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## Big Move

### WOLESENSKYS' LEADEM FARM RELOCATES TO ARKANSAS

BY ROBERT YATES

**T**HE ARKANSAS BREEDING landscape is changing.

Nowhere is that change more evident than on a slice of rolling terrain about 50 miles south of Little Rock, where Bob Wolesensky and his wife, Tyree, are developing a Thoroughbred farm in rural Dallas County—an area with an economy traditionally driven by timber.

The Wolesenskys, enticed by lucrative Arkansas-bred purses offered an hour away at Oaklawn Racing Casino Resort in Hot Springs, as well as year-round breeders' awards, moved their Leadem Farm from Texas to Arkansas last fall. Located on roughly 100 isolated acres just southwest of tiny Leola, Leadem Farm already housed 19 horses in mid-January, including four stallions—all graded stakes

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Bob and Tyree Wolesensky have shifted their Leadem Farm from Texas to Arkansas, on land about an hour's drive from Oaklawn Park

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# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN ARIZONA

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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		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Lotsa Mischief (11, Into Mischief), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	45/22	0/0	0/0	(Arizona Kalei, \$141,448)	\$869,361	69	1	0.61	0.62
2	Uh Oh Bango (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	16/13	1/1	0/1	(Ramblin' Man, \$166,286)	\$627,755	44	2	0.87	1.03
3	Rocky Bar (98, In Excess), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	24/19	0/0	0/0	(Maius, \$51,840)	\$402,338	205	11	0.74	0.74
4	Ez Effort (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	24/10	0/0	0/0	(Collusionist, \$96,252)	\$307,613	81	2	0.52	0.89
5	Top Hit (98, Twining)	Died, 2021	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Foundation, \$39,360)	\$205,713	131	5	0.72	0.78
6	Ez Dreamer (05, In Excess)	Died, 2020	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Limited Offer, \$28,597)	\$93,770	64	1	0.46	0.79
7	Margie's Wildcat (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Diva's Diva, \$21,894)	\$69,348	150	1	0.58	0.76
8	Distorted Reality (04, Distorted Humor), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Mystic Reality, \$22,737)	\$57,854	126	1	0.40	0.76
9	Red Sky's (96, Skywalker)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Montana Jack, \$13,049)	\$13,049	118	2	0.38	0.45
10	El Mirage (05, Cee's Tizzy)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Who B Dat, \$11,709)	\$12,357	11	2	0.50	0.53
11	Maybry's Boy (99, Broad Brush)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Robey's Boy, \$11,974)	\$12,072	34	1	0.95	1.34
12	Risque Remarque (06, Ellusive Quest)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Mr Zydeco, \$9,240)	\$9,240	30	0	0.52	1.11
13	¶ Bocephus (15, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Call Em Callum, \$208)	\$208	2	0	0.01	0.97

# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

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	American Freedom (13, Pulpit), Leadem Farm	\$3,500	119/53	1/1	0/1	(Freedom Speaks, \$408,975)	\$2,924,171	172	1	0.77	1.20
2	The Big Beast (11, Yes It's True), McDowell Farm	\$2,000	85/43	1/1	0/1	(Yes I'm a Beast, \$134,760)	\$2,198,469	186	5	1.05	1.17
3	Cinco Charlie (12, Indian Charlie), Leadem Farm	\$3,000	54/30	0/0	0/0	(Five Dreams, \$124,677)	\$1,196,431	127	1	0.75	0.95
4	Mark Valeski (09, Proud Citizen), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	35/21	1/2	1/1	(Isolate, \$201,400)	\$1,183,167	95	3	1.08	1.13
5	Street Strategy (11, Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	28/15	2/2	2/2	(Connie K, \$247,532)	\$1,074,305	59	2	0.97	0.81
6	Hamazing Destiny (06, Salt Lake), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	18/10	0/0	0/0	(My Dams Attitude, \$135,443)	\$556,714	52	1	1.01	0.81
7	Laurie's Rocket (09, Bluegrass Cat), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	23/10	0/0	0/0	(Topf Road Rules, \$93,543)	\$552,196	63	0	0.74	1.09
8	Coil (08, Point Given)	N/A	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Principe Carlo, \$126,300)	\$505,732	166	2	0.76	1.08
9	Mo for the Money (13, Uncle Mo), Anderson Farms	\$1,000	24/9	0/0	0/0	(Bettys Cash, \$105,350)	\$504,730	43	0	0.64	1.04
10	Cyber Secret (09, Broken Vow), Horseplay Racing	\$1,500	17/8	0/0	0/0	(Mrs. Beans, \$282,238)	\$488,127	41	1	0.84	0.71
11	Aikenite (07, Yes It's True), Leadem Farm	\$1,500	25/12	0/0	0/0	(Aidanike, \$91,400)	\$449,002	80	0	0.86	1.03
12	Double Irish (11, Tapit), McDowell Farm	\$1,000	21/7	0/0	0/0	(Dutch Treat, \$67,087)	\$320,897	71	1	0.91	0.95
13	Zong (05, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Cryptozonic, \$69,130)	\$300,210	93	0	0.66	0.98
14	Tekton (12, Bernardini)	Pnsd	7/3	1/1	1/1	(Gar Hole, \$230,000)	\$287,424	13	1	1.19	0.94
15	Ordained (08, Pulpit), Starfish Stallions	\$1,500	26/8	0/0	0/0	(Richness, \$86,500)	\$278,385	76	1	0.46	0.81

