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2022 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOBB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	2022 Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	29/23	1/1	1/1	(W W Cookie Monster, \$157,440)	\$1,382,315	62	2	1.12	1.13
2	Forest Attack (04, Forestry)	N/A	35/11	1/1	1/1	(Huey Attack, \$60,220)	\$538,564	121	1	0.44	0.99
3	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(W W Fitzy, \$201,844)	\$377,055	37	1	0.80	1.01
4	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song), JB Stables	\$1,000	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Move On Over, \$55,520)	\$234,675	134	0	0.75	0.70
5	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker)	Died, 2021	7/6	0/0	0/0	(Stormy Empire, \$81,132)	\$232,252	12	0	0.69	0.54
6	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Snoozer, \$39,615)	\$173,456	60	2	0.91	1.30
7	Brave 'n Away (00, Skip Away)	N/A	8/3	1/1	1/1	(Way too Smarte, \$113,604)	\$152,258	52	1	0.48	0.65
8	Arcade (09, Tale of the Cat), Smokey Creek Farm	\$500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(You're in Corey, \$78,044)	\$114,680	9	0	0.57	0.35
9	Indy Snow (GB) (01, A.P. Indy)	N/A	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Stopshoppingamy, \$71,555)	\$97,085	47	1	1.00	0.81
10	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Lake Mills, \$40,368)	\$70,558	24	0	0.78	1.13
11	Live From Appollo (04, Maria's Mon)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Willow Moon, \$62,762)	\$62,762	11	0	0.79	0.71
12	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall)	N/A	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Principants, \$32,539)	\$60,079	89	0	0.55	0.92
13	Alluvial (02, Forestry)	Died, 2022	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Easy Doer, \$18,597)	\$42,414	140	0	0.50	0.90
14	West Ranger (06, Vindication)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Time Break, \$34,888)	\$39,533	23	0	0.36	0.80
15	Devil Hunter (99, Pulpit)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Devil's Rule, \$23,520)	\$24,015	25	0	0.66	0.67

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Duncan Farms is committed to providing enough room to raise Thoroughbreds

well positioned to succeed him as the Buckeye State's leading Thoroughbred breeder.

With Dominus, Mobil, and Cowtown Cat added to a stallion roster that already featured 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Fort Larned, speed-throwing Corfu, and grade 2 winner Air Strike and a quality broodmare band that increased to 28 when business was completed with Sikora in December, the fortunes of Daryl, 55, and Sally, 58, are poised to soar.

"It was a golden opportunity because of Dr. Sikora and Mapleton; in Ohio they were on top," Daryl Duncan said. "Getting them involved with us at our

farm is a complete game changer."

Sikora is a veterinarian who ranked as Ohio's leading breeder each of the past four years. He and Daryl Duncan had forged a strong relationship and Sikora became a willing mentor as the Duncans transitioned to Thoroughbreds.

"He's always been there. When I have a question, he's the one I ask," Daryl Duncan said. "He's just always been a big influence."

According to Duncan, Sikora became something of a father figure when Daryl's father, Charles, died. Charles established Duncan Farms in 1969. When Daryl was diagnosed with Stage 1 lung cancer



