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Dr. George Sikora  
(holding Kimchi), left,  
with Dr. John Bryk,  
with Sky Cap

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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	<b>ITSMYLUCKYDAY</b> (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	46/8	0/0	0/0	(Ilchester Cheetah, \$63,950)	<b>\$243,997</b>	158	2	0.88	1.11
2	<b>COWTOWN CAT</b> (04, Distorted Humor), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	19/8	0/0	0/0	(Irritator, \$39,600)	<b>\$210,141</b>	234	5	1.14	1.18
3	<b>INDY WIND</b> (02, A.P. Indy), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	10/2	1/2	0/1	(Starship Jubilee, \$182,280)	<b>\$201,765</b>	84	2	1.28	1.02
4	<b>DANZA</b> (11, Street Boss), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	25/5	1/1	0/1	(Pitching Ari, \$62,244)	<b>\$197,129</b>	117	2	0.56	0.96
5	<b>KETTLE CORN</b> (07, Candy Ride), Fair Winds Farm	\$2,500	16/3	0/0	0/0	(Mandy's Candy, \$38,400)	<b>\$145,015</b>	65	0	0.84	1.23
6	<b>FORT LARNED</b> (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	27/5	0/0	0/0	(My G P S, \$20,060)	<b>\$132,695</b>	*149	2	0.87	1.32
7	<b>BIONDETTI</b> (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	28/5	0/0	0/0	(Strike That, \$30,000)	<b>\$113,729</b>	144	1	0.75	1.29
8	<b>DRILL</b> (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,500	32/2	0/0	0/0	(He's Smokin Now, \$14,883)	<b>\$98,820</b>	84	1	0.86	1.04
9	<b>AWESOME PATRIOT</b> (08, Awesome Again), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	31/3	0/0	0/0	(Motayammen, \$16,000)	<b>\$84,888</b>	*178	1	1.09	1.01
10	<b>KISS THE KID</b> (03, Lemon Drop Kid), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	5/1	1/1	1/1	(Extravagant Kid, \$63,140)	<b>\$77,197</b>	56	1	1.10	1.47
11	<b>ALCINDOR</b> (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(True Cinder, \$51,000)	<b>\$74,881</b>	*42	1	1.45	1.52
12	<b>MOBIL</b> (00, Langfuhr), Mapleton Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Mobil Song, \$18,087)	<b>\$66,002</b>	*211	5	1.25	1.25
13	<b>KENTUCKY DANE</b> (00, Danehill), McFadden Farm	Private	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Gift From Mom, \$19,224)	<b>\$56,941</b>	43	3	1.06	0.74
14	<b>CITY WEEKEND</b> (02, Carson City), Meadow Springs	\$2,000	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Tiger Trail, \$38,400)	<b>\$54,314</b>	119	1	0.74	0.91
15	<b>FACTUM</b> (08, Storm Cat), Cedar Brook Farm	Private	21/2	0/0	0/0	(Ballie's Dream, \$30,750)	<b>\$51,397</b>	112	1	0.55	1.32

Mapleton has found success in a relatively short period of time. Although the original farm dates to 1878, not until 2009 did the focus of its current owners turn to Thoroughbreds at the farm located near Polk, in the north central part of Ohio.

Owned by veterinarians Drs. George Sikora and John Bryk, Mapleton stands two of Ohio's perennial leading sires in Cowtown Cat and Mobil, and it welcomes graded stakes winner Medal Count for the 2020 season. Those stallions will be supported in part by Mapleton's own broodmare band, which Sikora and Bryk are always striving to improve.

Prior to retiring from his practice in 2005, Sikora used the land that now houses Thoroughbreds for cattle with an emphasis on bovine embryo transfer. After retiring, Sikora started Total Practice

Solutions Group, a successful veterinary practice brokerage company, and he and Bryk also own the supplement company Golden Link Microbial Supplements.

Bryk practiced large animal medicine and surgery for 25 years with a concentration on reproduction and nutrition, which ultimately led him to form the animal probiotic company.

When the outlook for Ohio purses seemed likely to improve via added money from video lottery terminals at the tracks, the partners decided to use the 300-acre farm for Thoroughbreds. Today Sikora is managing partner of Mapleton while Bryk is resident veterinarian and farm manager. Mapleton's goal is clear: to breed, raise, sell, and race the best accredited and registered Ohio Thoroughbreds in the Buckeye State.

