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A quiet moment at Joyce Baker's Indiana Stallion Station. The farm is home to 10 sires, some bearing familiar names as Triple Crown competitors

## Heart & Soul

### THE WOMAN BEHIND INDIANA STALLION STATION

By KAREN M. JOHNSON

**T**HE CALENDAR HAD just turned to 2026 and Joyce Baker, the owner of Indiana Stallion Station, was already on foal watch, a process the Hoosier native expects to repeat about another 50 times this year.

By mid-February, Baker was opening her doors to the mares arriving to be bred to the 10 stallions residing on her 72-acre property. The land also includes a half-mile dirt training track and starting gate for

breaking 2-year-olds. Additionally, Baker and her team offer sales prep.

“One-stop shopping,” she quipped.

This multifaceted farm is a labor of love for Baker whose main support in managing its day-to-day operations comes from her daughter, Cassie Poole, and nephew Travis Whiteman.

Baker is a woman of few words, but not because she is

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# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN ILLINOIS



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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)	Cumulative				
							2025 Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghaaleb (08, Unbridled's Song), Wildwood Farm	Private	28/20	1/1	1/1	(Mama's Memories, \$105,180)	\$904,378	77	3	1.10	0.96
2	Three Hour Nap (02, Afternoon Deelites), Oak Tree Farm	\$1,000	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Kelly's Girl, \$74,790)	\$253,812	81	2	0.81	1.26
3	Forest Attack (04, Forestry)	N/A	17/6	0/0	0/0	(Cloye Attack, \$62,706)	\$216,666	134	1	0.45	0.97
4	King's Empire (09, Empire Maker)	Died, 2021	6/5	0/0	0/0	(Gunny Sack, \$65,840)	\$153,249	16	0	0.75	0.51
5	Well Positioned (06, Awesome Again)	N/A	10/3	0/0	0/0	(Faith Hope N Love, \$56,585)	\$145,092	49	1	0.72	0.91
6	Risk and Return (11, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Lone Return, \$20,430)	\$52,614	9	0	0.55	0.22
7	Country Be Gold (97, Summer Squall)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Prancipants, \$39,754)	\$40,545	89	0	0.57	0.90
8	Soul of Ekati (07, Perfect Soul)	N/A	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Harper Briana, \$37,355)	\$37,355	9	0	0.30	0.27
9	Road Ruler (02, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Diamnd Con Suerte, \$16,458)	\$35,182	139	0	0.72	0.68
10	Drill Sergeant (09, Awesome Again), Cahokia Farm(708)	\$1,500	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Playground Warrior, \$32,664)	\$33,661	6	0	0.34	0.23
11	Big Time Player (16, Candy Ride)	N/A	8/1	0/0	0/0	(Inspiring Indeed, \$18,460)	\$31,418	18	0	0.29	0.48
12	¶ Shogood (13, Nobiz Like Shobiz), McCrosky Farm	\$3,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Sho Domina, \$16,800)	\$18,287	8	0	0.12	0.56
13	Brave 'n Away (00, Skip Away)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Madam Lee, \$10,220)	\$13,027	55	1	0.46	0.65
14	Arcade (09, Tale of the Cat)	N/A	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Song of Victory, \$6,912)	\$11,841	12	0	0.50	0.43
15	El Medwar (04, Elusive Quality)	N/A	3/0	0/0	0/0	(Dripping Springs, \$1,440)	\$3,388	26	0	0.72	1.12
16	Chosen Deputy (05, Deputy Minister)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Bear Rilla, \$260)	\$260	24	0	0.72	0.90
17	Guest Star (08, Storm Cat), Cutsinger Stallion Station	\$500	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Krueless, \$180)	\$180	14	0	0.25	0.90

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



Tapwrit, winner of the 2017 Belmont Stakes, arrived at Baker's farm last year after previously standing at Gainesway in Kentucky. The initial crop of his Indiana-bred foals arrive this year

taciturn—she's simply not keen on being a cheerleader for herself and, of course, she's also very busy. But, make no mistake, there is pride humming beneath the surface in what has been accomplished at the Stallion Station.

