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Musician Susan Hunter hits the high notes with Thoroughbreds

BY RON MITCHELL



Susan Hunter at her Hunter Creek Farms near Roswell, N.M.

SUSAN HUNTER CONSIDERS herself lucky that she's made a successful living off what is decidedly the most near and dear to her-music and horses. After 22 years as a professional musician with the contemporary country group Limited Edition, Hunter is now in the middle of her second act as the owner of Hunter Creek Farms near Roswell, N.M.

Hunter Creek began 16 years ago with the focus only on foaling mares during the breeding season. Over time, the 72-acre farm has evolved into a full-service operation with a training track and standing stallions Silver Wagon and Finale.

Born and raised in Big Spring, Texas, Hunter grew up competing in rodeos as a barrel racer.

"Limited Edition was my band. It was a country band. (continued on page 54)

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Rank		2016	Rnrs/	Wnrs/	SW/		2016		Stks	A-E	Comp
~	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	Wnrs	Index	Index
1	YANKEE GENTLEMAN (99, Storm Cat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$3,500	75/28	1/2	1/1	(Icy Gentleman, \$135,000)	\$773,663	*495	19	1.17	1.22
2	HALF OURS (03, Unbridled's Song), Clear Creek Stud	\$5,000	77/14	1/1	1/1	(Smittys Cougar, \$95,000)	\$627,567	*337	12	1.06	1.25
3	D'WILDCAT (98, Forest Wildcat), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,500	52/16	2/2	1/2	(Amelia's Wild Ride, \$116,550)	\$451,884	*402	15	1.40	1.27
4	SONGANDAPRAYER (98, Unbridled's Song), The Stallion Stn. @ Copper Crown	ne \$4,500	73/17	0/0	0/0	(Pearl de Vere, \$58,200)	\$415,997	*907	34	1.17	1.48
5	GOOD AND TOUGH (95, Carson City)	Died, 2012	27/5	0/0	0/0	(Tough Jeans, \$85,800)	\$348,342	*462	13	1.11	1.12
6	MY PAL CHARLIE (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/11	0/0	0/0	(Harbour Island, \$65,600)	\$343,376	118	1	0.86	1.17
7	E DUBAI (98, Mr. Prospector), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	50/10	0/0	0/0	(American Dubai, \$57,000)	\$287,826	*990	29	1.29	1.21
8	CLOSING ARGUMENT (02, Successful Appeal), Whispering Oaks Farm	m \$4,000	37/10	0/0	0/0	(American Pride, \$42,345)	\$284,988	*423	17	1.25	1.19
9	RUN PRODUCTION (00, Saint Ballado), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$2,500	44/12	0/0	0/0	(Choice Production, \$20,100)	\$280,812	187		1.18	1.03
10	MASS MEDIA (01, Touch Gold), Red River Farms	\$1,500	53/14	0/0	0/0	(Liberty Fuze, \$39,800)	\$248,294	*189	4	1.09	1.04
11	FOREFATHERS (04, Gone West), Red River Farms	\$2,000	46/11	0/0	0/0	(Over Yonder, \$32,000)	\$227,345	137	1	0.66	1.15
12	LION TAMER (00, Will's Way), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	32/4	0/0	0/0	(He's a Lady Tamer, \$47,900)	\$203,971	130		0.77	1.08
13	ETBAUER (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	13/7	1/1	1/1	(Believeinsomething, \$64,200)	\$196,880	133		0.71	0.72
14	TENPINS (98, Smart Strike), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	43/6	0/0	0/0	(Apollo Ten, \$18,265)	\$175,197	*357		0.91	1.07
15		Died, 2012	32/6	0/0	0/0	(Top Figure, \$26,410)	\$171,405	148		0.73	0.86