"We turned what was a cattle operation

into a horse farm," said Sikora. "That took us about five to seven years to get everything done the way we wanted it to be. We started little by little. Back in 2009 we bought our first horse, and by 2014 or 2015 we had things running where we were very comfortable with how things were going. But you are always doing a little something to improve a farm."

Sikora was no stranger to Thoroughbreds before starting Mapleton. As a student in veterinary school, he had worked at Darby Dan Farm near Columbus, and he also had owned race horses for fun on occasion throughout his life.

"When I was in college, we worked with the yearlings," he said. "We would go ahead and break the yearlings, surcingle them, then we would get the exercise boys on them. Then they would go to Hialeah in the fall. That's when Hialeah was something special, of course.

"Through the years we had an interest in racing every now and then. We would have a couple of horses, then you would get rid of them and not have anything, and then you would get another one. It was off and on. I remember throwing up my arms and saying, 'We can't make any money racing for \$4,000.' Even if you won every race, you couldn't break even."

But the partners would see Ohio racing turning the corner when state lawmakers approved allowing VLTs at tracks. A percentage of that new VLT money has been committed to purses, which saw purses rocket from about \$15.5 million in 2011 to \$50 million in 2019.

The partners' belief that the Thorough-



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1	<b>GHAALEB</b> (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Codetowin, \$30,480)	<b>\$44,880</b>	35	0	1.14	1.08
2	<b>LIVE FROM APPOLLO</b> (04, Maria's Mon)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Willow Moon, \$18,344)	<b>\$23,275</b>	11	0	0.51	0.76
3	<b>HERO'S AND CROOKS</b> (07, Pulpit)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Tio Chuy, \$5,491)	<b>\$14,011</b>	24	0	0.48	0.77
4	<b>LIKE MINDED</b> (08, Mineshaft)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Ima Little Kitten, \$12,480)	<b>\$12,580</b>	12	0	0.66	1.19
5	<b>ROAD RULER</b> (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Spectacular Road, \$9,255)	<b>\$9,735</b>	129	0	0.79	0.73

bred industry in Ohio would be expanding proved true. In 2009 the number of mares bred to Ohio stallions was only 159. That number climbed as high as 448 in 2016 and was 328 in 2019. Additionally, the average purse per race in 2009 was \$6,738 while it was \$21,103 in 2019.

“Our philosophy here at the farm, what we strive for, is being part of the Ohio accredited program,” said Sikora. “How do we think we are going to get it there? Good stallions but better mares. I honestly think in horse racing, you win with your mares. It’s just that simple. If that wasn’t the case, people wouldn’t be regularly spending \$2 million or \$3 million for them in Kentucky.”

This foaling season Mapleton has 30 mares, although the partners prefer to keep the number closer to 27 or 28, as they annually cull a few in an effort to improve quality. Important factors include finding mares that consistently produce runners and winners, not just a single notable horse, and preference is given to those by good broodmare sires.

“Having mares with an active family is key for us with our breeders’ program,” Sikora said. “I would rather have a mare with five winners from six foals than one stakes winner, but that’s it. In our operation, if we can’t have better than average mares to go ahead and compete in the state, we won’t make it. You will go by the wayside. That’s all there is to it.

“It takes time to build a broodmare band, but it absolutely pays dividends when you look at what we have been able to accomplish as far as earning potential. Obviously, in the accredited program, you don’t need as good a horse, but if you get a good accredited horse, it’s almost a license to steal. Look at Mobil Solution.”

Gerald Silver bought Mobil Solution from Mapleton, and the Ohio-bred gelding has earned \$413,020 during his multi-

ple stakes-winning career, rewarding both his breeders and his owner.

“It all goes back to the mare Perfect Solution,” Sikora said. “We lost her to colic unfortunately, but that particular mare was a daughter of Dispute, the Phipps filly who won the Kentucky Oaks (G1). (Perfect Solution) went through the sale for \$510,000 as a young mare. I bought her as an older mare for a lot less than that. If you look at Perfect Solution, she was wired to do something good. The bottom line is what we really embrace.”

Mapleton bought Perfect Solution, who was by Seeking the Gold, for \$11,000 out of the 2013 Keeneland November sale, and Mobil Solution was the second foal the mare produced for her new owners.