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

winners—for the 2023 breeding season.

“My wife is a phenomenal researcher and we decided we wanted to find the best state-bred breeding program out there,” Bob Wolessensky said. “It happens to be Arkansas, which is close. We have trainers that we already use in Arkansas. We have Clinton Stuart. We have horses with Steve Asmussen. So, it was kind of a no-brainer and Clinton helped steer us toward Arkansas because of the program here.”

Besides the opportunities for racing Arkansas-breds in the state, Wolessensky noted that the program also offers handsome returns out-of-state.

“So once Hot Springs is done in May, you go win races in California or Texas or Louisiana,” Wolessensky said. “You get that 15% breeders’ award, anyhow.”

Established in 2019, Leadem Farm previously was located on approximately 50 acres near Gainesville, Texas, about 70 miles north of Dallas. The farm even-



A hay barn has been converted to an 11-stall “Kentucky-style foaling barn”

tually stood Aikenite, the now-deceased Leadem in Ken, and Cinco Charlie. The Wolessenskys also raced stakes-winning Leadem in Ken, who was bred by Ken

and Sarah Ramsey. The multiple stakes-winning son of Sky Mesa became a family favorite, the inspiration for opening a breeding farm, and the farm’s name.

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# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO



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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)	Cumulative				
							2022 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Save Big Money (03, Storm Cat), Winner-Maker Farms	\$1,000	18/11	0/0	0/0	(She's Shiney, \$51,868)	\$249,258	149	3	0.62	0.85
2	Numaany (05, A.P. Indy)	N/A	23/8	0/0	0/0	(Wisely Played, \$23,801)	\$151,944	61	2	0.67	0.75
3	Zip Quik (07, City Zip)	N/A	13/7	0/0	0/0	(Wheeler Dealer, \$38,977)	\$143,940	72	0	0.25	0.74
4	Grand Minstrel (05, Grand Slam)	N/A	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Luna Rose, \$21,557)	\$108,993	108	0	0.31	0.58
5	Behold de Buy (08, E Dubai)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Lil Miss de Buy, \$25,506)	\$66,113	33	0	0.28	0.80
6	Oliver's Twist (92, Horatius)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Starlight Twist, \$18,956)	\$45,340	276	2	0.50	0.71
7	Silver Saint (96, Silver Deputy)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Silvers Bling, \$21,666)	\$40,806	54	1	0.29	0.39
8	El Roblar (02, War Chant)	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Outlaw Queen, \$17,136)	\$38,159	65	1	0.34	0.54
9	Laughing Charlie (07, Indian Charlie)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Ima Hot Tottie, \$2,072)	\$4,050	18	0	0.15	0.19
10	¶ Elmazeed (11, Bernardini)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Bigparty Nowhiskey, \$822)	\$822	2	0	0.03	0.37

# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2022 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	Cumulative				
							2022 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Exaggerator (13, Curlin), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	215/110	4/5	1/4	(SkippyLongstocking, \$724,310)	\$5,946,836	*409	7	0.76	1.50
2	Carpe Diem (12, Giant's Causeway), LACER @ Aztec Equine	\$3,500	199/107	3/3	1/3	(Fingal's Cave, \$315,500)	\$5,888,441	*392	8	1.02	1.67
3	Star Guitar (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	95/53	3/5	3/3	(Touchuponastar, \$163,100)	\$2,482,351	246	12	1.00	0.99
4	Custom for Carlos (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,000	119/63	1/3	0/1	(Janet Is Ready, \$191,900)	\$2,228,924	361	7	0.71	1.01
5	Half Ours (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died	105/53	1/1	1/1	(Sign of War, \$78,816)	\$1,815,392	*589	25	0.89	1.07
6	Daaher (04, Awesome Again), Blue Ridge Farm	\$3,000	50/29	0/0	0/0	(Styner, \$142,845)	\$1,497,064	197	11	1.21	1.08
7	Secret Circle (09, Eddington), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	44/25	3/3	1/3	(Howbeit, \$135,530)	\$1,327,956	88	3	1.17	0.94
8	Mo Tom (13, Uncle Mo), Red River Farms	\$2,000	44/24	1/2	1/1	(A G's Charlotte, \$157,660)	\$1,143,672	63	2	0.84	1.07
9	El Deal (12, Munnings), Red River Farms	\$2,500	31/20	2/6	2/2	(Free Like a Girl, \$421,655)	\$1,114,914	51	3	1.33	0.91
10	My Pal Charlie (05, Indian Charlie), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	41/28	0/0	0/0	(Creole Charlie, \$120,360)	\$1,040,974	215	2	0.70	0.92
11	Apriority (07, Grand Slam), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	45/26	0/0	0/0	(Prado's Priority, \$97,330)	\$946,228	105	2	0.72	0.75
12	Country Day (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	46/23	0/0	0/0	(My Golden Day, \$91,299)	\$830,370	145	4	0.95	0.92
13	Iron Fist (12, Tapit), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$5,000	28/16	1/1	1/1	(Brian's Iron Mike, \$131,320)	\$688,290	34	3	0.91	0.85
14	Time Bandit (96, Time for a Change), Averett Farm	\$1,000	27/15	0/0	0/0	(Galaxy Builder, \$78,340)	\$561,341	326	4	0.82	0.86
15	Guilt Trip (09, Pulpit)	N/A	38/18	0/0	0/0	(Tripper John, \$74,310)	\$553,297	100	2	0.63	1.21

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Some six miles of fencing has been added at the new Leadem Farm location

After considering a satellite facility, the Wolesenskys instead decided in 2021 to move their entire operation to Arkansas. They began shopping for property that had to meet several specific requirements. One was no fescue (Leadem Farm has Bermuda); another was being within 90 minutes of Oaklawn (Hot Springs is about 45 miles northwest). Last July they were alerted to the Dallas County land—an organic grass-fed cattle farm at the time.

“I didn’t want to buy any property that had previously been a horse farm because I didn’t want anybody else’s problems,” Bob Wolesensky said. “We wanted to lay it out the way we wanted it.”

The Wolesenskys pulled the trigger on the property after a 20-minute tour in late July, closed in September, and took possession in mid-October.

Converting the property to a Thoroughbred breeding facility meant expanding the power grid, running approximately three miles of water lines, and installing six miles of fencing. There