16	GOLD TRIBUTE (94, Mr. Prospector), Red River Farms	\$2,000	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Nubin Ridge, \$62,400)	\$171,073	*481		0.97	1.07
17	LONE STAR SPECIAL (05, Malabar Gold), Horse of Course	\$1,500	16/4	1/1	0/1	(Mobile Bay, \$60,000)	\$161,035	46		1.51	1.12
18	BEHINDATTHEBAR (05, Forest Wildcat), Le Mesa Stallions	\$2,000	19/5	0/0	0/0	(Continental Club, \$36,400)	\$149,726	87	0	0.62	0.89
19	IDE (93, Forty Niner)	N/A	37/4	0/0	0/0	(Great Value, \$31,360)	\$148,735	572		1.08	1.07
20	CUSTOM FOR CARLOS (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	22/6	0/0	0/0	(Baby Customs, \$27,750)	\$145,729	79		0.85	1.12
21	TIME BANDIT (96, Time for a Change), Heritage Stud	\$1,000	22/4	0/0	0/0	(Pocket Time, \$28,200)	\$138,124	272			0.90
22	GREELEY'S GALAXY (02, Mr. Greeley), Averett Farm	\$3,500	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Smart Galaxy, \$24,000)	\$125,315	117		1.17	1.10
23	COUNT THE TIME (89, Regal Search)	N/A	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Leave Em Counting, \$90,000)	\$122,795	303		0.94	0.85
24	OLE REBEL (99, Carson City), Clear Creek Stud	\$1,500	24/4	0/0	0/0	(Jazzy Rebel, \$41,400)	\$121,453	86		0.73	0.84
25	TIZ THE ONE (07, Tiznow), Red River Farms	\$1,500	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Conquest Tiz One, \$52,250)	\$107,260	54		0.71	1.03
26	HONEST MAN (04, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Honest Annie, \$33,380)	\$97,940	52		0.37	1.29
27	INTEREST RATE (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Rate Maker, \$29,460)	\$90,918	60		0.52	0.77
28	SUN KING (02, Charismatic), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	32/3	0/0	0/0	(Sun and Sand, \$22,200)	\$89,978	268		0.70	1.01
29		Died, 2013	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Wesley's Dream, \$26,580)	\$89,601	215		0.98	0.91
30		Died, 2012	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Glide Baby Glide, \$50,490)	\$88,562	175			1.03
31	CHATAIN (03, Forest Wildcat), Chad & Pat White Farms	\$1,000	16/4	0/0	0/0	(Osier, \$25,330)	\$88,391	65		0.62	0.98
32	SMOOTH AIR (05, Smooth Jazz)	N/A	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Smoothmoney, \$49,600)	\$79,971	42		0.45	0.80
33	INTERACTIF (07, Broken Vow), Red River Farms	\$2,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(So Sorry Ruston, \$58,350)	\$77,938	46			1.20
34	GRAND APPOINTMENT (98, Unbridled), Fallen Oaks Farm	\$1,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Jslookovrurshoulda, \$23,000)	\$76,285	77		0.95	0.88
35	MAUK FOUR (00, Boston Harbor)	N/A	18/4	0/0	0/0	(Wingy, \$12,480)	\$68,178	63		0.75	0.91
36	SAINT AFLEET (01, Northern Afleet)	N/A	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Saintly Dip, \$15,690)	\$61,172	89		0.72	0.87
37	TETON FOREST (01, Forestry), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Soft and Sweet, \$21,265)	\$55,796	*226		0.78	1.03
38	PULLING PUNCHES (96, Two Punch), Red River Farms	\$1,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Couche Couche, \$33,230)	\$55,783	151		0.79	0.67
39	· , , ,	Died, 2013	21/1	0/0	0/0	(Bevos Winch, \$16,380)	\$53,468	248		0.95	1.14
40	IN A WALK (89, Chief's Crown)	N/A	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Itsy Bitsy Walk, \$37,100)	\$51,988	265	4	0.71	0.74



