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## A Slice of Kentucky in Louisiana

**KEITH AND GINGER MYERS' COTEAU GROVE FARMS IS HELPING  
BOOST THE PROFILE OF LOUISIANA-BREDS**

By DENIS BLAKE

**K**EITH AND GINGER MYERS COULD not be prouder to have been born and raised in Louisiana and of the Thoroughbreds they breed at their Coteau Grove Farms, but that does not mean they have shied away from bringing a bit of Kentucky to Cajun country. The pastures, fences, and equipment—and most importantly, the broodmares—on the 400-plus acre property in South Central Louisiana could easily be mistaken for a Kentucky farm. And with their Louisiana-breds winning graded stakes, becoming millionaires, and running in the Breeders' Cup World Championships, the Myerses also have the results to match nearly any farm in the Bluegrass State.

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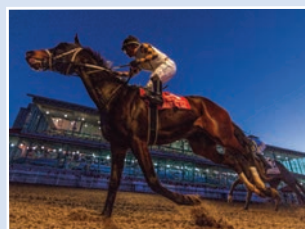
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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Lotsa Mischief (11, Into Mischief), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	67/37	1/1	1/1	(Time to Fly, \$169,029)	\$1,150,955	152	2	0.55	0.64
2	Uh Oh Bango (07, Top Hit), Triple AAA Ranch	Private	13/9	0/0	0/0	(Bangie Go, \$32,625)	\$218,142	57	2	0.80	0.99
3	Ez Effort (09, In Excess), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	Private	17/7	0/0	0/0	(Brumbodoppelganger, \$36,379)	\$184,350	111	3	0.49	0.82
4	Rocky Bar (98, In Excess)	N/A	14/6	0/0	0/0	(Katar, \$33,327)	\$172,989	210	11	0.72	0.72
5	Top Hit (98, Twining)	Died, 2021	6/4	0/0	0/0	(Hit Scene, \$18,290)	\$61,267	132	5	0.70	0.77
6	Bocephus (15, Medaglia d'Oro)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(J Double E P, \$27,050)	\$42,908	11	0	0.45	0.76
7	¶ Arizona Moon (13, Macho Uno), Fleming Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,500	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Pi Time, \$6,080)	\$10,330	11	0	0.11	0.35
8	Distorted Reality (04, Distorted Humor)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Distorted Louv, \$9,696)	\$9,836	128	1	0.40	0.74
9	El Mirage (05, Cee's Tizzy)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Chino Mirage, \$7,311)	\$7,223	14	2	0.47	0.49
10	¶ Per Capita (16, Tapit)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Three P's, \$4,710)	\$5,814	17	0	0.09	0.65
11	Margie's Wildcat (01, Storm Cat)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Hink's Paladin, \$1,360)	\$2,635	155	1	0.57	0.73