"You're right; I'm not a big talker," Baker said. "I'm a horse girl, you know. I love talking to people when they come here to breed; that kind of thing. I love talking about the babies. The horses are my babies and the stallions are my life. I'm all in when it comes to talking about them."

Her interest in horses as a child was satisfied through her participation in 4-H. Later she became immersed with

helping her aunt with her Quarter Horse racing stable. Baker said her "fever" for racing began then.

## START OF SOMETHING BIG

In the 1990s, Baker established Indiana Stallion Station near Anderson, which is about 45 miles from Indianapolis. It wasn't long before the name became familiar among owners and breeders participating in the newly minted racing program, thanks to the opening of the first pari-mutuel Thoroughbred racetrack in Indiana, Hoosier Park, in 1995.

While Hoosier is now strictly a harness track, Indiana Downs followed

and opened for Thoroughbred racing in 2002. Rebranded in 2013 as Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, it's now known as Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing & Casino. The Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development Fund is the beneficiary of revenue from the track's slot machines and more recently its gaming tables.

According to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission's website, the fund contributes nearly \$21 million annually to program participants. Over the past 10 years, the program has paid more than \$140 million in purses and more than \$38 million in breeder and stallion owner awards. In 2025, the program awarded \$3,717,443 to breeders and

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# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN INDIANA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/Wnrs	BT SWnrs/Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025 Earnings	Foals	Cumulative		
									BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Maximum Security (16, New Year's Day), Breakway Farm	\$3,500	105/41	2/4	0/2	(Instant Replay, \$574,120)	\$2,937,756	145	2	0.85	1.00
2	Tapwrit (14, Tapit), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	121/56	0/0	0/0	(These Apples, \$113,628)	\$2,171,060	253	5	0.81	1.18
3	Qurbaan (13, Speightstown), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	17/9	2/3	1/2	(Charlene's Dream, \$465,484)	\$1,204,200	36	2	1.60	0.84
4	Harry's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday), Breakway Farm	\$5,000	46/25	1/1	1/1	(Mackadoo, \$157,038)	\$1,141,850	101	3	0.95	0.86
5	Unbridled Express (04, Unbridled's Song), Breakway Farm	\$1,500	37/20	0/0	0/0	(Kingsbury Road, \$111,475)	\$1,064,054	148	10	1.22	0.93
6	Mafefromlucky (12, Lookin At Lucky)	N/A	54/25	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Cougar, \$93,985)	\$1,057,172	141	2	0.68	1.13
7	Forever d'Oro (13, Medaglia d'Oro), Breakway Farm	\$2,000	22/11	0/0	0/0	(Spooky Ridge, \$143,940)	\$673,790	37	1	0.96	0.85
8	Ready's Image (05, More Than Ready)	Died, 2022	20/14	0/0	0/0	(Imagine the Moon, \$158,506)	\$660,176	*436	10	0.82	1.02
9	Lantana Mob (05, Posse)	Died, 2025	14/6	1/1	1/1	(Spirited Justice, \$132,686)	\$526,912	97	7	0.92	1.05
10	Bahjatty (17, Carpe Diem), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Sir Bahij, \$295,055)	\$455,586	4	0	3.50	0.68