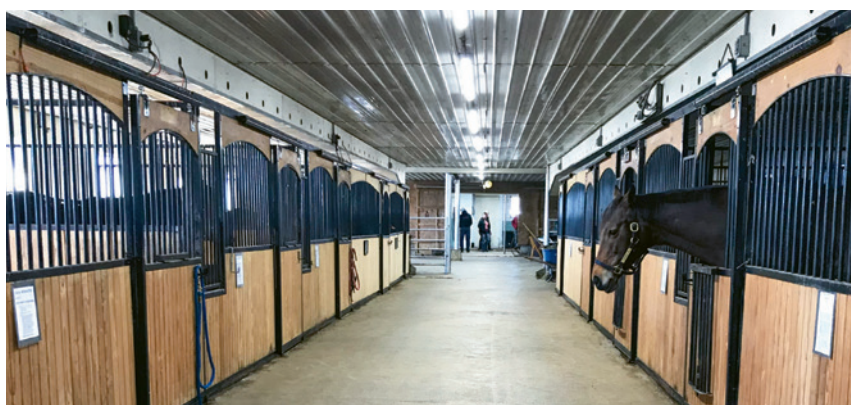
2022 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB, Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Sits Wnrs	A-E	Comp Index
1	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Breakway Farm	\$7,500	34/20	0/0	0/0	(Too Bad Justice, \$192,920)	\$1,034,401	50	2	1.30	0.81
2	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Swifty Farms	\$1,500	36/20	1/1	1/1	(Max Express, \$191,340)	\$1,032,814	91	10	1.42	0.96
3	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready)	Died, 2022	34/13	1/1	1/1	(Chipofftheoldblock, \$176,952)	\$845,211	*417	10	0.82	1.05
4	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	16/6	0/0	0/0	(Mr Chaos, \$287,543)	\$590,570	59	4	0.87	1.00
5	Lantana Mob (05, Posse), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	18/7	1/1	1/1	(Me and Chili, \$87,602)	\$465,963	89	5	0.92	1.09
6	Prayer for Relief (08, Jump Start), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	19/9	0/0	0/0	(Bella's Prayer, \$80,297)	\$458,858	31	0	0.73	0.99
7	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	25/11	0/0	0/0	(Double Tuff, \$55,902)	\$382,279	78	3	0.89	0.83
8	Victor's Cry (05, Street Cry), Holden Farm	\$25,000	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Spanish Ballerina, \$65,595)	\$371,621	144	2	0.88	1.12
9	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	7/5	1/1	1/1	(Mansfield Tiger, \$173,030)	\$365,789	10	1	1.76	1.10
10	Sahara Sky (08, Pleasant Tap), R Star Stallions	\$3,000	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Anna's Tribute, \$76,894)	\$273,343	14	0	1.36	0.89
11	Domestic Dispute (00, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	4/3	1/1	1/1	(Stop Hammertime, \$145,787)	\$262,860	*339	3	0.85	1.12
12	Santiva (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	Private	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Jeopardy Theory, \$120,257)	\$255,291	25	1	1.01	1.19
13	Pass Rush (99, Crown Ambassador)	Pnsd	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Rockin All Night, \$60,230)	\$252,593	142	7	0.97	1.01
14	Elusive Bluff (06, Elusive Quality)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Elusive Justice, \$52,970)	\$241,299	63	2	0.82	0.94
15	Holiday Promise (09, Harlan's Holiday), Arrowhead Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Jova, \$76,930)	\$202,784	19	1	1.14	0.92

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



The quality facilities at Duncan Farms are in line with its efforts to doing things correctly to give their horses every chance for success

in February 2022, the friendship grew stronger as Daryl recovered from surgery that eradicated the malignant cells. Fortunately, the cancer was contained and no lymph nodes were involved.

"Daryl is certainly more than a friend," Sikora said. "We think we've crossed our Ts and dotted our Is as far as getting everything in place to be successful."

The timing was perfect for all parties. Sikora, 80, sought a way to slow down, but as a strong proponent of Ohio's breeding and racing programs he wanted to continue to have skin in the game. He

achieved that by forming a racing partnership with Duncan Farms and Hunter-town Farm.

"Ohio racing is the best-kept secret in the United States," Sikora said. "With a fairly decent horse, you can make a ton of money. It's just that simple. If you can have an 85 (Equibase) speed rating, you've got an ATM machine."

He had such 'ATM machine' horses in mind when ahead of the 2022 breeding season he acquired Dominus from Spendthrift Farm, where he had stood since he entered stud in 2013. Sikora thought the son of two-time leading sire Smart Strike—Quando, by Lord At War, would be a better fit in the Buckeye State and receive strong support there.

He could not have been more right. Not only did Dominus emerge as the state's leading stallion last year with 60 winners from 98 runners from his Kentucky crops, he covered 22 mares in

his first Ohio season. His progeny banked \$3,581,804, pushing him past \$13 million for his career. He has a history of producing talent of all kinds—sprinters and routers, dirt and turf horses.

