,500)	\$88,395	24	0	0.88	0.61
46	CETEWAYO (94, His Majesty), Godstone Farm	Private	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Lightning Electric, \$43,950)	\$84,027	83	1	0.59	0.99
47	MISBAH (95, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Michael's Tribute, \$41,736)	\$80,994	25	0	0.62	1.06
48	HARLEY QUINN (97, Valiant Nature)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Duke of Flatbush, \$28,457)	\$78,301	17	0	0.59	1.08
49	HOMELAND (01, Silver Deputy)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Goldland, \$29,145)	\$71,595	7	0	0.78	0.64
50	SHOW TUNE (04, Unbridled's Song), Safe Haven Equine	\$500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Candy Tunes, \$26,055)	\$63,061	46	0	0.58	1.02



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2015 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	LIMEHOUSE (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	103/63	2/3	1/2	(House of Sole, \$144,040)	\$2,104,686	*352	19	1.23	1.20
2	BROTHER DEREK (03, Benchmark), Naylee Farm	\$3,500	71/43	2/2	1/2	(Sam's Sister, \$165,260)	\$1,496,640	*126	4	1.22	1.22
3	WINDSOR CASTLE (98, Lord Carson), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$3,500	94/51	0/0	0/0	(Greenway Court, \$90,180)	\$1,404,001	253	10	1.08	1.05
4	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	67/36	0/0	0/0	(Swissarella, \$94,512)	\$1,189,695	750	15	1.01	1.05
5	CHARITABLE MAN (06, Lemon Drop Kid), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$4,000	42/19	2/4	2/2	(Charitable Annuity, \$358,550)	\$1,087,067	81	2	1.16	1.15
6	BOP (97, Rahy)	Died, 2012	69/36	0/0	0/0	(Carolina Shag, \$81,890)	\$1,037,554	*192	4	0.94	0.88
7	FIBER SONDE (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	29/19	3/6	2/3	(Hidden Canyon, \$147,040)	\$834,594	65	6	1.41	0.74
8	LUFTIKUS (96, Meadowlake), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	35/20	0/0	0/0	(Blisstikus, \$62,806)	\$657,868	281	8	0.99	1.09
9	PEAK DANCER (97, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	35/19	0/0	0/0	(Set'em Up Joe, \$44,572)	\$433,957	79	4	0.94	0.87
10	DENIS OF CORK (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$500	30/10	0/0	0/0	(Madeitouttaharlan, \$49,460)	\$366,044	59	0	0.63	1.21
11	DURING (00, Cherokee Run), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Jake N Elwood, \$143,150)	\$277,231	184	3	0.85	1.11
12	REPARATIONS (96, Forty Niner)	N/A	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Roche, \$63,975)	\$270,792	136	3	0.95	0.81
13	REAL ESTATE (04, High Yield), Flamingo Run Farm	\$1,000	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Emblem's Estate, \$52,982)	\$241,488	38	0	0.65	0.83
14	PROSPECT BAY (92, Crafty Prospector)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Forty One and Out, \$86,688)	\$238,500	285	7	0.93	1.47