11	Isotherm (13, Lonhro)	N/A	17/9	0/0	0/0	(Terminally Handsom, \$103,770)	\$430,334	23	0	0.72	0.87
12	Pataky Kid (10, Rockport Harbor), Swifty Farms	Private	11/8	0/0	0/0	(Get Even Kid, \$79,150)	\$412,408	24	3	1.47	0.96
13	Prayer for Relief (08, Jump Start)	N/A	21/9	0/0	0/0	(City Prayers, \$71,450)	\$398,249	56	0	0.65	0.89
14	Storm's Eye (06, Storm Cat)	Died, 2025	6/4	0/0	0/0	(C. J's Storm, \$202,590)	\$394,144	22	0	1.07	0.88
15	Csaba (09, Kitten's Joy)	N/A	9/6	0/0	0/0	(Innisfree Lass, \$141,040)	\$355,755	57	0	0.47	0.92
16	Skylord (08, Sky Mesa)	Died, 2024	19/10	0/0	0/0	(Dreaming Girl, \$73,563)	\$351,850	104	3	0.80	0.79
17	Sahara Sky (08, Pleasant Tap)	N/A	6/3	1/2	1/1	(Mister T, \$140,338)	\$345,956	29	1	1.19	0.85
18	Charming Kitten (10, Kitten's Joy), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	20/6	0/0	0/0	(Hoosier Daddy Now, \$85,888)	\$337,357	36	0	0.72	0.81
19	Speightsong (11, Speightstown), Midwest Equine	\$2,000	15/8	0/0	0/0	(Gatling Girl, \$52,463)	\$285,993	24	0	0.58	0.78
20	Shagaf (13, Bernardini)	Died, 2023	11/5	0/0	0/0	(Dr. Alex Is In, \$73,390)	\$259,209	21	0	0.90	0.82
21	Santiva (08, Giant's Causeway), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Highest Memories, \$82,520)	\$239,706	40	1	0.88	1.10
22	Turbo Compressor (08, Halo's Image)	Pnsd	18/7	0/0	0/0	(Oil Man, \$44,880)	\$237,910	77	4	0.78	0.93
23	Elnaawi (10, Street Sense), Indiana Stallion Station	\$2,500	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Gin and Whiskey, \$97,205)	\$234,001	28	0	0.42	0.60
24	Pass Rush (99, Crown Ambassador)	Pnsd	5/2	1/1	1/1	(Crosley, \$119,288)	\$187,808	159	9	0.95	0.98
25	General a Rod (11, Roman Ruler)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Private Moment, \$66,702)	\$185,187	14	0	0.88	0.99
26	Taprize (13, Tapit)	N/A	8/3	0/0	0/0	(Keg, \$85,590)	\$182,115	41	1	0.34	0.90
27	Mondavi (03, Maria's Mon)	Pnsd	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Mondavila, \$149,600)	\$154,420	46	2	0.87	0.68
28	Dowsing (JPN) (13, Deep Impact), Holden Farm	\$25,000	15/2	0/0	0/0	(Hot Black Coffee, \$29,822)	\$124,279	47	0	0.40	0.55
29	Unbridled Spring (02, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	3/3	0/0	0/0	(Leo Springs, \$45,740)	\$122,138	13	0	0.89	0.68
30	Holiday Promise (09, Harlan's Holiday), Swifty Farms	\$2,000	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Solrun, \$41,996)	\$115,623	37	2	0.93	0.83

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

**“THERE’S A LOT OF FARMS OUT HERE, BUT I DON’T KNOW IF ANY OF THEM CAN COMPETE WITH THE LOVE THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR HORSES HERE.”**

—CASSIE POOLE OF INDIANA STALLION STATION

\$1,013,595 to stallion owners for a total of \$4,731,038 in incentives to Indiana horsemen.

This year at Horseshoe Indianapolis, the Shelbyville facility will conduct 123 days of live racing—April 7 through Nov. 13—with six days reserved for all Quarter Horse cards. A few new key dates, corresponding to major events at other tracks, were added to the schedule: May 1 for Kentucky Oaks day at Churchill Downs and an Oct. 30 racing program



**Baker (center) with nephew Travis Whiteman and daughter Cassie Poole, her key staff in helping manage operations**

for the first day of the Breeders’ Cup World Championships at Keeneland. Horseshoe Indianapolis’ marquee event, the 32nd edition of the \$300,000 Indiana Derby (G3), will be run July 11.

