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### QUICK START FOR BREEDER AMY MOORE AND HER VIRGINIA-BASED OPERATION

By CHARLIE McCARTHY

**A** **SOMEONE RAISED JUST OUTSIDE** Raleigh, N.C., Amy Moore never completely embraced city life.

So upon retiring from a successful 30-year law career in Washington, D.C., Moore relocated to the Virginia countryside where now she’s focused on establishing a “high-end breeding operation.”

“I had a yearning not to work more than 3,000 hours a year,” Moore, 69, said with a laugh recently. “I enjoyed the outdoors. I enjoyed living in a place where your neighbors weren’t right on top of you.”

“I started looking for a farm in 2014 and found the farm I currently own in 2015. And once you have a

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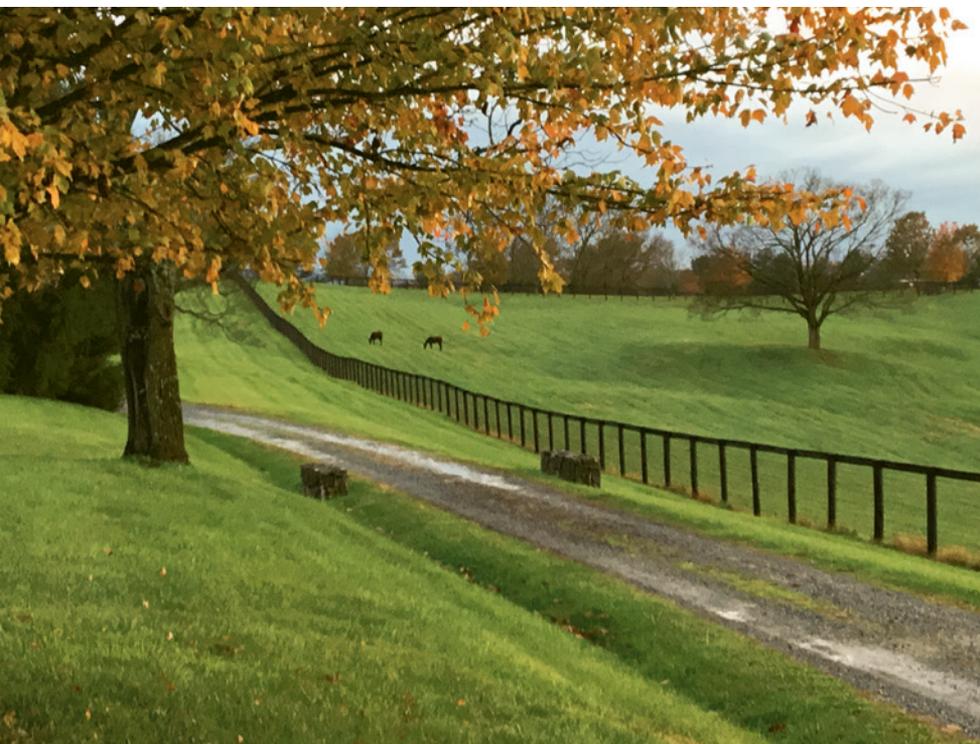
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1	Hey Chub (00, Carson City)	N/A	7/5	1/2	0/1	(Chub Wagon, \$135,800)	\$445,282	58	4	1.73	1.38
2	Il Postino (06, Distorted Humor)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Alta Velocita, \$114,730)	\$444,361	21	1	1.48	0.81
3	King Puma (06, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Young Gun, \$55,499)	\$202,606	31	0	1.08	1.46
4	Sea Wizard (13, Uncle Mo), Colonial Farms	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Great Navigator, \$83,300)	\$155,967	8	0	0.86	1.41
5	Don Six (00, Wild Escapade)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Crafty Don, \$52,650)	\$139,814	97	3	1.10	1.26
6	Chips Are Down (02, Distorted Humor)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Singleberrylbourbon, \$2,837)	\$2,837	12	0	0.57	0.60

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



With strong purses being offered at Colonial Downs, Amy Moore plans to take some advantage of the Virginia-bred program

farm, you need to have animals. With 126 acres, I couldn't just mow the grass from dawn to dusk."