Dominus, 15, will stand as a private stallion at Duncan Farms. The racing partnership plans to retain about half of the 20 foals they expect from him each season while offering the others for sale.

Duncan Farms' racing operation will concentrate on competing at Ohio's three tracks—Belterra Park, Mahoning Valley Race Course, and Thistledown. The farm has hired Mike Rone, who has a long record of success and who will serve as trainer of the colts while Megan Fadlovich will oversee the fillies. Sikora views Fadlovich as a trainer on the rise.

Sikora is confident demand will be high for the prospects not selected by the racing group.

"They're all going to come out good

2022 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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									Srks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Anchor Down (11, Tapit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$3,000	69/34	0/0	0/0	(Good Culture, \$97,576)	\$1,554,669	103	0	0.91	1.10
2	Stroll (00, Pulpit), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$2,000	50/28	1/1	0/1	(Freedom Matters, \$144,000)	\$1,023,780	*372	18	0.99	1.18
3	Native Ruler (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	24/14	0/0	0/0	(Peggy Rules, \$51,092)	\$535,130	85	1	0.88	0.76
4	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull)	N/A	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Jaysker, \$47,385)	\$333,965	213	5	0.73	0.85
5	Sing Baby Sing (03, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	18/6	1/1	1/1	(Angel's Melody, \$151,781)	\$312,876	116	4	0.58	0.81
6	Formidable (05, Sky Mesa)	Died, 2020	14/10	0/0	0/0	(Bravo Kolt, \$50,752)	\$296,066	27	1	0.88	0.70
7	Spaniard (06, Candy Ride), Bryant Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Gimbala, \$42,622)	\$81,085	57	0	0.82	1.38
8	Kirkendahl (02, Menifee)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Boy McCoy, \$21,261)	\$29,228	34	0	0.19	0.46
9	D Mac (06, More Than Ready)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Two Socks Mac, \$15,971)	\$15,971	3	0	0.18	0.40
10	Launch Commander (09, Master Command)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Audibility, \$2,555)	\$3,769	3	0	0.29	0.75
11	Flight West (03, Gone West)	Died, 2020	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Bluegrass Flight, \$1,803)	\$1,803	24	0	0.32	0.76
12	Self Control (08, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Stop the Storm, \$1,099)	\$1,099	7	0	0.04	1.23

2022 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Srks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	29/15	0/0	0/0	(Vacation Secret, \$72,901)	\$552,395	*293	5	0.79	1.05
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Time to Shoot, \$49,728)	\$116,565	101	4	0.69	0.70
3	Zulu Magic (05, Johannesburg)	Died, 2017	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Mark of the Z, \$90,830)	\$101,813	31	0	0.66	0.50
4	Equality (99, Mt. Livermore)	N/A	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Easy Eyes, \$34,978)	\$77,876	180	7	0.62	0.78
5	Gun Power (97, Unbridled)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Peach Bellini, \$11,833)	\$11,833	60	0	0.45	0.67

2022 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Srks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie), Boehlke Farm	\$1,000	85/48	0/0	0/0	(Rad Paisley, \$103,850)	\$1,637,650	351	3	0.68	1.09
2	Kela (98, Numerous)	N/A	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Kela's Turn, \$140,036)	\$434,278	*298	4	0.91	0.89
3	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Westons Wildcat, \$57,043)	\$153,254	24	0	0.50	0.55
4	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy)	Pnsd	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Stormbeam, \$46,136)	\$142,793	58	1	0.57	1.66
5	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Guest Check, \$24,692)	\$64,955	67	0	0.44	0.73
6	Sam Lord's Castle (98, Carson City)	Pnsd	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Sam Sez, \$30,063)	\$55,939	52	0	0.59	0.75
7	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Mr. D's Legend, \$26,640)	\$50,945	70	1	0.42	0.47
8	Ford Every Stream (99, Seeking the Gold)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Sunshine Fever, \$15,000)	\$24,019	159	1	0.53	0.77
9	Magic Cat (95, Storm Cat)	N/A	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Emmett Cat, \$10,133)	\$17,525	282	10	0.60	0.87
10	Joey Franco (99, Avenue of Flags)	Died, 2018	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Orts Dream, \$13,813)	\$13,813	87	2	0.46	0.67
11	Classy Gent (01, Gone West)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Ll's Classy Dude, \$2,477)	\$4,728	8	0	0.06	0.26

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horses. He is a very good stallion; there is no doubt about it," Sikora said, noting that the talent figures to be equally divided. "I can't pick the best ones. We don't know who the best ones are. We think we do. It's a crapshoot all the way through.