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2 TOO MUCH BLING (03, Rubiano), Lane's End Texas \$4,000 42/12 2/2 2/2 (Too Much Prada, \$34,500) \$296,472 178 18 1.22 3/2 MY GOLDEN SONG (03, Unbridled's Song), Valor Farm \$4,000 20/9 1/1 1/1 (Bully Good, \$31,500) \$195,834 94 7 1.15 4 EARLY FLYER (98, Gilded Time), Valor Farm \$2,500 29/8 1/2 1/1 (Bravura, \$75,000) \$180,294 258 16 0.83 5 GAFF (02, Maria's Mon), Seguin Horse Center \$1,500 13/5 0/0 0/0 (Neverending, \$48,600) \$168,191 79 0 0.69 1NTIMIDATOR (01, Gone West), Asmussen Horse Center \$1,500 36/6 0/0 0/0 (Mighty Intimidator, \$30,200) \$134,213 188 5 0.58 7 CONGAREE (98, Arazi), Lane's End Texas \$5,000 19/2 0/0 0/0 (Shrinking Violet, \$40,000) \$121,828 *357 13 1.35 8 GRASSHOPPER (04, Dixie Union), Lane's End Texas \$3,500 28/4 0/0 0/0 (Crickadee, \$17,700) \$114,285 71 2 0.68 9 UNCLE ABBIE (97, Kingmambo), Key Ranch \$2,000 17/5 1/1 1/1 (F J Uncle Vic, \$30,000) \$97,546 224 6 0.66 10 SCRIMSHAW (00, Gulch), R&S Racing \$1,500 14/5 0/0 0/0 (Shyloh's Friend, \$21,670) \$95,083 *192 3 1.01 1/2 DET PHONE (01, Phone Trick), Valor Farm \$2,000 11/5 0/0 0/0 (Jet Over, \$34,830) \$84,682 33 3 1.15 1/2 LUNARPAL (02, Successful Appeal), Lone Star Farms/Rafter S Ranch Private 11/2 0/0 0/0 (Wickles, \$22,800) \$77,770 11/2 0.80 11/1 LUTLEEXPECTATIONS (97, Valid Appeal), Asmussen Horse Center \$1,500 10/1 0/0 (Witts Go Go, \$15,535) \$36,624 30 0.49 1NDYGO MOUNTAIN (06, A.P. Indy) N/A 3/0 0/0 (Indygo Rocket, \$25,000) \$31,900 14 1 2.00	Index
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16 WIMBLEDON (01, Wild Rush), Key Ranch \$2,000 7/1 0/0 0/0 (South Wimbledon, \$21,400) \$31,303 117 4 0.76	1.73
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17 PRIMAL STORM (02, Storm Boot) N/A 5/1 0/0 0/0 (Cash Is Prime, \$19,320) \$28,100 72 1 0.37	0.86
18 CHIEF THREE SOX (95, Chief Honcho) N/A 7/2 0/0 0/0 (Charlie's Phantasy, \$12,520) \$27,988 46 2 0.64	0.73
19 PENITENT MAN (05, Pulpit) N/A 3/1 0/0 0/0 (Witt's Lizard, \$27,244) \$27,738 8 0 0.42	0.28
20 CITY STREET (99, Carson City) N/A 2/2 0/0 0/0 (Como Se Llama, \$15,096) \$25,296 131 2 0.65	0.79
21 PREFERRED ISSUE (07, Giant's Causeway), Keen Farms \$500 1/1 0/0 0/0 (Unbridled's Issue, \$24,290) \$24,290 5 0 1.02	0.69
22 TOUCH TONE (98, Pick Up the Phone) N/A 6/2 0/0 0/0 (Choose Easy, \$12,265) \$24,189 107 2 0.68	0.71
23 KING TUTTA (00, A.P. Indy) N/A 5/1 0/0 0/0 (Henyetta, \$17,300) \$22,544 54 0 0.46	0.64
24 DIXIELAND HEAT (90, Dixieland Band) Pnsd 7/2 0/0 0/0 (Peggy Joe, \$9,000) \$20,179 *294 6 1.02	0.97
25 BYARS (93, Deputy Minister) N/A 4/1 0/0 0/0 (My Fancy Romance, \$12,775) \$19,810 123 1 0.68	0.95

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It was a very tight-knit group, and it was a very magical experience musically," she recalled of her stint with the band. "It was a very good living and we did extremely well." Hunter made her first road trip with the band in 1974 when she was 21. Soon after she said she got very serious about music and dedicated herself to growing