## 2025 LEADING SIRES IN ARKANSAS

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	American Freedom (13, Pulpit), Leadem Farm	\$2,500	119/66	0/0	0/0	(No Easy Days, \$110,090)	\$2,573,819	280	2	0.80	1.20
2	Irish War Cry (14, Curlin), Leadem Farm	\$2,500	73/38	0/0	0/0	(King's River, \$167,255)	\$2,287,806	159	2	1.04	1.09
3	The Big Beast (11, Yes It's True), McDowell Farm	\$2,000	80/44	2/2	1/2	(Reef Runner, \$302,890)	\$2,233,422	267	11	0.97	1.10
4	Cinco Charlie (12, Indian Charlie)	N/A	75/36	1/1	1/1	(Carmel Rose, \$98,216)	\$1,517,703	226	5	0.75	0.91
5	Street Strategy (11, Street Sense), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,500	51/25	0/0	0/0	(Punchy Girl, \$182,994)	\$1,367,498	116	3	0.94	0.80
6	Mark Valeski (09, Proud Citizen)	N/A	50/16	0/0	0/0	(Zippy Mark, \$89,859)	\$623,244	169	5	1.13	1.06
7	Gentlemen's Bet (09, Half Ours), McDowell Farm	\$1,250	27/12	0/0	0/0	(She's a Dreamer, \$155,889)	\$569,886	58	1	0.98	0.87
8	Double Irish (11, Tapit)	N/A	25/10	1/1	1/1	(Lassie My Girl, \$149,133)	\$453,649	104	2	0.76	0.90
9	Mo for the Money (13, Uncle Mo)	N/A	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Paramount Paycheck, \$67,500)	\$368,550	70	1	0.63	1.02
10	Zong (05, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Blessed Assurance, \$65,830)	\$275,110	113	0	0.59	0.95
11	Texas Chrome (13, Grasshopper), Keene Thoroughbreds	\$1,500	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Texas Sequoia, \$61,770)	\$259,795	48	0	0.52	0.67
12	Cutting Humor (16, First Samurai), McDowell Farm	\$1,500	17/5	0/0	0/0	(Basile, \$57,910)	\$229,495	27	0	0.41	0.84
13	Laurie's Rocket (09, Bluegrass Cat), Lake Hamilton Equine Center	\$1,000	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Lochmoor, \$63,003)	\$213,653	67	1	0.82	1.03
14	Tarpy's Surprise (10, Into Mischief)	Died, 2020	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Al's Romeo, \$199,825)	\$210,708	7	0	1.12	0.01
15	Just a Coincidence (06, Forestry)	Died, 2020	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Justa Streak, \$48,615)	\$208,274	41	0	0.61	0.89

\* includes Southern Hemisphere foals; ¶ Indicates a first-crop sire

Keith grew up on a farm with working horses, but his exposure to racehorses was with American Quarter Horses rather than Thoroughbreds.

"My grandfather got into Quarter Horse racing in a big way," Myers said. "Back in those days, there weren't any tracks like we have now. They were just bush tracks.

"As kids, we couldn't go inside, so we sat in the back of pickup trucks and just watched the racing. I thought my grandfather was the coolest guy in the world. I mean, his clothes were all perfectly starched, and he wore a cowboy hat tilted to the side. He had such pizzazz about him, and I think that's when I fell in love with horse racing."

While some might dip their toes into racing by claiming a horse and breeding a single mare, the Myerses went all in from the very beginning.



The profitable healthcare company launched by the Myerses in the 1990s paved the way for them to buy their farm

"Ginger and I started a healthcare company, and when that started doing well, we had the opportunity to buy the first piece of property that is the farm now," Myers said.

That was in 2008, and the Myerses needed some horses to put on that farm, so they headed to Keeneland with the intent of spending around \$400,000 to buy two quality broodmares. As luck would have it, the November Breeding Stock Sale that year was a buyer's market, and the Myerses came back to Louisiana with eight mares without even spending their full budget.

The first foal delivered on the farm turned out to be Little Ms Protocol, a daughter of El Corredor out of a Coronado's Quest mare named Character Builder, who the Myerses bought for \$65,000 in that first batch of mares. Racing in the colors of Coteau Grove Farms, Little Ms Protocol went on to

## 2025 LEADING SIRES IN COLORADO



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1	Numaany (05, A.P. Indy)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Nu Blend, \$24,543)	\$102,269	67	2	0.61	0.74
2	Save Big Money (03, Storm Cat)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Big Money, \$19,065)	\$57,768	168	3	0.58	0.83