Horses were a logical choice for Moore, who was first exposed to equines as a child riding American Saddlebreds and then fox hunters.

She went on to work with ponies and Thoroughbreds until leaving for Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and then resumed fulfilling her love of horses after retiring as a partner at Covington & Burling, where she had focused on employee benefits.

Moore purchased Hart Farm, formerly owned by Dr. Pug and Susie Hart, in Millwood, Va. It's located in one of the state's smallest counties (Clarke) and has been renamed South Gate Farm.

Even before moving to the farm, Moore bought two fillies in the fall of 2014 with the intent of racing them. They were Queen Caroline and Beginner's Luck.

A daughter of Awesome Again, Beginner's Luck eventually was sold as a broodmare prospect without ever getting to the racetrack. Queen Caroline, though, proved to offer better fortune.

A dark brown Virginia-bred daughter of Blame—Queens Plaza, by Forestry, Queen Caroline went 6-4-2 in 20 starts for Moore and trainer Michael Matz, earning more than \$400,000 in a career that ended in August 2018.

"First horse that I owned, personally, of any kind," Moore said. "Then when I retired her from racing, she was my first broodmare."

After retiring Queen Caroline, Moore was looking for a stallion that had at least one crop of racing and could produce a good runner on dirt.

"I wanted to breed her to a stallion that would add a little more speed and precociousness and dirt aptitude to the equation, but I didn't want to completely close the door on turf since that's what the mare was good at," Moore said. "I wanted a stallion that had some turf credential."

She decided on Violence, a grade 1-winning son of Medaglia d'Oro, for a stud fee of \$40,000.

The result was Forte, winner of the 2022 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and likely champion 2-year-old male (which will be determined after this publication's deadline) for owners Repole Stable and St. Elias Stable and trainer Todd Pletcher.

"He was a beautiful foal from Day 1," Moore said of Kentucky-bred Forte. "He looked very much like Violence, which a lot of Violence's progeny, at least in my experience, don't. They tend to resemble the mare, which would have been fine. Queen Caroline is a very good-looking, well-conformed mare."

Moore sold Forte as a weanling for \$80,000 at the 2020 Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

"I was hoping to get more than I got for him," she said of the colt she called "Gaudy" before the sale. "There was just a limit to what Violence's progeny were bringing at that time. I'm hoping he'll win the Triple Crown, for all of us—owner, trainer, breeder, everybody."

The early success of the dark brown Forte bodes well for Queen Caroline and Moore.

"A mare's first foal is often not her best foal," Moore said. "If that's true for