The entrance to Hunter Creek Farms

2015 TEXAS SIRES BY WINNERS

Sire	Rnrs	Wr	rs
Valid Expectations	35 .		16
Too Much Bling	42.		12
My Golden Song	20 .		9
Early Flyer	29 .		8
Intimidator	36 .		6
Uncle Abbie	17.		5
Scrimshaw	14.		5
Gaff	13.		5
Jet Phone	11 .		5
Grasshopper	28 .		4
Congaree	19.		2
Lunarpal	11 .		2
Drums of Thunder	9 .		2
Chief Three Sox	7 .		2
Dixieland Heat	7 .		2
Touch Tone	6.		2
Curandero	3.		2
City Street	2.		2

Special Note For Sire Lists:

For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in the states featured in this section (stallions that are dead or exported prior to 2012 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics To standing that stand, with stand, or stood (becased) in the states featured in this section (standing state are used or exposed), and have tunines in two in Arribans. Listed below are all extended and in the North American that standing states are used or exposed to the North American that standing states are put on par with average North American earnings from the previous year. For example, the average North American purse in 2015 is \$21,782 or 50% of the 2015 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 50% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 57%. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-black-type stakes results from all available countries. "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.

the band. Limited Edition began traveling all over the U.S. opening for a lot of big bands. She said the band had an extraordinarily successful run for 10 years.

"We all sang. It was an excellent way to make a living but I must say I like this better," Hunter said about transitioning to the farm. "I have really been fortunate to do the two things that are the driving forces in my life-horses and music-for a living."

One of her first moves after getting into the horse business but before establishing Hunter Creek was to contact Dr. Leonard Blach, who operates a successful veterinary practice in New Mexico and who, with Mark Allen, posted one of the largest upsets in Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I) history with Mine That Bird in 2009.

"Leonard Blach is my coach and my mentor, my everything who got me started in this business," said Hunter, noting that a horseman who handled her horses at auction had recommended the vet to her. "He brought me 40 mares from his place to show me how to manage broodmares. And he still is my adviser. Any question I have-business or otherwise-he is the one I call. There is no one better or more knowledgeable on equine reproduction than Dr. Blach."

"She was a client who had some Paint horses, and I knew she was a real horsewoman," Blach said. "There were only a few breeding farms, but we needed someone to foal the mares. I just thought she had the talent and love for horses where I could get her started and guide her. We've foaled our own mares for years, but we thought it would be good to have a farm dedicated to doing that. It worked out pretty well. She specialized in foaling out mares, and when the breeding season was over, she became involved in sales prep and working with yearlings. I'm there almost daily, I make a morning stop there. She depends on me a lot."

Although New Mexico has a vibrant Quarter Horse breeding and racing industry and Hunter's background had been primarily with that breed, she almost entirely devotes her farm to Thoroughbreds.

"All my life we had Quarter Horses, but on my current farm I have 90% Thoroughbreds," she said. "I love them both. Most of the mares I have here are Thoroughbreds, and all my stallions are Thoroughbreds.

With a horse population of 127—eight of her own-Hunter has expanded well beyond her foaling program.

"Before, all I did was keep year-round

mares who are eligible for the New Mexico program and foal babies for other people. I deliver up to 275 foals a year. The foaling operation was the main focus until we got the stallions."

The farm consists of 10 large paddocks with underground drip irrigation and giant Bermuda grass pastures. Each of the stalls in the 16-stall foaling barn are 16x16 feet and the training barn has 14 stalls. The mare motel for mares and foals consist of 10 pens and half-covered runs that are 20x40 feet each.

Hunter takes as much pride in the accomplishments of her clients' horses as she does her own and provides special flourishes when they run or are offered at auction.