One of the most-looked-forward-to

events for Baker is Indiana Champions Day when state-breds compete for lucrative purses in stakes and handicaps. Indiana Stallion Station always takes enormous pride in watching the horses associated with the farm racing that day.

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN IOWA



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							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Anchor Down (11, Tapit)	N/A	48/25	0/0	0/0	(Ibn Toulon, \$345,600)	\$1,309,975	154	1	1.01	1.03
2	Free Drop Billy (15, Union Rags), Iowa State University	To Be Announced	67/23	0/0	0/0	(Amber Cascade, \$216,763)	\$877,036	148	1	0.58	1.04
3	Stroll (00, Pulpit)	Died, 2023	34/16	1/2	0/1	(Smarty Hardy, \$121,620)	\$726,066	*422	19	0.95	1.15
4	Timeline (14, Hard Spun), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,500	16/8	0/0	0/0	(Ante Meridiem, \$68,610)	\$308,838	32	0	0.60	0.98
5	Woke Up Dreamin (00, Holy Bull)	N/A	10/4	0/0	0/0	(Dreaminonthenile, \$61,302)	\$141,224	220	5	0.72	0.84
6	Spaniard (06, Candy Ride)	N/A	5/4	0/0	0/0	(Shame On Steve, \$26,431)	\$72,374	60	0	0.78	1.28
7	Sing Baby Sing (03, Unbridled's Song)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Sing Lucy Sing, \$21,223)	\$69,172	121	4	0.57	0.80
8	Blueblood (15, City Zip), Iowa State University Horse Farm	\$1,500	6/2	0/0	0/0	(Miss Mingo, \$26,498)	\$65,967	13	0	0.42	0.59
9	Flight West (03, Gone West)	Died, 2020	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Hollywood Movie, \$1,574)	\$1,574	26	0	0.31	0.71

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN MICHIGAN

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025		Cumulative		
							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Unbridled Energy (02, Unbridled's Song), Hubel Farms	Private	20/9	0/0	0/0	(You Bet a Fortune, \$62,570)	\$219,590	*312	5	0.76	1.03
2	Elusive Hour (00, Elusive Quality)	N/A	9/7	0/0	0/0	(Timeless Bounty, \$42,903)	\$170,635	104	4	0.69	0.74

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN MINNESOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025		Cumulative		
							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Liaison (09, Indian Charlie)	N/A	36/14	0/0	0/0	(Talkin Cadee, \$84,712)	\$501,012	383	3	0.66	1.02
2	Eye of the Leopard (06, A.P. Indy)	Pnsd	4/3	0/0	0/0	(Arjun for Karz, \$46,624)	\$103,865	66	1	0.53	1.57
3	Sam Lord's Castle (98, Carson City)	Pnsd	2/2	0/0	0/0	(Sir Sterling, \$53,131)	\$83,936	52	1	0.64	0.74
4	Westover Wildcat (07, Forest Wildcat)	N/A	15/5	0/0	0/0	(Dame Lorraine, \$10,701)	\$43,690	50	0	0.32	0.61
5	March Twelfth (06, Macho Uno)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(First Takela, \$41,019)	\$43,124	7	0	0.29	0.98
6	Timber Legend (99, Storm Cat)	Died, 2023	3/1	0/0	0/0	(B L's Concerto, \$15,539)	\$20,249	74	1	0.39	0.44
7	Matt's Broken Vow (05, Broken Vow)	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Sioux Revenge, \$14,180)	\$16,422	72	0	0.44	0.70
8	Classy Gent (01, Gone West)	N/A	2/0	0/0	0/0	(Thinkn Bout Drinkn, \$2,183)	\$3,608	13	0	0.07	0.22

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

This year's seventh annual Champions Day is Oct. 24.