## 2025 LEADING SIRES IN LOUISIANA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unified (13, Candy Ride), LACER	\$3,500	172/87	1/1	0/1	(ldratherbeblessed, \$216,901)	\$3,727,915	372	6	0.89	1.18
2	Coal Front (14, Stay Thirsty), Red River Farms	\$4,000	59/33	4/10	1/4	(Coal Battle, \$980,050)	\$3,697,581	91	6	1.55	0.96
3	Star Guitar (05, Quiet American), Clear Creek Stud	\$7,500	112/58	3/8	2/3	(Touchuponastar, \$557,100)	\$2,987,554	344	19	0.99	0.98
4	Hoppertunity (11, Any Given Saturday), Shady Oaks Stud Farm	\$3,000	124/49	1/2	0/1	(Pachelbel, \$271,170)	\$2,945,636	235	3	0.79	1.21
5	Exaggerator (13, Curlin), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	126/52	1/2	0/1	(Skippylongstocking, \$591,125)	\$2,827,147	*680	10	0.79	1.36
6	Gormley (14, Malibu Moon), Red River Farms	\$2,000	146/63	0/0	0/0	(Grahmalamadingdong, \$147,654)	\$2,766,243	350	6	0.77	1.06
7	Tom's d'Etat (13, Smart Strike), Red River Farms	Private	80/40	1/2	0/1	(Take Charge Tom, \$298,524)	\$2,336,112	130	2	0.93	1.25
8	El Deal (12, Munnings), Red River Farms	\$2,500	79/36	0/0	0/0	(Free Like a Girl, \$459,650)	\$1,669,964	151	4	1.00	0.89
9	Aurelius Maximus (16, Pioneerof the Nile), Red River Farms	\$4,000	43/23	5/11	4/5	(He's Late Again, \$243,700)	\$1,646,105	82	6	1.26	0.95
10	Carpe Diem (12, Giant's Causeway), LACER	\$3,500	78/42	1/1	0/1	(Seize the Night, \$118,375)	\$1,420,764	*442	13	0.97	1.46
11	Mr. Money (16, Goldencents), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,500	39/20	1/1	1/1	(Sippin On Gin, \$191,115)	\$1,028,255	53	1	0.72	0.85
12	Daaher (04, Awesome Again)	N/A	31/17	1/1	1/1	(Seesaw Game, \$251,001)	\$1,011,483	224	12	1.15	1.04
13	Custom for Carlos (06, More Than Ready), Clear Creek Stud	\$2,000	62/25	1/1	1/1	(Marks Promise, \$98,530)	\$938,327	430	8	0.66	0.93
14	Bobby's Wicked One (15, Speightstown), LACER	\$3,500	24/12	1/2	0/1	(Smoken Wicked, \$403,850)	\$881,694	43	1	1.35	0.71
15	Half Ours (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2021	62/23	1/1	1/1	(Geaux Sugar, \$179,485)	\$828,996	*644	28	0.84	1.03
16	Breaking Lucky (12, Lookin At Lucky)	Died, 2024	32/18	1/1	1/1	(He's Just Lucky, \$171,120)	\$741,972	58	1	0.53	0.86
17	Catalina Red (12, Munnings), Elite Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	18/14	0/0	0/0	(Lovelyredstiletto, \$126,160)	\$608,707	49	0	0.93	0.82
18	Iron Fist (12, Tapit), Whispering Oaks Farm	\$3,500	36/16	0/0	0/0	(Pop's Peppysteper, \$65,490)	\$586,519	64	3	0.72	0.81
19	Country Day (06, Speightstown), Peach Lane Farms	\$2,500	50/19	0/0	0/0	(Country Hit, \$100,660)	\$578,725	229	4	0.80	0.83
20	Clearly Now (10, Horse Greeley), Clear Creek Stud	\$3,500	34/12	0/0	0/0	(Clearly a Test, \$86,200)	\$537,520	69	2	0.72	1.02

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win nine races, including seven stakes in Louisiana, while banking \$731,290. And in a sign of things to come for Louisiana-breds from the Coteau Grove Farms breeding operation, she represented her home state quite well in her lone start on the road when she ran third in the \$200,000 Sixty Sails Handicap (G3) at Hawthorne. After her racing career was done, she became a productive broodmare for the Myerses with her top runner being Los Alamitos Futurity (G2) runner-up The Great One.

"My wife's a nurse, so she delivered the baby," Myers said about Little Ms Protocol. "She laid in the stall all night, imprinting the baby.