Two current standouts of the Mapleton broodmare band are Kimchi and Sky Cap. A stakes-winning daughter of Langfuhr, Kimchi earned \$519,047 and won the 2006 Sovereign Award as



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Mapleton-bred Mobil Solution, a multiple stakes winner

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1	<b>READY'S IMAGE</b> (05, More Than Ready), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Ez On the Eyes, \$20,160)	<b>\$84,559</b>	*387	7	0.84	1.12
2	<b>NOTIONAL</b> (04, In Excess), Haffner Farm	\$1,000	16/3	0/0	0/0	(No Mo Hooch, \$25,640)	<b>\$58,515</b>	357	6	0.75	1.08
3	<b>UNBRIDLED EXPRESS</b> (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	Private	5/2	1/1	0/1	(Unbridled Class, \$45,650)	<b>\$57,230</b>	71	8	1.53	1.08
4	<b>GREELEY'S CONQUEST</b> (04, Mr. Greeley), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Traci's Greeley, \$14,400)	<b>\$54,770</b>	70	1	0.80	0.90
5	<b>TURBO COMPRESSOR</b> (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	Private	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Jimmysmokedcarrot, \$25,800)	<b>\$52,783</b>	48	2	0.82	1.06
6	<b>HUNT CROSSING</b> (09, Corinthian), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Ava O, \$17,557)	<b>\$49,688</b>	130	0	0.38	0.72
7	<b>FORT PRADO</b> (01, El Prado)	Pnsd	14/4	0/0	0/0	(Frosty Friend, \$12,220)	<b>\$41,126</b>	*201	3	0.74	1.29
8	<b>DUKE OF MISCHIEF</b> (06, Graeme Hall)	N/A	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Buffon, \$11,300)	<b>\$30,303</b>	64	0	0.43	0.79
9	<b>LANTANA MOB</b> (05, Posse), Southern Indiana Equine	\$2,500	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Sweetalkingjustice, \$10,680)	<b>\$23,685</b>	71	4	1.01	1.15
10	<b>SANTIVA</b> (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Flash n' Dance, \$17,600)	<b>\$17,666</b>	16	1	0.87	1.26
11	<b>PASS RUSH</b> (99, Crown Ambassador), Swifty Farms	\$2,500	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Pass the Rush, \$4,061)	<b>\$13,160</b>	132	7	1.00	1.02
12	<b>SANGAREE</b> (05, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Chargaree, \$9,660)	<b>\$12,980</b>	50	0	1.07	0.81
13	<b>LENTENOR</b> (07, Dynaformer), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Chief Big Head, \$11,690)	<b>\$12,072</b>	30	0	0.55	0.97
14	<b>VICTOR'S CRY</b> (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	5/0	0/0	0/0	(Cobra Sophie, \$5,765)	<b>\$11,728</b>	122	2	0.95	1.19
15	<b>CSABA</b> (09, Kitten's Joy), R Star Stallions	\$2,000	11/0	0/0	0/0	(Buc's Investmint, \$2,300)	<b>\$10,232</b>	35	0	0.28	0.89

Canada's champion 3-year-old filly. Mapleton bought her for \$4,000 out of the 2018 Keeneland January sale.

Sky Cap, a \$16,000 claimer, was acquired during her racing career. She was one of the farm's first horses. The Sky Mesa mare has repaid that faith by producing four winners from as many foals—Lunar Cap, Mobil Sky, Mobil Bonnet, and Skytown Cat. Mobil Sky and Mobil Bonnet are stakes winners in the accredited program.

"I am always looking for a deal on the next Kimchi, the next Sky Cap," Sikora

said. "They are basically what our program is. That's what is the foundation for success. If we can keep reloading with good mares, and these mares can fire and put out good yearlings, that's it. That's where it is at."

Good stallions are also important to the team at Mapleton, which will stand three stallions in 2020. Two are familiar names to the Ohio breeding industry. Mobil, another Canadian champion sired by Langfuhr, is the farm's elder statesman at 20; Cowtown Cat, a multiple graded stakes winner by Distorted Humor, has joined

him as a leading sire in Ohio.

New for this year is Medal Count, whom Mapleton stands on behalf of Spendthrift Farm.