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								2022 Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Marking (12, Bernardini), A & A Ranch	\$6,000	50/27	4/4	3/4	(Slammed, \$319,425)	\$2,248,301	81	7	1.36	1.16
2	Justin Phillip (08, First Samurai)	N/A	78/46	1/1	0/1	(Just Might, \$145,686)	\$1,752,575	222	8	0.95	1.06
3	We Miss Artie (11, Artie Schiller)	N/A	38/23	4/5	0/4	(Artie's Princess, \$297,872)	\$1,268,571	81	4	1.10	1.25
4	Morning Line (07, Tiznow)	Died, 2019	63/26	0/0	0/0	(Cap de Fuego, \$81,122)	\$1,180,420	*215	9	0.96	1.29
5	Shame On Charlie (04, Indian Charlie)	N/A	21/13	2/2	1/2	(Shugs Charlie, \$152,111)	\$769,252	53	7	1.07	0.64
6	Laugh Track (09, Distorted Humor)	N/A	47/18	0/0	0/0	(Our Time to Shine, \$126,215)	\$706,655	132	1	0.44	0.97
7	Abstraction (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	44/15	0/0	0/0	(George Who, \$61,211)	\$623,136	118	1	0.65	0.94
8	Mr. Trieste (01, Old Trieste), Jenkins Farm	Private	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Corrina Corrina, \$339,920)	\$566,290	63	1	0.74	0.73
9	Sway Away (08, Afleet Alex)	N/A	16/11	1/1	1/1	(Massive Roar, \$167,765)	\$537,841	40	1	0.69	0.79
10	Diabolical (03, Artax)	Pnsd	19/13	0/0	0/0	(Diabolical Ruler, \$100,323)	\$504,158	187	13	0.87	0.94
11	Mr. Gold Mover (08, Mr. Greeley), Bar Y Equine	\$1,500	20/14	1/1	1/1	(Lemon Drop Gold, \$157,452)	\$461,213	82	3	0.64	0.94
12	Read the Footnotes (01, Smoke Glacken)	N/A	16/9	1/1	1/1	(That's Something, \$200,350)	\$432,019	*360	21	1.20	1.09
13	Fusaichi Zenon (JPN) (97, Sunday Silence)	N/A	11/6	1/1	1/1	(Strawberry Whisky, \$157,938)	\$384,456	135	5	0.66	0.77
14	Right Rigger (06, Unbridled's Song), Hunter Creek Farms	\$3,500	20/9	0/0	0/0	(Right for You, \$111,010)	\$358,667	54	4	1.08	0.62
15	Roll Hennessy Roll (00, Hennessy)	Pnsd	12/7	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Henry, \$108,330)	\$333,030	190	12	0.89	0.92

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

are four stallion paddocks and 11 for broodmares and babies. A hay barn was converted to an 11-stall "Kentucky-style foaling barn." It is located adjacent to the breeding shed.

"It's been a very fast-paced schedule for construction," said Wolesensky, 56, a corporate lawyer who also owns Texas-based Dynamic Sports Construction, which designs and installs flooring for

athletic facilities. "When we bought it, it was a good property, but it was all barbed wire and T-posts and no run-in sheds and none of the stuff you need for horses. All of that had to be demoed and taken out and started over. We're doing everything horse first."

Leadem has three full-time employees living on the property, including farm manager Mickey Martin and the

Wolesensky's son, Corey, 21, who is completing his final year of college remotely after playing golf at Hastings College in Nebraska. Martin's lengthy resume includes a stint in the 1980s as an assistant farm manager for four-time Eclipse Award-winning owner John Franks.

Leadem offers foaling services, boarding of mares, lay-ups, and shuttles for mares to the farm. The last mile of

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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)	Cumulative				
							2022 Earnings	Foals	Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Flat Out (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	191/109	3/3	1/3	(Heart Rhythm, \$300,860)	\$5,645,524	486	15	1.09	1.10
2	Successful Appeal (96, Valid Appeal)	Pnsd	52/38	0/0	0/0	(Big Success, \$150,234)	\$1,533,525	*850	57	1.56	1.37
3	Atreides (11, Medaglia d'Oro), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	41/24	0/0	0/0	(League of Legends, \$137,117)	\$1,215,197	134	3	0.87	1.25
4	Den's Legacy (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres	\$2,500	44/25	3/5	2/3	(Hits Pricey Legacy, \$230,580)	\$1,084,954	70	3	0.98	0.85
5	Pollard's Vision (01, Carson City)	Pnsd	48/26	1/1	1/1	(Plenty of Vision, \$168,905)	\$984,542	*807	22	1.11	1.13
6	Shakin It Up (10, Midnight Lute), Caines Stallion Station	\$1,500	53/26	1/1	0/1	(Shake Em Loose, \$108,060)	\$960,614	*177	2	0.70	1.07
7	Magna Graduate (02, Honor Grades)	N/A	33/15	2/4	1/2	(She's All Wolfe, \$357,899)	\$850,419	*274	11	0.91	0.96
8	Euroears (04, Langfuhr)	N/A	43/17	1/2	1/1	(Fly to the Bank, \$187,489)	\$784,169	203	5	0.76	0.79
9	Wilburn (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	53/24	0/0	0/0	(Free to Fly, \$98,375)	\$724,611	*363	9	0.73	1.05
10	Caleb's Posse (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	33/18	0/0	0/0	(Eakly, \$65,334)	\$538,867	*151	3	1.01	1.01
11	Da Stoops (03, Distorted Humor), Laura Atkinson	\$1,250	20/10	0/0	0/0	(Ev's Sherman, \$77,250)	\$331,601	*119	1	0.94	1.00
12	Blueskiesrainbows (09, English Channel), Sunlight Farm	\$2,500	26/6	0/0	0/0	(Everything's Rosy, \$60,701)	\$331,390	43	0	0.58	1.24
13	Escaper (09, Exchange Rate), River Oaks Farms	\$2,500	24/8	0/0	0/0	(Laridae, \$39,321)	\$276,619	51	0	0.37	0.91
14	Mister Lucky Cat (08, Storm Cat)	N/A	9/4	1/1	1/1	(Ragan's Jet, \$153,920)	\$240,121	43	2	0.75	0.88
15	Maimonides (05, Vindication)	N/A	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Rosie's Outlaw, \$96,677)	\$239,464	*136	1	0.72	1.55