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1	Wicked Strong (11, Hard Spun), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$3,500	159/82	2/2	0/2	(Jilted Bride, \$210,600)	\$3,593,568	*341	6	0.87	1.32
2	Jump Start (99, A.P. Indy)	Died	99/60	2/2	0/2	(Dilly Dilly Philly, \$219,704)	\$3,369,303	*1517	56	1.37	1.24
3	Weigelia (01, Safely's Mark), WynOaks Farm	Private	63/42	4/5	2/4	(Beren, \$233,990)	\$2,488,292	*202	10	1.37	1.02
4	Brody's Cause (13, Giant's Causeway), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	106/50	1/1	0/1	(Paluxy, \$128,977)	\$2,432,062	172	3	0.83	1.13
5	Flashback (10, Tapit)	N/A	102/52	2/2	1/2	(Backthetwoods, \$113,927)	\$2,269,322	279	5	0.92	1.44
6	Warrior's Reward (06, Medaglia d'Oro), WynOaks Farm	Private	98/51	0/0	0/0	(Pretti Xtreme, \$142,750)	\$1,995,377	*722	21	0.95	1.25
7	Peace and Justice (10, War Front), Blackstone Farm PA	\$5,000	51/28	0/0	0/0	(Six o'Clock Sarah, \$171,627)	\$1,688,086	97	1	0.92	1.21
8	Uptowncharlybrown (07, Limehouse), WynOaks Farm	\$3,250	64/26	1/1	0/1	(Oxana, \$173,110)	\$1,680,651	142	5	1.27	1.07
9	El Padrino (09, Pulpit)	Died, 2017	44/24	2/3	1/2	(Whereshetoldmetogo, \$220,004)	\$1,664,415	190	6	1.29	1.23
10	Boisterous (07, Distorted Humor), Diamond B Farm	\$3,000	66/33	1/1	0/1	(Fly the Sky, \$133,592)	\$1,398,138	157	3	0.82	1.00
11	Normandy Invasion (10, Tapit)	Pnsd	48/20	0/0	0/0	(Candy Invasion, \$128,088)	\$1,040,785	117	0	0.62	1.10
12	Smarty Jones (01, Elusive Quality), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$3,500	32/15	0/0	0/0	(Good Measure, \$114,650)	\$727,706	*892	28	1.30	1.60
13	Last Gunfighter (09, First Samurai)	Died, 2018	16/13	0/0	0/0	(Dollarization, \$122,297)	\$689,718	39	0	0.77	0.87
14	Emperor Tiberius (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(E T's Super Star, \$98,172)	\$494,752	46	1	1.08	0.82
15	Lord Shanakill (06, Speightstown), Pin Oak Lane Farm	\$2,500	27/14	0/0	0/0	(Soul Story, \$52,041)	\$414,640	240	3	1.02	0.90
16	Red Vine (10, Candy Ride)	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Vine Jet, \$136,290)	\$408,906	29	0	0.79	1.17
17	Winchill (08, Tapit), Pointer Farm	\$3,000	10/3	1/1	1/1	(You Must Chill, \$172,050)	\$405,521	38	2	1.08	1.29
18	Well Spelled (09, Spellbinder)	N/A	17/16	0/0	0/0	(Queen's Dream, \$57,481)	\$404,739	55	2	0.87	0.95
19	Il Villano (09, Pollard's Vision), Xanthus Farms	\$1,500	8/5	0/0	0/0	(Aruma, \$82,804)	\$399,621	16	0	1.08	0.76
20	Desert Party (06, Street Cry)	N/A	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Jackie A, \$88,228)	\$372,274	263	6	0.89	1.26
21	Ice Box (07, Pulpit)	N/A	24/9	0/0	0/0	(Its Cold in Dehere, \$49,281)	\$304,174	302	2	0.61	0.94
22	Golddigger's Boy (07, Jump Start), Equistar Training and Breeding	\$1,500	12/4	0/0	0/0	(Diggers Diamond, \$45,283)	\$171,050	32	0	0.76	0.81

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

Queen Caroline, she's got some good foals to come."

Queen Caroline's second foal, sired by Uncle Mo, is a Kentucky-bred sold to Mayberry Farm for \$850,000 at the 2022 Keeneland September yearling sale. Moore is happy that the colt is going to trainer John Shirreffs in California.

Last year, Queen Caroline had been in foal to Not This Time but lost the foal.

Queen Caroline has a 2023 date with Flightline "as soon as the breeding sheds open" at Lane's End, where his stud fee is \$200,000. Moore then will have a decision to make, whether or not to sell the mare in foal at a fall breeding stock sale.

"She has been as good to me as any horse can be. It would be very hard to part with her," Moore said. "It will be a hard decision (but) I'm in business here. So, I have to make decisions with business objectives in mind as well as personal considerations."

With purses booming and plenty of opportunities for Virginia-breds at Colonial Downs, Moore's farm is well-positioned to take some advantage both as a breeder and a boarder. She currently owns three other broodmares, each purchased specifically for breeding.

• **Crimson Frost:** a 9-year-old daughter of Stormy Atlantic; 6-6-5 in 28 starts, earned \$476,278.