"When I go to the racetrack, I don't see this big majestic animal; I still see that newborn. I'll take the newborn pictures sometimes with the foal still attached to the mare—to the saddling paddock," she said of the Hunter Creek graduates. "At the



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				Stakes	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2016 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	QUINTON'S GOLD (97, Carson City), Doubletree Farm	\$5,000	21/3	2/2	2/2	(Jonesey Who, \$69,700)	\$170,584	119	10	1.46	0.91
2	DESERT GOD (91, Fappiano), A & A Ranch	Pnsd	16/5	0/0	0/0	(Zasha, \$51,000)	\$155,452	259	25	1.48	0.74
3	SING BABY SING (03, Unbridled's Song), Doubletree Farm	\$2,000	25/8	0/0	0/0	(Made Me Talk, \$21,300)	\$153,878	63	0	0.67	0.85
4	THE WAY HOME (04, Giant's Causeway), Doubletree Farm	\$2,500	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Rising Giant, \$51,000)	\$121,292	105	4	0.91	1.01
5	DIABOLICAL (03, Artax), A & A Ranch	Private	34/8	0/0	0/0	(Back Seat Thrills, \$20,568)	\$115,914	123	9	1.00	0.96
6	PRO PRADO (01, El Prado), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$2,000	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Citizen Geller, \$51,000)	\$94,560	74	1	0.78	0.87
7	WEATHER WARNING (04, Storm Cat), Double LL Farm	\$3,000	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Weather Wizard, \$21,990)	\$85,133	*136	4	1.09	1.04
8	SOUTHWESTERN HEAT (04, Gone West), A & A Ranch	\$2,500	19/3	0/0	0/0	(Dmrestlesswarrior, \$18,700)	\$75,592	*67	2	0.74	0.96
9	FIREJACK (02, Dixieland Band), Hourigan Horse Farm	\$900	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Jacquill, \$18,528)	\$38,783	68	1	0.48	0.84
10	ATTILA'S STORM (02, Forest Wildcat), A & A Ranch	Private	22/0	0/0	0/0	(Little Vidalia, \$4,820)	\$36,135	161	13	1.31	0.80
11	PROUD TOWER TOO (02, Proud Irish), Tricar Stables	Private	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Mini Tower, \$11,355)	\$34,505	70	0	0.34	0.69
12	DEVON LANE (93, Storm Cat)	Died, 2012	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Weappear, \$13,074)	\$26,524	440	14	0.77	0.79
13	YOUR EMINENCE (01, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2012	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Beaumont Time, \$18,360)	\$24,655	165	3	0.69	0.74
14	TO TERAS (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Morning Monster, \$18,528)	\$23,566	73	1	0.80	0.58
15	NACIMIENTO (05, Gone West), Crozier Farm	Private	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Bird Lady, \$22,270)	\$22,760	18	0	0.53	0.90
16	FUSAICHI ZENON (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence), Weatherly Horse Farm	s \$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Lightly Toasted, \$14,715)	\$21,855	95	3	0.71	0.86
17	GHOSTLY MOVES (92, Silver Ghost)	N/A	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Silver Aces, \$8,415)	\$21,524	229	21	1.01	1.03
18	JEFFRIES BAY (01, Gone West), Young Farm	Private	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Soul Check, \$14,890)	\$21,264	61	0	0.18	0.50
19	REAL DANDY (02, Yankee Victor)	N/A	11/0	0/0	0/0	(My Dandy Girl, \$12,050)	\$21,260	39	1	0.65	1.13
20	SILVER WAGON (01, Wagon Limit), Hunter Creek Farms	\$2,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(The Big Deluxe, \$9,963)	\$20,015	72	1	1.12	1.28
21	ROLL HENNESSY ROLL (00, Hennessy), A & A Ranch	\$3,500	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Punkin Roll, \$8,527)	\$19,620	139	10	1.02	1.01
22	STORM OF GOSHEN (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Star of Wonder, \$11,479)	\$19,278	56	0	0.66	0.82
23	DOMINIQUE'S CAT (97, Storm Cat)	N/A	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Doms Flash, \$8,032)	\$18,964	104	2	0.83	0.62
24	INDIES (GB) (01, A.P. Indy), Running Horse Farm	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(J's Fighter, \$17,697)	\$18,492	39	0	0.28	0.47
25	K. O. PUNCH (95, Two Punch)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(May Weather, \$7,611)	\$17,630	*251	3	0.69	0.86

sales I have a living room setup, complete with couches and everything, where I display newborn pictures of horses I have at the sale. People really like that stuff."