"There are challenges in a regional market that is competing with Kentucky (because of the close proximity of the two states). Kentucky is the best of the best, so that's hard. You've got to sell Indiana," said Baker, who is a member of the Indiana Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association. "But Indiana is really up and coming, I think we have a really good program right now. That's exciting for us."

## THE STALLIONS

Even though Baker has a healthy number of stallions on the farm, many of whom were notable racehorses, it's not as if she has cornered the market. Several other operations in the state, including Breakway Farm and Swifty Farms, have sizable stallion rosters, which does speak to the strength of the Indiana-bred program as a whole.



**Sir Bahjy, a son of Indiana Stallion Station sire Bahjatty, was crowned 2025 Indiana-bred Horse of the Year**

Currently standing at Baker's Stallion Station are Bahjatty, Egyptologist, Elite Squadron, Elnaawi, Ice Box, In Due Time, Lentenor, Qurbaan, Sativa, and Tapwrit.

Qurbaan, a multiple graded stakes-winning son of Speightstown who arrived at the Stallion Station in 2022 after standing at Shadwell Farm in Kentucky, ranked third in 2025 with \$1,204,200 in progeny earnings among Indiana-based stallions.

The unraced Bahjatty, a Shadwell Farm-bred son of Carpe Diem who has made the Stallion Station his home since entering stud in 2020, held the distinction of siring the highest percentage of black-type performers (33%) last year.

Tapwrit, the 2017 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner, became part of Baker's lineup for the 2025 breeding season after standing six years at Gainesway in Kentucky. The son of Tapit's first Indiana-bred foals arrive this year.

Another event Baker looks forward to is the ITOBA's annual banquet, which took place Jan. 17 this year. It's where the accomplishments of Indiana-breds from the prior year are acknowledged by the Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development Fund.

Baker, Poole, and Whiteman were in attendance and delighted to see that the progeny of Stallion Station sires received recognition, led by 2025 Indiana Horse of the Year Sir Bahjy, a son of Bahjatty. The

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN NEBRASKA



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							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Court Vision (05, Gulch), Pryor Ranch	\$2,500	42/15	0/0	0/0	(Tommie G, \$123,920)	\$661,256	*448	9	1.03	1.16
2	Global Power (08, Pulpit)	N/A	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Oklahoma Joe, \$60,963)	\$254,562	31	1	0.81	0.89
3	Twice as Bad (01, Stormy Atlantic), Acyn Farms	Private	8/4	0/0	0/0	(Mister Wayside, \$91,661)	\$139,719	47	0	0.35	0.48
4	Giant Expectations (13, Frost Giant), Pryor Ranch	\$1,500	7/3	0/0	0/0	(They Call Me Moose, \$50,219)	\$131,847	18	0	0.47	0.57
5	Gold Schleiger (06, Lemon Drop Kid)	N/A	6/3	0/0	0/0	(P R Odds Setter, \$26,838)	\$65,057	52	0	0.31	0.72
6	Shadow Hawk (99, Mr. Prospector)	N/A	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Rocketship Run, \$24,051)	\$61,843	113	0	0.55	0.62
7	Most Mischief (16, Into Mischief), Marvin Johnson Racing	\$1,500	1/1	0/0	0/0	(Mischief's Pride, \$19,680)	\$19,680	4	0	0.63	0.57
8	Remembering Rita (14, Spring At Last), Condon Stables	\$1,000	1/0	0/0	0/0	(Ritaville, \$2,237)	\$2,237	12	0	0.07	0.55
9	El Caballo (04, El Corredor)	N/A	4/0	0/0	0/0	(Rainbow Dash, \$915)	\$2,058	40	0	0.51	0.61
10	Sports Talk (11, Grand Slam)	N/A	1/0	0/0	0/0	(S C Husker Girl, \$483)	\$483	17	0	0.07	0.25