• **Our Super Freak:** a 7-year-old daughter of Mineshaft; 4-9-7 in 27 starts, earned \$464,580.

• **Shea D Summer:** 5-year-old daughter of Summer Front; 4-1-0 in eight starts, earned \$170,071.

Moore bought Crimson Frost in foal to City of Light (by Quality Road) in 2020. That colt (Crimson Light) was sold privately, and then resold last summer

for \$280,000 to Whisper Hill Farm's Mandy Pope—a Moore childhood friend—in the New York preferred sale.

Crimson Frost's second foal, a colt by Gun Runner, is a Virginia-bred yearling Moore still owns. She plans to sell the colt she calls "Pistol."

Entering 2023, Crimson Frost was in foal to Constitution.

Moore's second Virginia-bred foal



Moore believes Virginia's strong outlook should spark interest in boarding at South Gate Farm

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1	Hello Broadway (06, Broken Vow)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Dem a Wonder, \$92,140)	\$215,988	43	1	0.99	0.83
2	Snappy Halo (ARG) (04, Southern Halo)	N/A	8/5	1/1	1/1	(Snappy Gal, \$52,517)	\$191,521	*54	2	0.63	1.03
3	Gone Clubbing (07, Gone West)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Spritzer, \$80,895)	\$181,678	11	0	0.58	0.22
4	Mr. Sidney (04, Storm Cat)	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Danang, \$49,655)	\$150,185	*140	1	1.01	1.52
5	Fierce Wind (05, Dixie Union)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Tolaga Bay, \$90,500)	\$117,914	33	0	0.60	0.36
6	Big Picture (02, Pioneering), Virginia Equine Services, P.C.	\$5,000	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Goodluckchuck, \$81,520)	\$81,520	8	0	1.04	1.15
7	Cosa Vera (05, Dynaformer)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Osa, \$18,295)	\$30,083	43	0	0.57	1.23
8	Friend Or Foe (07, Friends Lake), Smallwood Farm	\$1,000	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Almendra R., \$10,470)	\$12,124	32	1	2.07	1.35
9	Pivot (97, Pleasant Colony), Clay Hill Thoroughbreds	\$750	1/0	0/0	0/0	(All the Way Mae, \$3,365)	\$3,365	14	0	0.22	0.49

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Although Eclipse Awards were to be announced after publication of this issue, Forte figures to be named champion juvenile male off his victory in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile

was a Mastery colt out of Rose to Fame, a broodmare that was sold in November.

The retired attorney purchased Our Super Freak, just off the track, at the 2021 November breeding stock sale. The

mare was bred to Nyquist, whose 2022 stud fee was \$55,000.

Moore bought Shea D Summer, in foal to Not This Time, at the 2022 Keeneland November sale.



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—AMY MOORE  
ON THE DAM OF FORTE

“I like that stallion,” said Moore, recalling Queen Caroline’s lost foal. “I was bound to get a Not This Time foal one way or another.”

Through 2022, Moore’s broodmares delivered seven foals, all colts, with the first five being Kentucky-breds.

“I pretty much have to sell the colts,” Moore said. “I’m willing to take a lot of risk in the horse business but racing colts is a little out of my gambit. As for fillies, it would depend on the individual and circumstances, but I would certainly think about it. I want to keep at least some of the fillies to race myself. And if they race successfully, (keep them) to breed.”

Ultimately, Moore would like to have six broodmares.