One of the first big horses to come off Hunter Creek was Etoile de Dome, bred in New Mexico by J.D. Osgood, Sherri Osgood, and S & L Associates. Racing for M Bar O, the daughter of Dome won or placed in 13 of 22 starts and earned \$329,352. As a juvenile, Etoile de Dome won the New Mexico Cup Classic Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Zia Park and was honored as New Mexico-bred champion 2-year-old filly. She went on to win the New Mexico Cup Filly Stakes and Chief Narbona Stakes and to place in four other stakes. "I delivered her and did all of her lay-

ups when she came off the track," Hunter said of the half sister to stakes winner Dayjurette and Knight's Last Star and to the durable campaigner Leroidessioux, a son of Leroidesanimaux who won or placed in 30 of 48 starts.

Hunter also is proud of the accomplishments of the foals produced from Miss Einstein, a Kentucky-bred daughter of Beau Genius. Campaigned by Roger K. Beasley and William F. Leach, Miss Einstein compiled a 5-2-5 record from 18



Finale, a son of Scat Daddy, stands at Hunter Creek Farms

2015 NEW MEXICO SIRES BY WINNERS

2013 INLVV MILAICO	J SIKLS DT VVII	AI ALIVO
Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
Diabolical	34	8
Sing Baby Sing	25	8
The Way Home	20	5
Desert God	16	5
Weather Warning	14	4
Pro Prado	13	4
Quinton's Gold	21	3
Southwestern Heat	19	3
Proud Tower Too		3

2016 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS



				Stakes	Stakes Rstrct						
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2016 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	THE DADDY (02, Valid Expectations), Trophy Club Training Center	\$1,500	24/9	2/2	1/2	(Manchurian High, \$98,700)	\$304,147	*139	5	1.05	1.20
2	PRIMARY SUSPECT (01, Hennessy), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	33/7	0/0	0/0	(Aunt Gayle, \$48,100)	\$258,282	138	4	0.73	1.18
3	JONESBORO (02, Sefapiano), Lake Hamilton Equine Associates	\$500	19/5	1/1	0/1	(Brooke's a Bookin, \$48,000)	\$188,348	59	1	0.63	0.77
4	ZARBYEV (84, Nureyev), Chad White	\$1,500	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Zarb's Brite Lite, \$55,110)	\$165,825	*362	13	1.07	0.84
5	PORTOBELLO ROAD (04, Storm Cat), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	32/5	0/0	0/0	(Bumpy Cat, \$62,000)	\$162,486	114	1	0.87	1.01
6	BRAHMS (97, Danzig), Trophy Club Training Center	\$2,000	28/5	0/0	0/0	(B B Special, \$36,710)	\$136,304	*638	13	1.07	1.16
7	CINNAMON CREEK (95, Darn That Alarm), Three Boys Stables	\$500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Beguiling Creek, \$61,400)	\$126,567	110	0	0.57	0.68
8	HESABULL (93, Dispersal)	N/A	17/4	0/0	0/0	(Tour de Rock, \$44,034)	\$114,999	181	6	0.82	1.06
9	A. P. MILLION (00, A.P. Indy), Royal Court Equine Center	\$750	4/1	1/1	1/1	(Easter Indy, \$102,000)	\$103,494	39	1	0.48	0.65
10	HIGH CASCADE (98, Woodman), Cornerstone Farms	\$500	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Higher Ed, \$21,560)	\$92,010	*178	1	0.51	0.62

starts and won the Kachina Stakes at Ruidoso Downs and the Anchor Gaming Allowance Stakes at Sunland Park.

"I delivered almost all of her babies," Hunter said. "Her offspring won over \$1 million and one year she was responsible for all five year-end state award winners and made the stallion Premeditation the stallion of the year."

Miss Einstein's second foal by Premeditation was multiple stakes winner Double Smart. Other stakes winners from the Premeditation-Miss Einstein breeding include multiple stakes winner Beau Wizer, who won or placed in 30 of 49 starts and earned \$411,752; Mr. Wizard, who earned \$577,032 and won four stakes and was honored as 2013 champion older horse in New Mexico; and stakes-placed Uncle Fudge.