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals



Bob Wolesensky likes how things are coming together at the farm and expects more progress in the months ahead for the property that previously featured barbed wire, T-posts, and no run-in sheds

the journey is a mile of rocky dirt road. The 2023 stallion roster, a blend of establishment and excitement, offers:

- American Freedom, a 10-year-old son of Pulpit who earned \$705,100 for Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert. American Freedom won the \$250,000 Iowa Derby (G3) in 2016 at Prairie Meadows. He stands for \$3,500.

- Cinco Charlie, an 11-year-old son of Indian Charlie who won the \$100,000 Bashford Manor Stakes (G3) in 2014 at Churchill Downs for Asmussen, another Hall of Fame trainer. He stands for \$3,000.

- Dennis' Moment, a 6-year-old son of 2000 Horse of the Year Tiznow. As a 2-year-old in 2019 Dennis' Moment broke his maiden by 19¼ lengths at Ellis Park and won the \$200,000 Iroquois Stakes (G3) at Churchill in his next start. Those performances stamped Dennis' Moment as the 4-5 favorite for the \$2 million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Santa Anita, but he stumbled leaving the starting gate and was never a factor. Dennis' Moment was trained by Dale Romans. He stands for \$2,500.

- Aikenite, a 16-year-old son of Yes It's True who was a multiple grade 2 winner

at seven furlongs for future Hall of Fame trainer Todd Pletcher. He stands for \$1,500.

Wolesensky likes that the stallions are associated with those top trainers.

"That's kind of the thing we look for in a stallion," Bob Wolesensky said. "We want it to be from trainers who have made stallions. You're not going to find anybody better than Pletcher, Steve Asmussen, Bob Baffert, and then Dale Romans has made some, too. To us, that's a big thing.

"I'm not saying I'm right, but as a lawyer I do all the research. And some

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2023 FEE: \$2,500

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2023 FEE: \$1,000



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*Into Mischief –  
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2023 FEE: \$4,500

## TOO MUCH BLING

*Rubiano – Rose Colored Lady,  
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2023 FEE: \$5,000



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# 2022 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS

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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		
									Stks Wnrs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Competitive Edge (12, Super Saver), Valor Farm	\$5,000	90/45	4/10	0/4	(Miles Ahead, \$322,978)	\$3,128,258	*318	9	1.29	1.20
2	Mr Speaker (11, Pulpit), Forks of the Paluxy	\$5,000	83/36	6/9	2/6	(Speaking Scout, \$430,568)	\$2,934,452	*313	9	1.00	1.25
3	Poseidon's Warrior (08, Speightstown), Equine Partners Vet. Services	\$2,500	75/43	1/1	0/1	(Primal Destiny, \$142,738)	\$2,176,825	*257	4	0.97	1.03
4	Too Much Bling (03, Rubiano), Valor Farm	\$5,000	88/45	1/1	1/1	(Ima Bling Cat, \$163,945)	\$1,893,069	358	29	0.95	1.00
5	My Golden Song (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2022	38/16	0/0	0/0	(Gold Pilot, \$92,844)	\$806,154	204	16	0.91	0.97
6	Bradester (10, Lion Heart), Valor Farm	\$2,000	33/19	1/1	1/1	(Texas Thunder, \$98,890)	\$773,400	59	1	0.63	0.78
7	Moro Tap (10, Tapit)	N/A	49/21	0/0	0/0	(Tap the Dot, \$112,475)	\$767,699	*124	1	0.55	0.79
8	Redeemed (08, Include)	N/A	14/9	1/1	1/1	(Going to the Lead, \$181,769)	\$494,428	111	2	0.97	1.10
9	Congaree (98, Arazi)	Died, 2020	18/8	1/1	1/1	(Runningwscissors, \$121,493)	\$433,352	*424	14	1.15	1.29
10	Latent Heat (03, Maria's Mon), Eureka Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	28/12	1/1	1/1	(Shannon C, \$75,902)	\$397,788	*388	8	0.83	1.05
11	Uncle Vinny (13, Uncle Mo), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	12/10	0/0	0/0	(Judge Judith, \$63,560)	\$392,243	17	0	0.70	0.90
12	The Hunk (07, Speightstown), Eureka Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	20/9	0/0	0/0	(A Roze and Wine, \$77,114)	\$292,072	39	1	0.56	0.89
13	Early Flyer (98, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	16/8	0/0	0/0	(G Don't Know, \$58,915)	\$266,141	325	19	0.72	0.87
14	Grasshopper (04, Dixie Union)	Pnsd	20/8	0/0	0/0	(Show Me Grace, \$49,289)	\$246,976	154	3	0.65	0.85
15	Airoforce (13, Colonel John), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	7/5	0/0	0/0	(Aeroballistic, \$87,120)	\$237,073	11	0	0.81	0.72