"Little Ms Protocol paid for the whole farm," he added. "And that might be the worst thing that happened, because we stood back and said, 'Wow, we're pretty good at this. This is not that hard.'"

Of course, every horse bred by the Myerses didn't go on to become a stakes winner, but that early success reinforced their business model and convinced them they were on the right track.



Acquiring quality broodmares is the cornerstone of the Myerses' operation

"I'm a math and model guy," Myers said. "You can build algorithms and research and data and all of that, and it still doesn't guarantee success, but it's something to operate from. We thought buying high-quality mares was clearly the right step. Mares are the foundation."

In addition to quality mares, the Myerses wanted to have a quality farm on which to raise the foals.

"We modeled it after Kentucky," Myers said. "That was intentional. So being in the healthcare business, we started in Louisiana, but our second state was





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1	Marking (12, Bernardini), A & A Ranch	\$7,500	72/34	3/3	3/3	(Mojica, \$242,370)	\$2,359,821	146	15	1.23	1.11
2	Attila's Storm (02, Forest Wildcat)	Died, 2021	50/17	0/0	0/0	(Leave Them Behind, \$94,996)	\$764,245	400	28	0.93	0.77
3	Sporting Chance (15, Tiznow), A & A Ranch	\$5,000	34/15	1/1	1/1	(Bully Boy, \$167,410)	\$728,518	68	3	0.56	1.24
4	Sway Away (08, Afleet Alex)	N/A	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Let Him Be, \$201,583)	\$509,299	52	2	0.95	0.72
5	Mr. Trieste (01, Old Trieste)	N/A	9/4	1/3	0/1	(Corrina Corrina, \$401,400)	\$475,949	71	2	0.93	0.74
6	American Anthem (14, Bodemeister), Copper Spring Ranch	\$3,000	26/8	0/0	0/0	(F S Liberty Belle, \$76,098)	\$439,453	45	0	0.51	0.84
7	Kentucky Wildcat (16, Tapit), Huntercreek Farms	\$2,500	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Souped Up Wildcat, \$92,300)	\$323,365	30	1	0.83	0.61
8	Holy Lute (10, Midnight Lute)	N/A	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Holy Hank, \$277,860)	\$319,696	20	3	1.54	0.64
9	Abstraction (10, Pulpit), Doubletree Farm	\$3,500	25/9	0/0	0/0	(Hardy Boy, \$52,011)	\$291,275	135	1	0.60	0.89
10	Comfort (12, Indian Charlie), Double Tree Farm	\$3,000	21/7	0/0	0/0	(The Smooch, \$95,490)	\$288,559	72	1	0.65	0.70
11	Runaway Ghost (15, Ghostzapper)	N/A	24/7	0/0	0/0	(Short Round Bound, \$73,045)	\$283,030	49	0	0.35	0.81
12	Proceed (11, Desert God), A & A Ranch	\$1,500	14/7	0/0	0/0	(Thatsaterribleidea, \$84,270)	\$278,658	34	0	0.67	1.01
13	Punctuate (12, Distorted Humor), Marr's Breeding Farm	Private	16/10	0/0	0/0	(Shez Punctual, \$43,459)	\$255,539	53	0	0.63	0.82
14	We Miss Artie (11, Artie Schiller)	N/A	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Whatmakessammyrun, \$54,100)	\$249,145	87	4	1.05	1.21
15	Moro Tap (10, Tapit)	Died, 2023	24/6	0/0	0/0	(Painted Lad, \$37,679)	\$243,149	*144	2	0.51	0.77

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Kentucky, so we have a huge attachment to the state. We've spent a lot of time there, and we've toured farms. When we got ready to build this, we took what we saw at the big farms in Kentucky, and actually our farm was designed by an architect in Kentucky."

They also found land that is more like Kentucky than Louisiana.

"The one thing we didn't create is the rolling hills you see here that are not typical for Louisiana," he said. "We're

on what's called the Coteau Ridge, which a thousand years ago was the banks of the Mississippi River. So it's nutrient-rich soil. That was the driving factor in locating the farm here."