Expanding into the stallion business is new territory for Hunter, and one of her primary clients, Gaylen Rust, has supported the effort by sending her Finale, a son of Scat Daddy trained by Todd Pletcher for the Coolmore Stud connections of Michael Tabor, Susan Magnier, and Derrick Smith to win two stakes, including the Summer Stakes Presented by TVG (Can-III) at Woodbine.

Rust, who has some 40 horses entrusted to Hunter, obtained Finale after inquiring about possible stallion prospects during a visit to Ashford Stud,

2015	VDKVVI	SAS SIDE	C DV VA/IN	UNIEDS

Sire	.RnrsWnrs
The Daddy	24 9
Primary Suspect	33 7
Zarbyev	24 7
Portobello Road	32 5
Brahms	28 5
High Cascade	265
Jonesboro	19 5
Hesabull	17 4
A. P. Delta	83



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				Stakes	Rstrct				Cumu	lative	
ank		2016	Rnrs/	Wnrs/	SW/		2016		Stks	A-E	Comp
~	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	Stud Fee	Wnrs	Wns	BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Earnings	Foals	Wnrs	Index	Index
1	CACTUS RIDGE (01, Hennessy)	Pnsd	37/6	0/0	0/0	(Steel Cut, \$72,000)	\$323,404	*448	20	1.28	1.05
2	LATENT HEAT (03, Maria's Mon), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	48/14	0/0	0/0	(Latent Revenge, \$50,880)	\$306,375	*307	4	0.93	1.07
3	POLLARD'S VISION (01, Carson City), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	44/8	0/0	0/0	(Eye Luv Lulu, \$35,000)	\$238,745	*611	17	1.34	1.24
4	MAGNA GRADUATE (02, Honor Grades), Rockin' Z Ranch	\$2,500	43/7	0/0	0/0	(Amour's Charm, \$30,000)	\$233,168	*201	6	1.02	1.13
5	READ THE FOOTNOTES (01, Smoke Glacken), River Oaks Farm	\$3,500	31/5	1/1	1/1	(Storied Lady, \$75,300)	\$230,321	*309	17	1.38	1.18
6	NOTIONAL (04, In Excess), Rockin' Z Ranch	\$3,000	47/7	0/0	0/0	(Far Right, \$58,200)	\$187,939	268	5	0.89	1.15
7	DON'T GET MAD (02, Stephen Got Even)	Died, 2013	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Tuff Kid, \$25,390)	\$187,237	*166	6	1.18	0.96
8	KIPLING (96, Gulch), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	27/6	0/0	0/0	(Big Sugarush, \$14,796)	\$117,915	324	9	1.05	0.88
9	SPECIAL RATE (00, Pulpit), Glasses Creek Ranch	\$3,000	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Whiskey Eyes, \$23,000)	\$94,004	147	2	0.56	0.54
10	MR. NIGHTLINGER (04, Indian Charlie), JEH Stallion Station	\$2,500	21/5	0/0	0/0	(Victors Cowboy, \$13,863)	\$86,146	138	1	0.61	0.92
11	TACTICAL CAT (96, Storm Cat), Raywood Farm	\$1,000	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Tactical Cajun, \$21,000)	\$67,736	585	24	1.03	1.21
12	ORATORY (02, Pulpit), River Oaks Farm	Died	17/3	0/0	0/0	(He's So Zazzy, \$22,920)	\$64,007	*190	4	1.22	1.15
13	AFFIRMATIF (06, Unbridled's Song), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Dancing Diva, \$43,553)	\$52,976	51	1	0.54	0.86
14	LUCKY LIONEL (93, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Quick Sand, \$14,057)	\$52,591	360	9	1.13	1.21
15	FOREIGN POLICY (02, Danzig), River Oaks Farm	\$1,250	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Ribbon of Darkness, \$44,367)	\$50,934	29	1	0.90	0.88
16	SAVE BIG MONEY (03, Storm Cat), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Money Speaks, \$17,980)	\$42,568	84	1	0.74	1.02
17	EUROEARS (04, Langfuhr), JEH Stallion Station	\$1,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Eurodreamer, \$21,469)	\$40,379	56	0	0.57	0.93
18	FREEFOURINTERNET (98, Tabasco Cat)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Catalactic, \$16,770)	\$39,279	86	1	0.87	0.93
19	SERVICE STRIPE (91, Deputy Minister), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Service, \$23,366)	\$33,874	383	18	1.16	1.01
20	CHITOZ (05, Forest Wildcat), River Oaks Farm	\$2,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Fenix On Fire, \$20,275)	\$30,035	31	0	0.45	0.89

Coolmore's U.S. division. Finale stands for a \$2,500 fee.