About half of Mapleton's mares will go to Cowtown Cat while the rest will be split between Mobil and Medal Count. A graded stakes-winning son of Dynaformer, Medal Count is the second stallion Mapleton has stood with Spendthrift, following Awesome Patriot, who now stands in Chile.

The reason for standing three stallions is a balance of space and the arena in which they are competing.

"We are set up for three stallions; that's all there is to it," Sikora said. "The stallion barn has four stalls—three for the stallions, and one for the teaser. Also, if you think about it, in Ohio, you are chasing 300 mares. It's hard enough to promote one stallion, then you have two stallions, then you have three stallions. I don't want to try and promote any more than three stallions. There are just not enough mares in this state to justify that.

"When you look at Kentucky, they live or die by getting good mares to a particular stallion. I don't care how good that stallion is coming off the track, if they can't book good mares to him the first few years, he is dead in the water. It's the same thing here, just on a smaller scale."



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The four-stall stallion barn at Mapleton is home to three stallions and a teaser

#### 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 2016 are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through February 23, 2020. As supplied to BloodHorse by The Jockey Club Information Systems, Inc., 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 2018 is \$25,300 or 50% of the 2018 average purse in Japan. To put earnings on par, all Japanese progeny earnings are multiplied by 53% before being credited to a sire's progeny earnings. Hong Kong earnings are adjusted by 17%; Singapore by 85%. Current year stakes winners include all Northern Hemisphere black-type stakes results from all available countries. \*Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners include 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.

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1	<b>STROLL</b> (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	32/8	0/0	0/0	(Stroll Smokin, \$53,937)	<b>\$182,473</b>	*336	17	1.01	1.24
2	<b>SING BABY SING</b> (03, Unbridled's Song), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	16/0	0/0	0/0	(Bonjour Baby, \$9,690)	<b>\$27,790</b>	106	3	0.60	0.81
3	<b>NATIVE RULER</b> (04, Elusive Quality), Abraham's Equine Clinic	\$2,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Scrutinizer, \$20,300)	<b>\$22,786</b>	73	1	0.91	0.78
4	<b>JAFMIL</b> (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Smoky Blues, \$8,630)	<b>\$17,282</b>	35	0	0.94	1.09
5	<b>WOKE UP DREAMIN</b> (00, Holy Bull), Madison County Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Launch Light Dream, \$8,562)	<b>\$8,562</b>	195	5	0.80	0.88
6	<b>SHORE BREEZE</b> (98, Danzig) Died, 2016		4/0	0/0	0/0	(Creative Art, \$5,488)	<b>\$8,478</b>	189	2	0.76	0.73

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1	<b>IT'S NO JOKE</b> (02, Distorted Humor)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(I'm Not Joking, \$18,850)	<b>\$58,369</b>	108	3	1.08	0.98
2	<b>IMPERIALISM</b> (01, Langfuhr) Died, 2019		8/2	0/0	0/0	(Gray Beau, \$31,680)	<b>\$41,794</b>	258	5	0.86	0.97
3	<b>NOT BOURBON</b> (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	\$3,500	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Zooming Zoey, \$16,760)	<b>\$39,506</b>	120	2	1.09	1.32
4	<b>BEAR'S KID</b> (03, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Overbearing, \$39,240)	<b>\$39,356</b>	43	2	1.48	1.27
5	<b>HUNTERS BAY</b> (07, Ghostzapper)	Pnsd	7/1	0/0	0/0	(One Two Three Go, \$22,889)	<b>\$37,906</b>	23	0	1.05	1.25
6	<b>OLD FORESTER</b> (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Five More Minutes, \$14,640)	<b>\$34,996</b>	478	18	1.43	1.43
7	<b>MILWAUKEE BREW</b> (97, Wild Again) Pnsd		14/0	0/0	0/0	(Bridlecrest, \$7,150)	<b>\$32,788</b>	*615	24	1.17	1.40
8	<b>WHERE'S THE RING</b> (99, Seeking the Gold), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Best Offer, \$9,300)	<b>\$28,685</b>	367	9	1.29	1.32
9	<b>SOUPER SPEEDY</b> (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Sabina Park, \$14,250)	<b>\$21,493</b>	103	6	2.10	1.55
10	<b>SECOND IN COMMAND</b> (00, Silver Deputy), Road's End Farm	\$2,000	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Morning Blurs, \$6,116)	<b>\$15,766</b>	161	6	0.67	0.80
11	<b>SIGNATURE RED</b> (06, Bernstein), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Hidden Artifact, \$8,429)	<b>\$15,329</b>	93	5	1.53	1.05
12	<b>GOTTCHA GOLD</b> (03, Coronado's Quest), Peaceful Valley Farms	\$2,500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Off Duty, \$12,375)	<b>\$13,835</b>	*165	1	0.71	1.27
13	<b>STEPHANOTIS</b> (93, Regal Classic) Died, 2017		3/2	0/0	0/0	(Imbettinonbrutus, \$5,090)	<b>\$13,488</b>	338	14	0.70	0.81
14	<b>MIKE FOX</b> (04, Giant's Causeway)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Spirit of Caledon, \$11,530)	<b>\$11,530</b>	15	0	1.46	0.67
15	<b>STORM VICTORY</b> (00, Storm Cat), Klimes Farm	\$2,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Gimme Some Slack, \$6,452)	<b>\$11,384</b>	234	8	0.54	0.63