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals

trainers' horses run huge but they don't make stallions for some reason. In Bafert, Asmussen, and Todd Pletcher, they make stallions."

The Wolesenskys own American Freedom and Cinco Charlie outright and have shares in the syndicated Dennis' Moment. Aikenite is owned by Calumet Farm, which initially stood the horse.

Cinco Charlie began his stud career at Spendthrift Farm.

Bob Wolesensky said the deal to bring Dennis' Moment to Arkansas was brokered by Kentucky bloodstock agent and breeder Jay Goodwin, who operates Good Win Farm near Paris, Ky. Goodwin privately purchased Dennis' Moment for Craig Bernick of Glen

Hill Farm and previously bought Cinco Charlie for the Wolesenskys. Goodwin calls Dennis' Moment one of the best-looking horses he's ever seen and among the most exciting stallions retired to Arkansas.

"I've formed a really good relationship with them," Goodwin said, referring to the Wolesenskys. "I think they do a

## MIGHTY ACRES 2023 STALLION ROSTER



### ◀ FLAT OUT – (Flatter – Cresta Lil, by Cresta Rider)

- IN 2023 SO FAR: #1 OKLAHOMA SIRE; NATIONALLY-RANKED SIRE; 15 WINNERS (2 STAKES-PLACED)
- OKLAHOMA LEADING SIRE 2019-2022; OVER \$5.6 MILLION in 2022 PROGENY EARNINGS, including 3 2022 BTW, PLUS G1-placed Kneedeepinsnow and G3-placed THREEOVERDEUCES and CHATEAU
- Lifetime: 74% WINNERS from STARTERS and PROGENY EARNINGS of over \$26.4 MILLION
- NATIONALLY-RANKED sire by 2022 PROGENY EARNINGS, outranking STREET BOSS, FIRST SAMURAI, RUNHAPPY, LOOKIN AT LUCKY, etc.

A superior and sound racehorse who earned more than \$3.6 million with G1 wins, including the Cigar Mile and Jockey Club Gold Cup (twice).

### Also Standing:

**DEN'S LEGACY** – (Medaglia d'Oro – Sunshine Song, by War Chant)  
2023 FEE: \$2,500 LIVE FOAL

- In 2023: Top 10 Oklahoma sire; nationally-ranked 4th-crop sire
- In 2022: Top 5 Oklahoma sire; nationally-ranked 3rd-crop sire
- Sire of 3 2022 SW, including HITS PRICEY LEGACY (won G3 Remington Park Oaks on 9/23) who recently sold for \$230,000 at the Fasig-Tipton KY Winter Mixed sale

2023 FEE: \$3,000 LIVE FOAL (Nominated to the Breeders' Cup)



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really, really good job and they get it. They get it and understand what it takes. Their place in Texas was unreal and I thought they did a really good job of getting mares to Cinco last year.”

Bob Wolesensky anticipates Leadem’s four stallions “as a whole” will be bred to “60-plus” mares this year. As part of a head-turning initial promotional push to attract clients, the Wolesenskys are offering incentives to breed and, ultimately, win with offspring of a 2023 Leadem stallion. The trainer of the first horse to win a maiden special weight race will collect a \$10,000 bonus. The trainer bonus jumps to \$25,000 for the first stakes winner. The breeder of the first horse to win a stakes race also will receive a \$25,000 bonus.