“I’m not looking to have a huge number of mares but six seems like kind of a good number. A number that one could

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1	Fiber Sonde (05, Unbridled's Song), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	67/41	4/5	4/4	(Muad'dib, \$410,014)	\$2,817,183	317	21	1.33	0.80
2	Windsor Castle (98, Lord Carson)	N/A	81/54	1/1	1/1	(Breadman's Rosebud, \$93,801)	\$2,244,623	440	16	0.98	0.99
3	Juba (11, Tapit), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$1,500	37/21	3/3	3/3	(Hessica, \$131,131)	\$1,238,773	69	5	1.01	1.06
4	Talent Search (03, Catienus)	Pnsd	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Uncle Ernie, \$119,195)	\$1,028,202	*201	3	1.03	1.12
5	Golden Years (12, Not For Love), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Jungle Beast, \$139,684)	\$837,821	37	1	1.08	0.89
6	Limehouse (01, Grand Slam), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,500	47/20	0/0	0/0	(Bull Meechum, \$90,662)	\$802,990	*509	23	1.07	1.10
7	Capo Bastone (10, Street Boss), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	24/14	0/0	0/0	(Querobin Dourada, \$238,295)	\$780,342	61	0	0.80	1.11
8	Despite the Odds (06, Speightstown)	N/A	23/16	0/0	0/0	(Summer Odds, \$137,145)	\$756,052	80	0	1.05	1.16
9	Bullsbay (04, Tiznow), Pellinor Lane	\$1,500	30/13	0/0	0/0	(Tiz the Reason, \$123,490)	\$699,684	125	4	1.00	1.13
10	Exclusive Quality (03, Elusive Quality)	Died	19/9	0/0	0/0	(The Distractor, \$171,340)	\$556,070	367	8	0.88	1.03
11	Officer Rocket (GB) (04, Officer)	Died, 2019	15/12	0/0	0/0	(Jefferson Native, \$109,504)	\$534,293	52	0	0.74	0.63
12	Machen (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	23/17	0/0	0/0	(Shy Guy, \$63,547)	\$472,947	98	0	0.65	0.73
13	Denis of Cork (05, Harlan's Holiday), Taylor Mountain Farm	\$750	21/6	0/0	0/0	(Late in the Game, \$154,332)	\$389,057	*158	6	0.67	0.99
14	Cal Nation (08, Distorted Humor)	N/A	7/4	1/1	1/1	(Ournationonparade, \$240,071)	\$351,128	65	1	1.03	0.99
15	Swiss Yodeler (94, Eastern Echo)	Died, 2022	12/6	0/0	0/0	(Alpine Moon, \$111,220)	\$328,777	796	15	0.96	1.01
16	Master Rick (09, Master Command), Beau Ridge Farm	\$1,000	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Command the Cat, \$66,701)	\$213,296	31	0	0.79	0.86
17	Siente El Trueno (07, City Zip), Stehr's Farm	\$500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Thunder Punch, \$90,779)	\$200,673	27	0	0.71	0.63
18	Gattopardo (05, Johannesburg), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,500	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Spectaculo, \$60,346)	\$191,386	57	1	0.81	0.79
19	Weave It to Me (08, Bernardini)	N/A	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Manhattan Weave, \$79,075)	\$129,181	19	0	0.45	0.68
20	Declan's Warrior (10, Majestic Warrior), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,000	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Music Lass, \$60,299)	\$126,604	12	0	0.69	0.97
21	Three Chopt Road (06, Rock Slide)	N/A	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Road Slew, \$56,356)	\$107,067	29	0	0.46	0.62
22	Bobalicious (06, Chapel Royal)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Be Be Bop, \$64,267)	\$106,451	17	0	0.68	0.58
23	Mikimoto's Mojo (05, Hold That Tiger)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Mystic O'Shaunesie, \$73,472)	\$103,883	22	0	0.73	0.62
24	¶ Aldrin (12, Malibu Moon), O'Sullivan Farms	\$2,000	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Xanthe, \$28,270)	\$89,297	27	0	0.49	0.89
25	Our Entourage (09, Street Cry), O'Sullivan Farms	\$1,250	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Chiefs Kingdom, \$32,088)	\$88,779	32	0	0.69	0.60
26	Stormy's Majesty (07, Stormy Atlantic), Mares Nest Farm	\$2,500	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Lady Storm, \$64,920)	\$77,500	16	0	0.90	0.65
27	Midnight's Child (08, Real Quiet)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Real Appeal, \$59,300)	\$69,174	10	0	0.44	0.83
28	Ballado's Gold (03, Saint Ballado), Witherow Farm	\$1,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(K's Little Bill, \$17,570)	\$59,348	65	0	0.28	0.56
29	Ghostly Minister (97, Deputy Minister)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Chase Lil Me, \$34,082)	\$53,093	75	1	0.80	0.84
30	The Lady's Groom (00, Runaway Groom)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Lady Sparrow, \$18,884)	\$47,567	60	0	0.30	0.66

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live with," she said. "Trying to plan matings is hard work.