"I guarantee you we're going to miss some good ones."

Mobil and Cowtown Cat represent two more huge additions for Duncan Farms. Mobil built a reputation as an "Iron Horse" in Canada while winning 12 of 29 starts during a four-year career. The son of Langfuhr—Kinetigal, by Naskra, earned a Sovereign Award as Canada's champion older male in 2004. He was retired after the following season. In Ohio Mobil has been named Stallion of the



The Duncans are building a quality band of broodmares to help support their stallions

Year four of the past five seasons.

Cowtown Cat, by leading sire Distorted Humor—Tom's Cat, by Storm Cat, was a \$1.5 million purchase by WinStar Farm as a 2-year-old in 2006. He still offers plenty of appeal at stud with his progeny earnings totaling more than \$15.8 million. Duncan described him as a "time-tested stallion" and praised the durability of his runners.

"They hold up. They are very sound horses," he said. "They come on good as 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds."

Mobil and Cowtown Cat each will stand for a \$2,000 fee.

The Duncans purchased three-time grade 1 winner Fort Larned from Adena Springs three years ago. They are stand-



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									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	85/39	1/1	1/1	(Decision Maker, \$236,495)	\$2,158,636	*414	9	1.10	1.25
2	Global Power (08, Pulpit), Morningstar Stables	Private	17/8	1/1	1/1	(Oklahoma Joe, \$84,000)	\$415,528	24	1	0.72	0.87
3	El Caballo (04, El Corredor), Rogers Ranch	Private	11/7	0/0	0/0	(Queenscaballo, \$49,095)	\$187,763	39	0	0.51	0.61
4	Cougar Cat (02, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Phlash Drive, \$36,290)	\$115,087	48	0	0.50	0.76
5	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	11/7	0/0	0/0	(For Reel, \$35,264)	\$112,931	105	0	0.58	0.63
6	Loveofthegame (05, Sky Mesa)	N/A	7/4	0/0	0/0	(Yayasgotmoregame, \$26,608)	\$60,358	21	0	0.29	0.44
7	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Caleb On the Go, \$21,332)	\$51,331	48	0	0.26	0.78
8	Sexy Cowboy (04, Orientate)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Want to Be Cowboy, \$8,745)	\$15,371	14	0	0.31	0.42
9	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam), Cox Livestock	\$1,000	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Atokad Rose, \$1,913)	\$1,913	14	0	0.02	0.28

2022 LEADING SIRES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Royal Challenger (03, Touch Gold)	N/A	12/5	0/0	0/0	(Emmitt's Challenge, \$16,933)	\$73,083	31	0	0.11	0.26
2	Baseball Card Kid (06, Vindication), DeMontigny Ranch	\$500	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Tricky Kid, \$8,624)	\$31,535	40	0	0.10	0.10
3	King Cha Cha (01, Kingmambo)	N/A	7/0	0/0	0/0	(Tri Spot, \$8,930)	\$26,777	55	0	0.13	0.37
4	Captain Bodgit (94, Saint Ballado)	Died, 2019	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Gone a Lil Lu Hu, \$1,448)	\$3,035	438	11	0.72	1.10