15	GARNERED (98, Holy Bull)	N/A	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Nay's Back, \$72,297)	\$224,840	91	0	0.67	0.74
16	FOREST GROVE (01, Forestry)	N/A	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Brackendale, \$34,822)	\$214,956	106	2	0.83	1.18
17	GHOSTLY MINISTER (97, Deputy Minister), Buckstud	\$2,500	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Mint to Fly, \$33,860)	\$153,725	66	1	0.88	0.95
18	PRIZED (86, Kris S.)	Died, 2014	15/6	0/0	0/0	(Indispensable, \$58,683)	\$151,985	*752	27	1.36	1.30
19	YARROW BRAE (95, Deputy Minister), O'Sullivan Farms	\$750	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Mr. Prosecutor, \$29,013)	\$143,874	297	6	1.09	0.99
20	MIKIMOTO'S MOJO (05, Hold That Tiger)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Cuppa Mocha Mojo, \$130,857)	\$139,217	9	0	1.30	0.74
21	MEDFORD (95, Meadowlake)	Pnsd	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Perfect Cross, \$25,610)	\$120,802	91	1	0.64	0.81
22	GRAND RESERVE (02, Theatrical)	N/A	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Mighty Grand, \$34,607)	\$118,820	40	0	0.34	0.77
23	PRIDE OF BURKAAN (90, Burkaan)	N/A	20/7	0/0	0/0	(Famous Fighter, \$32,986)	\$116,421	149	0	0.42	0.93
24	FOOTNOTES (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Just a Trick, \$35,060)	\$115,929	15	0	0.97	0.84
25	FEAR THE CAPE (01, Cape Town)	N/A	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Phantom Fear, \$23,286)	\$98,134	36	1	0.92	0.98
26	ADMIRALTY ARCH (00, Arch)	Died, 2012	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Little Big Sime, \$78,144)	\$84,523	15	0	0.76	0.40
27	ON EAGLES WINGS (04, Gone West)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Roy's Eagle, \$26,277)	\$76,651	15	0	0.53	1.19
28	GUNNERSIDE (02, Seattle Slew)	N/A	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Gunner Road, \$32,651)	\$75,252	53	0	0.30	0.49
29	PRIVATE SCANDAL (00, Not For Love)	N/A	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Nathan the Great, \$25,820)	\$67,705	6	0	0.38	0.15
30	BALLADO'S GOLD (03, Saint Ballado), Witherow Farm	\$1,000	15/4	0/0	0/0	(Forged in Gold, \$14,338)	\$67,213	37	0	0.31	0.44
31	OFFICER ROCKET (GB) (04, Officer)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Colonial Rocket, \$37,827)	\$64,306	15	0	0.79	0.56
32	BAILERO (ARG) (99, Roy)	Died, 2012	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Sterlings Mr. Abel, \$39,844)	\$62,135	14	0	0.33	1.08
33	INNER HARBOUR (97, Capote)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Balto More, \$32,010)	\$61,112	45	0	0.51	0.68
34	TIDAL WAVE (00, Stormy Atlantic)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Rip Current, \$24,600)	\$59,265	9	0	1.05	1.09
35	XCHANGER (04, Exchange Rate), O'Sullivan Farms	\$500	17/3	0/0	0/0	(Ronda Granada, \$15,022)	\$57,949	52	0	0.29	1.14