Like Blach, Rust is a fan of Hunter and said that over his decades in the horse business he has never seen anyone as devoted to their vocation.

"In my 30 years of being in the horse business, 20 of it in Thoroughbreds, I have never met a woman so dedicated to taking care of mares and babies as Susan," Rust said. "I call her a mother hen. She is just a very, very special lady.

"I have met every one of her clients, and they feel the same way. Her horses are like her children. It is not just the work ethic. It's more a devotion. And she truly is a friend to every one of her clients. The kind of relationship we have I call her 'sis.' And that is very rare in the horse business."

Also standing for \$2,500 at Hunter Creek is Silver Wagon, a son of Wagon Limit whose stakes victories include the grade I Hopeful Stakes as a 2-year-old for Buckram Oak Farm. Silver Wagon, the sire of one stakes winner and 24 winners from 36 starters with progeny earnings in excess of \$2 million, relocated to Hunter's farm for the 2016 breeding season.

Hunter said the enhancements available within the New Mexico breeding program have helped farms such as hers attract new clients, many of whom are from out of state and want to take advantage of the supplements.

"We're registering fewer foals than before, like everyone else," Hunter said of the New Mexico breeding industry. "But we are still very much holding our own



Grade I winner Silver Wagon

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Sire	RnrsWnrs
Latent Heat	4814
Don't Get Mad	9
Pollard's Vision	8
Notional	7
Magna Graduate	7
Cactus Ridge	6
Kipling	6
Special Rate	6
Read the Footnotes	5
Mr. Nightlinger	5
Tactical Cat	5
Lucky Lionel	8

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		Stakes Rstrct				et			Cumulative			
Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2016 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Wnrs/ Wns	SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2016 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index	
1	TOP HIT (98, Twining), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	29/9	0/0	0/0	(Myrna Lou, \$24,617)	\$128,993	93	5	0.93	0.91	
2	P DISTORTED REALITY (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred I	Farm Private	28/7	0/0	0/0	(R U Forreal, \$11,873)	\$82,278	111	0	0.37	0.86	
3	B MAYBRY'S BOY (99, Broad Brush), O'Brien Farm	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Madame Maybry, \$58,200)	\$58,390	27	1	1.36	1.59	
4	MARGIE'S WILDCAT (01, Storm Cat), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Hadfunlastnight, \$19,840)	\$42,165	115	0	0.70	0.87	
Ę	CHESTERTOWN SLEW (02, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2011	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Town Surprise, \$14,480)	\$29,985	24	0	0.58	2.57	
6	G CHELOKEE (04, Cherokee Run)	Died, 2014	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Chelokee's Gem, \$10,013)	\$20,103	47	0	0.52	0.81	
7	EL MIRAGE (05, Cee's Tizzy), Weir Stables	Private	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Heber, \$13,363)	\$15,068	6	1	0.59	0.30	
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and gave away \$11 million in breeders' awards last year. It's an amazing amount of added money. That's why I exist—all these out-of-state people want to get in on that money."

Hunter said one reason her mare and foal operation is successful is because of a unique aspect of the New Mexico incentive program: for a foal to be eligible, the dam must have remained within the state during pregnancy and foaling unless prior written approval is obtained from the board of trustees.

Despite all the hats she's wearing, Hunter said she still gets the greatest satisfaction from delivering foals and working with broodmares.

"When you are delivering a baby and they take their first breath, there is absolutely nothing like that," Hunter said. "The rest of it is fun, and I am so proud when one of our horses is going around the track. Going to the sales is also fun. But there is nothing like that first little breath.

"You are sitting there and holding this little baby and getting them started...the whole time you're wondering 'who is this going to be?'" ■



Hunter notes she gets her greatest satisfaction from delivering foals

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