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN NORTH DAKOTA

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025		Cumulative		
							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Baseball Card Kid (06, Vindication), DeMontigny Ranch	\$500	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Jezamae Kidd, \$7,603)	\$16,383	43	0	0.10	0.10
2	¶ Calculated Risker (14, Into Mischief), Neudorf Stables	N/A	2/1	0/0	0/0	(Pumpkin Princess, \$4,101)	\$6,261	4	0	0.10	0.53

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN OHIO

Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025		Cumulative		
							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	National Flag (15, Speightstown), Blazing Meadows Farm	\$2,000	39/32	1/1	1/1	(Willian, \$239,900)	\$1,801,545	50	2	1.43	1.06
2	Dominus (08, Smart Strike), Duncan Farms	Private	52/27	2/3	1/2	(City Scene, \$145,275)	\$1,412,888	307	14	1.14	1.05
3	Higher Power (15, Medaglia d'Oro), R.C. Cline Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	88/31	0/0	0/0	(Higher Force, \$155,285)	\$1,355,395	147	0	0.51	0.97
4	Drill (09, Lawyer Ron)	Died, 2024	42/24	0/0	0/0	(Drills Wild Brat, \$134,206)	\$1,130,690	159	1	0.77	0.97
5	Sky Kingdom (09, Empire Maker)	N/A	42/21	2/2	1/2	(Doctor Abbie, \$119,490)	\$1,034,445	150	3	0.94	0.85
6	Mobil (00, Langfuhr), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	33/19	0/0	0/0	(Mystical Mobil, \$63,243)	\$917,673	*250	8	1.22	1.19
7	Danza (11, Street Boss)	Died, 2021	26/13	0/0	0/0	(Marmalade Skye, \$256,447)	\$750,289	179	2	0.69	0.86
8	Rivers Run Deep (11, Ready's Image)	N/A	28/17	0/0	0/0	(Dunn's River, \$106,305)	\$735,792	48	0	0.71	0.79
9	Dynamic Racer (16, Run Away and Hide)	N/A	17/11	0/0	0/0	(Praise N Glory, \$147,645)	\$641,355	25	0	0.96	0.96
10	Texas Red (12, Afleet Alex), Buckeye Stallion Station	\$5,000	36/15	1/1	0/1	(Redline, \$60,525)	\$539,162	138	2	0.64	0.98
11	Fort Larned (08, E Dubai)	N/A	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Counteveryblessing, \$107,094)	\$536,979	*239	3	0.80	1.16
12	Itsmyluckyday (10, Lawyer Ron)	N/A	29/12	0/0	0/0	(Red Chips, \$94,239)	\$481,587	224	3	0.82	0.97
13	Corfu (11, Malibu Moon), Duncan Farms	\$2,000	18/12	0/0	0/0	(Ron Dah Lou, \$53,200)	\$397,072	76	0	1.01	0.82
14	Indy Wind (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Ronnus Second Wind, \$113,487)	\$387,100	110	2	1.34	0.95
15	Biondetti (08, Bernardini)	N/A	12/8	0/0	0/0	(Biondettisnitemare, \$75,180)	\$347,514	176	3	0.70	1.15

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gelding earned \$295,055 and \$78,200 in breed development awards. Racing at 3 last year while campaigning for Southwest Racing Stables and Bruce and Lori Murphy, Sir Bahjy won the \$100,000 Hoosier Breeders Sophomore Handicap and the \$250,000 Unreachable Star Handicap, both non-black-type stakes. He was also runner-up in the black-type Governor's Handicap. All these races were run at Horseshoe Indianapolis.

Bruce Murphy, who also co-bred Sir Bahjy with his wife, Lori, and is a business partner with Baker in the Stallion Station, was honored with ITOBA's Hall of Distinction award for his contributions to Indiana's Thoroughbred program. He is chair of the ITBD Advisory Committee, where he has served for the past five

years. He has served on the ITOBA board since 2012 and was president in 2019-20.