2022 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Dominus (08, Smart Strike), Duncan Farms	Private	100/60	4/6	3/4	(Thin White Duke, \$283,790)	\$3,581,804	265	12	1.18	1.07
2	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron), Maro Veterinary Services	\$2,000	69/34	1/1	1/1	(Sammy's Smile, \$121,883)	\$1,552,480	197	3	0.92	1.04
3	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker)	N/A	58/24	0/0	0/0	(Tizzy in the Sky, \$156,000)	\$1,409,653	119	1	0.92	0.87
4	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	34/22	2/2	2/2	(Relish the Ride, \$146,115)	\$1,238,349	*226	7	1.26	1.23
5	Danza (11, Street Boss)	Died, 2021	65/35	0/0	0/0	(Eight Danzas, \$126,046)	\$1,196,066	170	2	0.67	0.89
6	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	57/28	0/0	0/0	(Kissalot, \$126,500)	\$1,158,440	*211	2	0.83	1.17
7	Cowtown Cat (04, Distorted Humor), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	37/20	1/1	1/1	(Cowtown Boss, \$89,501)	\$1,023,721	263	6	1.13	1.13
8	Tidal Volume (06, Tapit), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	30/15	0/0	0/0	(Aunt Bee, \$178,840)	\$752,709	94	0	0.64	0.80
9	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron), Raimonde Farms	\$2,000	38/16	0/0	0/0	(Chasing Joy, \$71,580)	\$691,550	114	1	0.80	1.00
10	Notional (04, In Excess), White Farms	\$1,250	31/9	0/0	0/0	(No More Fake News, \$221,356)	\$605,979	380	7	0.73	1.04
11	Twinspired (08, Harlan's Holiday), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,500	21/11	1/1	1/1	(Gail's Dancer, \$69,263)	\$548,450	46	4	1.14	0.75
12	Added Edge (00, Smart Strike)	Died, 2020	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Edge of Night, \$81,456)	\$371,252	198	7	0.67	0.76
13	Birdrun (06, Birdstone)	Died, 2021	10/7	0/0	0/0	(Big Truck, \$119,100)	\$363,104	34	2	1.18	0.74
14	Kiss the Ghost (14, Ghostzapper), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$1,500	5/5	1/1	1/1	(R Three Angels, \$220,279)	\$362,839	6	1	1.90	0.71
15	Biondetti (08, Bernardini), Poplar Creek Horse Center	\$2,000	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Bion Magic, \$71,435)	\$349,464	155	2	0.72	1.18

2022 LEADING SIRES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2021 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Seeking Beauty (06, Halo's Image)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(C K's Lucky Duck, \$25,378)	\$25,378	29	0	0.69	0.88
2	Coal Cutter (06, Mineshaft)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Big Bend Buckaroo, \$8,066)	\$8,066	16	0	0.17	0.04
3	Tales of the Wild (07, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Heavenly Wild, \$5,587)	\$5,675	19	0	0.12	0.11

ing Air Strike, a son of 2007 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Street Sense, for a third season. Duncan admitted to having some concern about acquiring Corfu, who was retired in 2014 after making only six lifetime starts, but his foals have shown durability.

"They do last and it makes sense because Corfu himself is an extremely wide-chested, big-boned horse," Duncan said.

Daryl Duncan's willingness to ac-

knowledge some initial trepidation about Corfu is refreshing. "We're not going to misrepresent an animal," Sally Duncan said. "We try to be upfront with everyone and hopefully that reputation will grow."

The Duncans understood from the start the need to build a quality broodmare band and to constantly strive to improve it. Their lineup features proven producers such as Angel Falls (by City Zip), Becker County Miss (by Langfuhr),

My Mancita (by Mr. Greeley), Nevergonnahappen (by Elusive Quality), and Starship Made It (by Concerto).

"A stallion is only as good as what's given to him," Daryl Duncan said. "You can have the greatest stallion in the world, but if you don't have the bottom side, you're spinning your wheels. The bottom side is most important."