While the Myerses have enjoyed success right from the start of their racing and breeding venture, that success has risen to a new level over the last decade, during which time they've been working with Lexington-based Andrew Cary of Cary Bloodstock.

Cary and the Myerses got together through former National Football League quarterback Jake Delhomme,



Bred by Coteau Grove Farms, graded stakes winner Touchuponastar has shined brightly on the racetrack, winning more than \$1.5 million

who Keith knew well before the fellow Louisiana native took the Carolina Panthers to Super Bowl XXXVIII, coming up just short to the New England Patriots.

Cary also was acquainted with Delhomme, whose family has long been involved in Louisiana racing, and around 2014 the three of them got together to talk horses.

"I think my first conversation with Keith was probably two hours, and it went from there," Cary said about working with the Myerses. "We just hit it off, and it's been going on 11-plus years now.

We started with, I think, 15 or 20 mares, and now we're up over 60, so it's been a great time."

As it turns out, things have come full circle, and one of the best horses bred by Coteau Grove Farms, Touchuponastar, runs for Delhomme's Set-Hut. A 2019 gelding by top Louisiana stallion Star Guitar, Touchuponastar has been a star both in and out of Louisiana with 18 wins from 25 starts and earnings of \$1,580,000.

Named the 2023 Horse of the Year in Louisiana, Touchuponastar has more than held his own against graded stakes foes with two runner-up finishes in grade 3 events and another in grade 2 company. Then last March at Fair Grounds Race Course & Slots, he proved himself to be among the best in the entire country with a 2½-length win in the \$480,000 New Orleans Classic Stakes (G2) over a field that included 2024 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner and 3-year-old champion male Sierra Leone. Not bad for a horse that sold for \$15,000 at the 2020 Texas

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							2025 Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index
1	Flat Out (06, Flatter), Mighty Acres	\$3,000	123/54	1/1	1/1	(Black Musk, \$152,737)	\$2,497,583	614	23	1.03
2	Code West (10, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	50/25	3/5	1/3	(Miss Code West, \$182,343)	\$1,095,241	86	3	0.79
3	Cowtown Cat (04, Distorted Humor), Kirtan Farms	\$1,500	33/22	0/0	0/0	(Momma K's Boy, \$93,533)	\$820,203	284	6	1.09
4	Caleb's Posse (08, Posse), River Oaks Farms	\$1,000	40/16	0/0	0/0	(Eakly, \$136,795)	\$754,069	*203	4	0.90
5	Excaper (09, Exchange Rate), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	15/7	0/0	0/0	(Colonel Yorke, \$151,737)	\$546,450	63	0	0.57
6	Den's Legacy (10, Medaglia d'Oro), Mighty Acres	\$2,000	39/16	0/0	0/0	(Brown Reserve, \$56,129)	\$478,446	115	3	0.67
7	Da Stoops (03, Distorted Humor)	N/A	21/15	0/0	0/0	(Ooh La Da Stoops, \$78,387)	\$460,873	*143	1	0.87
8	Wilburn (08, Bernardini), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	27/14	0/0	0/0	(So Jordan, \$69,794)	\$400,584	*390	9	0.71
9	Pass the Buck (13, Pulpit)	N/A	20/5	0/0	0/0	(Devious Dennis, \$72,760)	\$244,818	38	0	0.40
10	Magna Graduate (02, Honor Grades)	Died, 2025	13/8	0/0	0/0	(Stormy's Revenge, \$64,321)	\$235,739	*287	11	0.88
11	Euroears (04, Langfuhr)	N/A	23/7	0/0	0/0	(Posetively Perfect, \$45,763)	\$235,498	225	5	0.72
12	Black Bear (10, Midnight Lute)	N/A	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Dark Afternoon, \$77,739)	\$218,782	14	1	0.95
13	Shakin It Up (10, Midnight Lute)	Died, 2024	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Span, \$34,394)	\$195,040	*189	2	0.64
14	Airoforce (13, Colonel John), Caines Stallion Station	\$2,500	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Double Airo, \$116,040)	\$190,395	28	0	0.68
15	Revved Up (13, Candy Ride), River Oaks Farms	\$2,000	10/6	0/0	0/0	(Whiskey Drinker, \$30,985)	\$161,389	29	0	0.38

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Thoroughbred Association Yearling and HORA Sale at Lone Star Park.