Stallions live on one side of Mapleton while the broodmares live on the other. The farm's yearlings live in the middle, and the care they all receive is a point of pride for those at the farm.

"We spend a lot of time with them," Sikora said. "They are handled every day. Even when you handle them every day, you have problems. What would they be like if you didn't handle them frequently?"

"You can see the difference when we

take our horses to a sale. The new owners can just take them and put them on the trailer, but you look around and people are fighting with others to get them on the trailer when they don't know their manners. When we sell a yearling, they have had their schooling, they know what a walker is, they know what a trailer is, and they know what a wash rack is."

Mapleton is a full-service farm. It also offers lay-up services in addition to board-

ing and breeding, as well as racing partnership opportunities. The farm splits its 300 acres among pastures, hay meadows, and alfalfa fields.

In addition to its broodmare barn, receiving barn, and stallion barn, the farm also features multiple run-in sheds for yearlings and for lay-ups as well as an enclosed horse walker and treadmill. However, the focus for the future is set squarely on the breeding aspects of the farm.

"All of our services are sort of dwindling more than our breeding," said Sikora. "We are concentrating more on our breeding every year and doing a little bit better job with our broodmare band and a little bit better job with all of the yearlings.

"You have to have the right genetics, you have to raise them right, and they have to go into the right hands. You need trainers who can get the most out of them without pushing too far. Then it's a win/win situation. We try to cross all of our 't's' and dot our 'i's' all the way through the process, then that way, at the end of the day, you have a chance of things turning out right." **BH**

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COURTESY MAPLETON THOROUGHBRED FARM

The farm splits its 300 acres among pastures, hay meadows, and alfalfa fields

# IOWA NEW MARE BONUS

For Mares that have never foaled in the State of Iowa or Maiden Mares for 2020 Foaling Season

RECEIVE UP TO \$20,000 BONUS BY FOALING  
YOUR NEW OR MAIDEN MARE IN IOWA

By nominating your mare, you are eligible for a \$10,000 Bonus if that foal is the leading money earner (from mares nominated) at Prairie Meadows for any season, starting in 2022. **That foal is only eligible to win the Bonus one year.**

- \$5,000 Bonus if that foal went through the sales ring as a weanling or yearling during the ITBOA Fall Sale.
- \$5,000 Bonus if the foal is by a stallion that sold in the Dec. 2018 ITBOA Stallion Season Auction.

## NOMINATION SCHEDULE:

July 1, 2020:

\$200.00 (ITBOA MEMBERS)

\$300 (NON-MEMBERS)

Late entries by September 1, 2020

\$500.00

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The mare must be registered **prior to foaling** and must remain in the state until she foals.

If you brought the mare to Iowa and registered her **before** December 31, 2019, you may breed her back to any stallion.

If you bring the mare to Iowa **after** December 31, 2019, and registered her prior to foaling, you must breed her back to an Iowa-registered stallion if not in foal to an Iowa-registered stallion

The mare is **required** to be in the state of Iowa for a minimum of 30 days during the foaling period.

After foaling, the Department of Agriculture **must inspect your foal before it leaves the state.**

The foal must also be registered with the Iowa Department of Agriculture prior to racing.

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