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with a jump in our stallion roster."

The decision to send Dublin—who has had progeny sell for more than \$100,000 in each of his three years at stud—and Normandy Invasion to Keane coincided with Spendthrift's philosophy of "intro-

ducing horses straight off the track" rather than sending "retreads" to their regional farms, Toffey said.

Toffey is optimistic about Normandy Invasion's New York prospects because of the money being poured into breeding and racing from casino profits.

"We'd like to see some more mares in New York but feel this is a horse people can breed to. He reminds us a lot of Malibu Moon," Toffey said. Though he had an abbreviated racing career, Malibu Moon originally stood for \$3,000 in Maryland (continued on page 62)

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								Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	DEFRERE (92, Deputy Minister)	N/A	38/17	1/1	0/1	(Oak Bluffs, \$196,808)	\$790,406	*582	22	1.23	1.18
2	DON SIX (00, Wild Escapade)	N/A	29/18	1/2	1/1	(Saucy Don, \$90,440)	\$652,752	73	3	1.17	1.28
3	HEY CHUB (00, Carson City), Joe-Dan Farm	\$2,000	14/8	1/1	1/1	(Chubble Maker, \$128,584)	\$428,121	24	1	1.76	1.64
4	PRIVATE INTERVIEW (92, Nureyev), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Amblin Easy, \$115,628)	\$270,916	223	3	1.08	1.20
5	MO MON (98, Maria's Mon)	Died, 2011	19/6	0/0	0/0	(Streakin Easy, \$42,533)	\$251,132	122	3	0.73	1.17
6	PARK AVENUE BALL (02, Citidancer)	Died, 2015	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Bilyscrystalball, \$77,610)	\$240,600	34	0	0.73	1.31
7	UNBRIDLED JET (96, Unbridled)	Died, 2011	11/7	0/0	0/0	(O K Lefty, \$67,989)	\$221,428	*257	8	1.03	1.22
8	CABLE BOY (04, Jump Start), Colonial Farms	\$1,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(She's Hot Wired, \$46,450)	\$111,574	12	0	0.90	0.89
9	CHIPS ARE DOWN (02, Distorted Humor)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Play It Again, \$17,368)	\$26,488	9	0	0.35	0.58
10	DEPUTY WARLOCK (97, Silver Deputy)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Exceptionalism, \$21,264)	\$21,264	44	0	1.06	1.10



Lasseur's background with stallions is a key to the Keane operation

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even though “he had all the ability in the world and wonderful genetics. The horse doesn’t know what his race record is,” Toffey said. Malibu Moon, who ran twice as a 2-year-old before retiring, now stands for \$95,000 at Spendthrift in Lexington and is among the top sires in the country.

A major appeal for breeders of Spendthrift stallions is the “Share the Upside” and “Breed Secure” programs that offer reduced rates and lifetime breeding rights for various one-time fees and time commitments.

It is not unusual for large Kentucky breeding operations to hook up with New York concerns to get a foothold in that state, which is becoming a fertile breeding area thanks to casino-infused purses and state-bred programs. Darley has sent stallions to Sequel Stallions near Hudson, N.Y.

Toffey praised the competency and knowledge of Stevens and Lasseur.

“They both have a great stallion background. They put the care of our horses first and foremost. I have a lot of confidence in them.”

Lasseur, who is still a French citizen, was only going to stay in the U.S. for a year when he came in 1980 after a year at the Irish National Stud. In his words, the purpose of the trip was to travel around to different farms. He obviously found something he liked. Now his three children are all in America and his daughter, Patricia, works on the farm.

From 1982-87, Lasseur was assistant stallion manager at Gainesway Farm in Lexington where he was well schooled in the intricacies of farm and stallion management.

“I got experience organizing a breeding shed and stallion experience,” he said. “I was exposed to so much; it really helped me a lot.”

But eventually Lasseur was looking to advance in his field as well as to move to an environment with a broader perspective. New York fit the bill, and he’s been there ever since. Lasseur said one of the things he loves about the area is the change in seasons, from the first blush of spring when the perfume from the purple lilac bushes fills the air, to high summer when everyone is outside all the time, to the up-

state New York autumns with bursts of orange and gold-leaved trees ringing the paddocks, and, yes, even the winters when snow blows across the fields and three-foot drifts pile up against the black fences. Flakes float gently down covering the horses’ backs for a moment before melting on their fur coats.

For much of the year, the farm is so lush it brings to mind a fly-over of Ireland, with its patchwork quilt of various greens: rich chartreuse, burnt-out lime, and deep forest, depending on how the sun hits the various sections.

The horses are stabled in 116 open, airy stalls with high ceilings and plenty of room to move around. Four barns are for mares and foals. The farm has a variety of paddocks, ranging from 40 acres to smaller enclosures.

The horses spend precious little time inside.

“We both think very much the same way,” Stevens said, referring to his and Lasseur’s philosophy that horses evolved as grazing animals and belong outside eating grass. “The worst thing is for a horse to be stuck in a stall getting carbohydrates and other feed not good for its digestive system. We try to do things as naturally as possible.”

Stevens’ specialty is equine reproduction and breeding. He has worked at an equine reproduction lab at Colorado State University, attended Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, and spent a year at Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington before opening a private practice in Millbrook, N.Y., in 1988.