"So, I'm buying young mares, looking to breed them and have a few foals from them, but then to sell them when they're getting to be around 10 years old," Moore said.

Moore has various horses on South Gate Farm. Besides the three broodmares, there are six retired warmbloods, her fox hunter, three 2-year-olds (one owned by Moore and two others), and 16 yearlings (two Virginia-breds owned by Moore and 14 boarders in the Virginia-certified program).

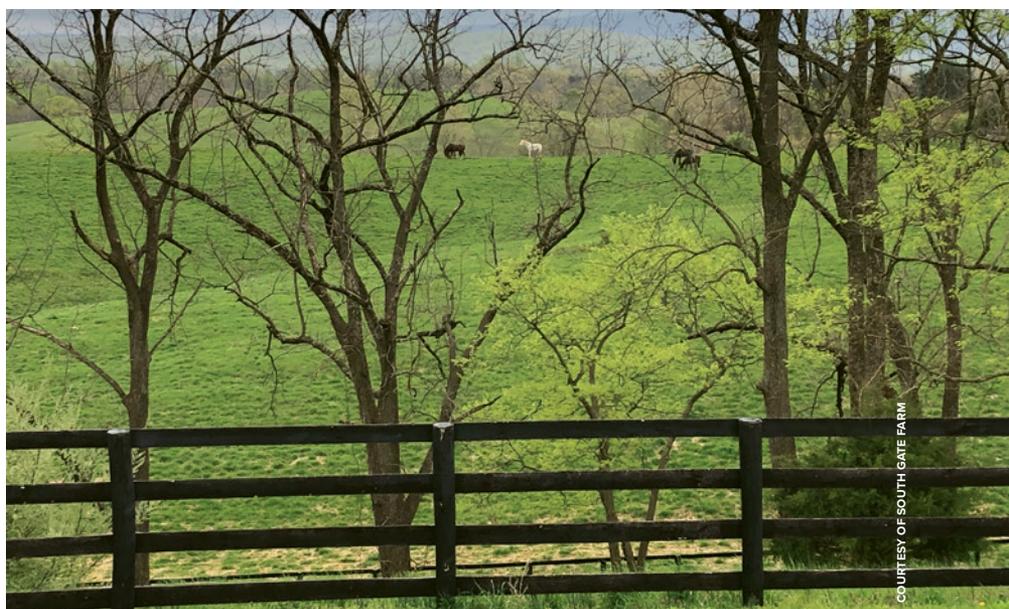
The Virginia-certified program offers bonus money in Mid-Atlantic races for horses who reside in Virginia for at least six consecutive months before the end of their 2-year-old years.

Moore also wants to do her part to help Virginia breeding recover from a six-year period of no Thoroughbred racing in the state until Colonial Downs Racetrack returned in 2019. The plan is for Moore's broodmares to deliver three Virginia-breds this spring. As

with South Gate's first two Virginia-breds, they'll hit the ground at Patricia Ramey's Hunt Ridge Stables in Upper-ville, Va.

"My hope is to establish and operate a small but high-end breeding operation, breeding (horses) that, hopefully, suc-

ceed in stakes company," Moore said. "And to continue to operate a boarding operation, a boarding farm for Virginia-certified young Thoroughbreds. And I would like to have more retired sport horses but I haven't done much to advertise that part of the business." **BH**



COURTESY OF SOUTH GATE FARM

Moore's plan calls for half of her mares to produce Virginia-breds each year