Speaking of Breeders' Cup horses, Coteau Grove Farms was represented as the breeder of two-time grade 3 winner Tumbarumba, who became a millionaire with a fourth-place finish in the 2025 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1). He also finished fourth in the same race last year.

That makes Coteau Grove Farms the breeder of two millionaires, which is an impressive feat considering that only 10 other Louisiana-breds in history have achieved that milestone.

The biggest change since 2008 is that the Myerses' business plan has evolved from racing their foals to selling them.

"That was advice from Three Chimneys in Kentucky," Myers said. "They said the ideal approach is to come out of the box racing and get established in Louisiana so you build a brand by proving you can win. But then, once you get established, stop racing and start selling."

Their highest price so far at auction came at the 2023 Keeneland September Yearling Sale when they sold a Louisiana-bred Curlin colt for \$575,000.

"That's our benchmark we've got to



After establishing their brand, the Myerses ceased racing the horses they bred, changing their profile to that of a commercial breeding operation

try to beat next year," Cary said. "And we just might because we've got foals by Gun Runner, Justify, and Into Mischief. So we're loaded for the future, and the pipeline is strong.

"If you look at our recent yearling sales, it's been very gratifying, because now the market has adjusted to high-quality Louisiana-breds," he added. "And instead of people saying Louisiana-breds can't do this or they can't do that, now they're just buying them,

so that has been a huge change. In the past, we sold some really good horses for not a lot of money just because they weren't Kentucky-breds."

The business has also expanded to now accept outside mares and rehabilitation horses at the farm. And while there are no stallions at Coteau Grove Farms, the Myerses stand No Parole and Wit in partnership with nearby Whispering Oaks Farm, located just up the road. No Parole was bred by Coteau Grove Farms, and the son of Violence went on to win the Woody Stephens Stakes (G1) for Maggi Moss and Gregory Tramontin. Wit is a multiple grade 3 winner and multiple grade 1-placed son of Practical Joke who Coteau Grove and Whispering Oaks

acquired in 2024 at the Keeneland April Horses of Racing Age Sale. Having two quality stallions nearby allows the Myerses to maximize the breeders awards from the accredited Louisiana-bred program by being able to breed back to an in-state stallion after breeding to one in Kentucky.

On top of all that, the Myerses got to watch another horse they bred, Margie's Intention, win the Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) on the eve of last year's



# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN TEXAS

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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Creative Cause (09, Giant's Causeway), Marjorie Farms	\$6,000	103/56	0/0	0/0	(King Russell, \$179,068)	\$2,743,857	*657	27	1.07	1.36
2	Competitive Edge (12, Super Saver), Valor Farm	\$5,000	73/50	2/3	0/2	(Alani, \$325,300)	\$2,711,802	*396	15	1.25	1.13
3	Too Much Bling (03, Rubiano)	Pnsd	52/30	3/5	2/3	(Too Much Kiki, \$226,165)	\$1,518,706	405	35	0.94	0.96
4	Mr Speaker (11, Pulpit), Forks of the Paluxy	Private	54/27	0/0	0/0	(Louder Than Words, \$131,220)	\$1,062,343	*397	12	0.94	1.13
5	Copper Bullet (15, More Than Ready), Marjorie Farms	\$4,000	36/17	2/4	0/2	(Copper Em, \$135,687)	\$796,229	57	4	0.99	1.42
6	My Golden Song (03, Unbridled's Song)	Died, 2022	31/13	1/1	1/1	(Golden Grit, \$129,960)	\$661,133	233	19	0.88	0.94
7	Poseidon's Warrior (08, Speightstown), Legacy Ranch Stallions	\$2,500	19/11	0/0	0/0	(Justinspeightoftit, \$56,200)	\$403,680	*269	5	0.96	1.00
8	Finale (09, Scot Daddy), Legacy Ranch Stallions	\$2,500	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Final Verdict, \$88,600)	\$204,868	57	0	0.42	0.81
9	Keep Up (07, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	13/4	0/0	0/0	(Up Up and Away, \$34,650)	\$168,585	59	0	0.53	1.20
10	Early Flyer (98, Gilded Time)	Pnsd	9/3	0/0	0/0	(Rockets Red Flair, \$66,132)	\$160,932	339	19	0.71	0.86
11	Latent Heat (03, Maria's Mon)	N/A	9/5	0/0	0/0	(Itty Bitty Baby, \$43,646)	\$154,357	*403	8	0.80	1.01
12	The Hunk (07, Speightstown)	N/A	11/4	0/0	0/0	(Phunk, \$40,752)	\$118,605	58	1	0.48	0.78
13	Expect a Lot (11, Awesome Again)	N/A	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Prince Rama, \$54,132)	\$108,529	26	0	0.57	0.80
14	Tiz Mischief (15, Into Mischief), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	8/2	0/0	0/0	(Berry Mischievous, \$75,658)	\$91,137	14	0	0.30	0.61
15	Final Row (GB) (97, Indian Ridge)	N/A	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Won More Time, \$32,239)	\$62,628	22	0	0.48	0.82
16	King Zachary (15, Curlin), Solitude Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Drama King, \$24,619)	\$62,442	14	0	0.18	0.67
17	Crossbow (08, Bernardini)	Pnsd	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Let Her Be, \$37,379)	\$61,689	52	3	0.48	0.86
18	Dorrance (16, Distorted Humor)	N/A	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Franny, \$38,016)	\$45,167	10	0	0.26	0.65
19	Behindatthebar (05, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Fort Polk, \$38,760)	\$40,600	119	1	0.55	0.72
20	Allstar Dancer (12, City Zip)	N/A	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Cayman Hot, \$33,149)	\$34,544	6	0	0.20	0.25

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Preakness Stakes (G1) at Pimlico Race Course. The Honor A. P. filly then went on to hit the board in three straight graded stakes, including the Alabama Stakes (G1) at Saratoga Race Course. Originally sold as a yearling for \$57,000, she recently sold for a whopping \$1.3 million at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale.

Just as the families of their broodmares are important, so is the Myerses' actual family.

"Our four adult children are all trustees and board members, and so they're involved in everything, including horse racing," Myers said. "Three of the

children are involved with our healthcare business, but Hunter is the wildcard. He was never interested in healthcare, so he's the general manager of the farm."

The Myerses also have eight grandchildren, and the entire family lives on the farm.

"The farm's big enough so we're spread out," he said of the property that has lanes and roads named after all the grandchildren. "It's really a blessing."

The growth of the Coteau Grove Farms operation has mirrored that of the Louisiana-bred program itself, as horses

from the state are making headlines all over the country and the numbers are growing. According to The Jockey Club, through Nov. 12, Louisiana easily topped all other states in the percentage increase of mares bred in 2025. While most states saw a decline, Louisiana jumped to 1,003 mares bred in 2025, compared to 689 in 2024, an increase of more than 45%.

"I've watched the staff here evolve over the last decade to where now if you didn't know where you were, you'd think you're on a Kentucky horse farm," Myers said. "So we're proud of that." **BH**



Andrew Cary (seated) works with the Myerses in pursuit of buying quality bloodstock



Another breeding home run for the Myerses is Margie's Intention, winner of the 2025 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes. Campaigned by WinStar Farm and Tom Mueller, the Honor A. P. filly sold for \$1.3 million at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky Fall Mixed Sale

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