Bahjatty also was represented by last year's Indiana-bred champion 3-year-old filly, Seeyouinabit, co-owned and -bred by Murphy. She earned \$156,720 and won two races including a gate-to-wire victory at odds of 22-1 in the \$200,000 Lady Fog Horn Handicap at Horseshoe Indianapolis.

## REBUILDING

All the current achievements seen from the Stallion Station operation came perilously close to never happening. A devastating fire took place in a barn there in 2010 and resulted in the loss of multiple horses. Understandably, it's not something that Baker is eager to discuss.

For some people, an event like that would take more than just the wind out of their sails, but Baker, who is now 68, saw only one path forward.

"It was a very rough time, but I thought, 'Well, now you have to pick yourself up and rebuild.' And we did.

"I had people say, 'Why are you going to do this? Just retire.' And I'm like, that's not who I am. What would I do? This is who I am. And there were people that helped me through it."

Baker's daughter, Cassie, was in her early 20s at the time of the fire, and was one of those helping hands.

"It was one of the worst things ... and I've been through breast cancer, and I'm gonna say the fire was more traumatic," she shared. "It was awful, but I'm gonna

# 2025 LEADING SIRES IN CANADA



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Rank	Stallion (Foreign foaled), (YOBB,Sire), Where Stands	2026 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	BT SWnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2025		Cumulative		
							Earnings	Foals	BT SWs	A-E Index	Comp Index
1	Ghostzapper (00, Awesome Again)	Pnsd	158/87	8/14	0/8	(Banishing, \$1,644,430)	\$10,134,861	*1356	106	1.92	1.82
2	Tapiture (11, Tapit), Highfield	\$6,000	279/156	5/5	3/5	(Tapit Quick, \$227,303)	\$7,424,704	*693	35	1.03	1.09
3	Souper Speedy (09, Indian Charlie)	Died, 2024	114/63	6/7	6/6	(Maximum Fifty, \$249,444)	\$3,872,212	315	20	1.53	1.32
4	Reload (09, Hard Spun), Northern Dawn Stables	\$5,000	98/58	4/5	3/4	(Ready to Collect, \$178,665)	\$2,955,857	217	8	1.42	1.26
5	Sergei Prokofiev (16, Scat Daddy), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$10,000	142/55	1/3	0/1	(Arizona Blaze, \$633,755)	\$2,598,173	207	2	1.12	0.90
6	Mohaymen (13, Tapit), Saintsbury Farms	\$5,000	78/45	1/1	0/1	(Regaled, \$583,113)	\$2,386,000	*171	5	1.00	1.01
7	Mucho Macho Man (08, Macho Uno), Adena Springs North	\$4,500	119/60	2/2	0/2	(Goldeneye Magic, \$213,518)	\$2,378,255	*364	13	1.22	1.05
8	Silent Name (JPN) (02, Sunday Silence), Adena Springs North	\$8,000	75/34	3/3	3/3	(Hurricane Clair, \$130,977)	\$2,102,197	*605	40	1.46	1.21
9	Shaman Ghost (12, Ghostzapper), Adena Springs North	\$3,500	85/46	1/1	1/1	(Chrome Ghost, \$129,815)	\$1,937,898	187	6	0.94	1.09
10	Frac Daddy (10, Scat Daddy), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$4,000	58/28	1/2	1/1	(Little Teddy, \$216,067)	\$1,764,990	163	7	1.27	1.17
11	Point of Entry (08, Dynaformer), Adena Springs North	\$4,500	71/30	2/2	2/2	(She Makes a Point, \$120,313)	\$1,729,743	*420	21	1.20	1.39