“It’s very unusual to do bonuses in a regional setting,” said Goodwin, originally from Arkansas and the son of Sam Goodwin, a high school football coaching legend in the state. “You’ll get that stuff every now and then up here, but to offer that to Arkansas breeders and owners—that’s what I mean by ‘get it.’ They get it. You have to get mares to these horses for them to have a shot. Whatever it takes to get mares to these horses; they have to do. It’s a great idea and a great opportunity for Arkansas breeders that they’ve never had before.”

Arkansas-breds at Oaklawn already run for big money—\$90,000 in maiden special weight races and more than \$100,000 in allowance events to begin the 2022-23 meeting. Oaklawn also has six Arkansas-bred stakes races, with purses ranging from \$150,000-\$200,000. Arkansas breeders’ awards are tied to a percentage of money wagered (Oaklawn live racing, simulcast, ADW, casino) and calculated by dividing the total funds available by the total earnings of all registered Arkansas-breds in North America during a specific year. The percentage of incentives varies annually, but it was 10.07 in 2021, according to the Arkansas Thoroughbred



Stakes winner and family favorite Leadem in Ken (pink silks) inspired the Wolesenskys to launch a breeding farm

Breeders’ and Horsemen’s Association. If, for example, a registered Arkansas-bred had total earnings of \$75,000 in 2021, the breeder would have received \$7,552.50.

“Arkansas is one of the best kept secrets out there, I think,” Tyree Wolesensky said. “We think Arkansas has some great things to offer and we want to kind of open some eyes of people from surrounding states.”

Bob Wolesensky said Leadem plans to add one stallion annually and has already targeted a prospect for 2024 at the level of American Freedom, or higher.

Another Arkansas stallion addition is The Big Beast, a 12-year-old grade 1 winner who has relocated from Florida to McDowell Farm, about 35 miles southwest of Leadem. A son of Yes It’s True, The Big Beast’s 2023 stud fee is \$2,000.

American Freedom previously stood at Kentucky’s Airdrie Stud for \$6,000. Among second-crop sires, American Freedom’s 53 winners last year ranked 11th in North America. The Wolesenskys, with the help of Taylor Made Stallions, secured American Freedom because they wanted a young, proven stallion that fit Arkansas.

“In my opinion, (\$3,500) is a discount for him,” Bob Wolesensky said. “I don’t know if the Arkansas market will see it that way and that’s OK. For a stallion that’s top 10 nationally, I don’t think anybody in the lifetime second crop on Dec. 31 stands for less than him.”

The Wolesenskys plan to support Leadem stallions through their seven broodmares. The band includes Lost Wish, a 5-year-old Mshawish mare and half sister to 2023 Kentucky Derby (G1) hopeful Arabian Lion, and Miss Perfecta, a recently retired 7-year-old stakes winner by Run Away and Hide. As of mid-January, Bob Wolesensky planned to send both mares to American Freedom, adding he and his wife breed to race and sell.

“I just hope that people will look at it the way I look at it, which is us coming here and spending a fair amount of money on stallions that historically hasn’t been spent here,” Wolesensky said. “It’s good for everybody because the more people from other states that are willing to come breed here benefits every darned one of us. So far, we’re seeing that. We’ve got Kentucky mares here. We’ve got Texas mares here.”

Wolesensky began dabbling in Thoroughbred ownership in his native Nebraska during summer breaks in the late 1980s and early 1990s as an undergraduate at the University of Nebraska. The Wolesenskys began getting heavily involved in ownership in 2017 and now have roughly eight horses in training and another half-dozen or so yearlings. Married for nearly 30 years, they reside north of Dallas on Lake Texoma.

The Wolesenskys enjoyed their first visit to Oaklawn Jan. 15. While they had runners there before and Dynamic Sports Construction recently resurfaced its indoor paddock floor, the mid-January trip marked their first trip. Obviously, it won’t be their last.

“We’re not nervous,” Bob Wolesensky said, when asked about finding success in Arkansas. “Again, we’re not wealthy, but there’s no debt here. Everything’s paid for. If the racing venture doesn’t take off, we’ll have an incredible property for our seven broodmares.” **BH**