The value of feed also is not lost on the Duncans. They devote at least 100 acres to raising their own hay, in addition to

2022 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstret SW/BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2022 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Speightster (12, Speightstown)	Died	201/122	5/6	1/5	(Sheriff Bianco, \$204,943)	\$6,879,773	302	9	1.11	1.17
2	Fed Biz (09, Giant's Causeway), HIGHFIELD	\$4,500	200/104	3/3	1/3	(Change of Control, \$244,650)	\$5,131,934	*414	12	0.98	1.23
3	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	143/66	4/6	1/4	(Kitodan, \$731,741)	\$4,995,667	*355	16	1.25	1.57
4	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$10,000	103/53	5/6	4/5	(Philip My Dear, \$305,762)	\$3,225,775	*524	35	1.47	1.24
5	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$5,000	82/37	2/3	1/2	(Il Malocchio, \$182,674)	\$2,379,249	188	9	1.65	1.40
6	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$4,000	68/39	2/4	0/2	(Poulin in O T, \$209,723)	\$2,094,952	115	3	1.38	1.33
7	Mohaymen (13, Tapit), Northern Dawn Stables	\$5,000	76/40	1/1	0/1	(Unadulterated, \$102,670)	\$2,046,320	*101	2	0.95	1.20
8	Old Forester (01, Forestry), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,000	82/42	2/2	2/2	(Rockcrest, \$125,326)	\$1,894,447	535	23	1.39	1.37
9	Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$7,500	61/31	3/5	2/3	(Gran Spirited, \$142,815)	\$1,869,158	107	3	0.97	1.12
10	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible)	N/A	66/38	0/0	0/0	(Last American Exit, \$169,774)	\$1,592,412	161	7	1.50	1.31
11	Frac Daddy (10, Scat Daddy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	37/20	1/1	1/1	(Anam Cara, \$145,009)	\$1,022,521	87	2	1.20	1.16
12	Tamarkuz (10, Speightstown), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$4,000	49/22	0/0	0/0	(Win Me Over, \$68,518)	\$969,995	81	1	0.77	1.03
13	Signature Red (06, Bernstein), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	32/17	3/3	3/3	(Kawacatoose, \$110,933)	\$888,318	109	9	1.35	1.01
14	Big Screen (09, Speightstown), Spring Farm	\$3,000	35/16	1/2	1/1	(Full Screen, \$123,723)	\$827,938	67	3	0.94	1.29
15	Not Bourbon (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	\$2,500	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Bourbon, \$91,723)	\$774,188	143	2	0.99	1.23

* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

growing their own alfalfa. “The type of hay our horses are eating, it’s our very best,” Duncan said proudly.

Sally Duncan emphasized the need for everything to be done correctly from the moment of conception to give horses their best opportunity for success.

“It’s building blocks all the way up,” she said. “You can’t start feeding them good when they’re ready to hit the racetrack.”

In another nod to Sikora’s profound influence, and yet another sign of Duncan Farms’ commitment to excellence, the Duncans are leasing another 30 acres at a nearby farm to extend their ability to provide ample pastures.

“If they don’t have room to run and exercise and be a horse, and if you don’t have good grass, you’ve cut yourself short,” Sikora said. “You have to raise them right. You can’t put them in a box and overgreenhouse these Thoroughbreds.”

In keeping with that, the Duncans very much allow their horses to be horses despite bitter conditions that Ohio



Grade 2 winner Air Strike entered stud in 2021 and stands for \$2,000 this year

winters often bring. “God made them to be in the cold,” said Sally. “I don’t think you want to wrap them in bubble wrap.”

The couple goes to great lengths to see that horses are properly prepared for sales.

“I want them to have the best chance

to be successful and we all know they have to be handled. They have to have some ground manners to go on and be successful,” Sally Duncan said. “I do very much get a connection to them. I have very much a love for them.”

The Duncans have three children: Neil, 35; Drew, 31; and Rachel, 27. They have one part-time employee, Joshua Woolard, a high school student who lives nearby and is a huge help in the evening and on weekends. Rachel provides a welcome and much-needed hand during breeding season.

“We’re workers,” Rachel said. “I’ve always seen my family working and trying to do the best they can.”

At an age when a 50-something couple might prefer to reduce their workload, Daryl Duncan embraced the rare opportunity presented. “He’s always had a love for the Thoroughbred and, of course, I’m hopeful, and he’s hopeful, that he will be the breeder in the state in a few years,” Sikora said. [BH](#)



Snow covers Duncan Farms earlier this year