When Edwards looked for a farm, he made sure the land was rich in limestone and other minerals, much like the Kentucky soil. Water comes from a limitless natural spring on the property and is fed into a huge holding tank that has yet to run dry even in droughts. Hay and straw are stored in separate buildings.

Other stallions at Keane are Cosmonaut (\$5,000), Stonesider (\$3,500), Al Kahli (\$2,500), and the most successful



Keane's gently rolling hills are a draw to longtime client Dr. Edward Messina

of the lot, Frost Giant (Giant's Causeway—Takesmybreathaway), the 2012 New York leading first-crop sire, 18% of whose offspring have won stakes races. His fee for 2016 will be \$7,500.

"His first crop of 2-year-olds lit up the board and broke New York records for a first-time stud," said Eric Bishop, who handles Frost Giant's book for Andrew Cohen's Sunrise Farm.

In his first year at Keane in 2013, Frost Giant was bred to 135 mares and although the number has fallen off in the past two years when Frost Giant "was not the flavor of the day, we're very optimistic about the new crop of 2-year-olds coming out," Bishop said.

Among Frost Giant's most successful offspring are West Hills Giant, who earned \$541,899 from 11 stakes wins and placings, Frosty Bay, who won a pair of stakes for New York-breds in 2013, Comandante, who has earned \$374,593 from 26 starts and is still racing, and Loki's Vengeance, who has earned \$393,409 in 11 starts, including firsts in this year's Affirmed Success Stakes and New York Stallion Series Stakes.

Stevens and Lasseur are "old-time gentlemen who are straight shooters," said Bishop. "There's no flash, no beating around the bush. We wanted to give the best service to our breeders and that's Keane's objective: To get their mares bred. There's no other agenda."

Among the long-term Keane clients is Adam Wachtel, who along with his late father, Edward Wachtel, has boarded horses at Keane since the late 1980s when Stevens and Lasseur were setting up shop. He owns Al Khali, a son of

Medaglia d'Oro—Maya, by Capote.

"We know they will get the best care, which is why they're there," Wachtel said. "That was our objective. We didn't care all that much that these guys weren't going to be consummate salesmen. I continue to be impressed with their dedication after all these years."

Wachtel said when he shows potential breeders his Keane mares, they invariably comment on their health and preparedness for breeding.

Another longtime client is Dr. Edward J. Messina, whose company Equiology Concepts, which specializes in Thoroughbred pedigree analysis and breeding, is based in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. Currently he owns mares boarded at Keane who are in foal to Exchange Rate and Broken Vow.

"I highly recommend Keane to any

individual desirous of a New York-bred and who wants a resident mare," he said. "Philippe is an excellent horseman who came up through the ranks and has experience at top farms, and having a resident veterinarian tending to our horses on a daily basis is another attractive benefit."

He added that when he's had mares that have struggled to get in foal, Stevens has found ways to solve the problems, thus helping Messina avoid financial losses on mares.

Messina also likes the farm's gently rolling hills that he said provide sound conditioning for mares and their foals.

"It's natural for horses to go up and down hills because it exercises all of their muscles and develops strong bones that they'll use later for racing."


The Keane staff, who live on the grounds, range from eight to 12 people, depending upon the season.

The farm regularly hosts interns and practicing veterinarians and researchers from a variety of countries throughout the world. Dr. Oya Oral, a Turkish veterinarian, is currently working at Keane and says her time has been well spent.

At Keane Stud, it would seem, things have come full circle.

Remembering how American horsemen gave him a chance, Lasseur said employing foreign horsemen is one way for him to give others the same opportunity he was given. They are "very motivated and work hard," he said.

Lasseur returns to France twice a year to visit his aged mother and for more epicurean reasons.

"I go back to see my family and to eat good cheese and drink good wine," he said. 



Limestone-rich soils, natural springs are welcoming assets to Keane's client base