12	Tamarkuz (10, Speightstown), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$3,000	54/30	0/0	0/0	(Red Flag, \$191,238)	\$1,408,285	*135	3	0.85	1.01
13	Big Screen (09, Speightstown), Spring Farm	\$3,000	31/19	3/3	1/3	(Full Screen, \$243,273)	\$1,192,179	101	5	1.10	1.19
14	Old Forester (01, Forestry)	N/A	52/28	0/0	0/0	(Foresters Exec, \$128,990)	\$1,071,729	586	25	1.34	1.35
15	Society's Chairman (03, Not Impossible)	N/A	40/16	0/0	0/0	(Paramount Prince, \$98,397)	\$893,738	198	9	1.40	1.29
16	Yorkton (14, Speightstown), Adena Springs North	\$5,000	30/13	1/2	0/1	(Piper's Gift, \$226,845)	\$847,984	51	1	1.01	1.15
17	Ami's Holiday (11, Harlan's Holiday)	N/A	35/22	0/0	0/0	(Saratoga Holiday, \$70,765)	\$738,497	98	2	0.96	1.09
18	Danish Dynaformer (12, Dynaformer), Humber Stables	\$2,500	24/13	0/0	0/0	(War Painter, \$110,265)	\$605,564	57	1	1.09	0.71
19	Counterforce (13, Smart Strike), Empire Equestrian	\$3,000	27/16	1/1	0/1	(Loveaboveandbeyond, \$66,665)	\$506,038	43	5	0.87	0.79
20	Bakken (10, Distorted Humor), Stoneridge Farm	\$2,500	38/23	0/0	0/0	(Tool Time, \$34,775)	\$458,497	108	6	0.75	0.91
21	Sungold (02, A.P. Indy)	N/A	28/18	2/2	2/2	(Viva La Diva, \$48,932)	\$435,926	139	13	0.84	0.99
22	Gamble's Exchange (11, Exchange Rate), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$4,000	16/11	0/0	0/0	(Mason's Gamble, \$68,965)	\$429,273	31	2	1.54	1.11
23	Seattle Serenade (12, Smart Strike)	N/A	26/9	0/0	0/0	(Indy One, \$92,825)	\$416,118	93	0	0.62	1.30
24	Ami's Flatter (12, Flatter), Ballycroy Bloodstock	\$3,500	16/12	0/0	0/0	(Raging Fury, \$69,790)	\$403,213	25	0	0.92	0.91
25	Lent (10, Pulpit), Emerald Acres	\$2,000	25/14	1/2	0/1	(Rondelitto, \$116,764)	\$387,551	79	6	0.66	0.69
26	Not Bourbon (05, Not Impossible), Flying Horse Farm	Died, 2025	10/5	0/0	0/0	(Awesome Bourbon, \$163,681)	\$382,826	145	2	1.00	1.18
27	Perfect Timber (09, Perfect Soul)	N/A	16/9	0/0	0/0	(Talk to Ya Later, \$77,693)	\$355,073	47	2	1.22	1.29
28	Medallist (01, Touch Gold)	N/A	8/4	1/1	1/1	(Houghton Shuffle, \$139,880)	\$331,208	224	8	1.23	1.26
29	Nonios (09, Pleasantly Perfect), Dunroven Farm	\$1,250	24/12	0/0	0/0	(Betterlucknexttime, \$57,823)	\$293,079	83	0	0.60	0.75
30	Amis Gizmo (13, Giant Gizmo), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,500	19/7	0/0	0/0	(Pocket Speed, \$39,381)	\$212,429	34	1	0.80	1.42

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Another accolade for the 9-year-old Bahjatty came from daughter Seeyouinabit, the 2025 Indiana-bred champion 3-year-old filly



Highest Memories is among the leading earners for Stallion Station's Santiva, a grade 2-winning son of Giant's Causeway whose second dam, Safely Home, produced champion and Hall of Famer Safely Kept

tell you, it made us stronger. All of us as a family came together and we built that barn. The Amish did the outer part of it, but we did everything inside. We built our tack room. Every one of us had a hand in making those stalls.”

Among Cassie's responsibilities at the farm is foaling mares. She reminisces about the time when foal patrol was done the old-fashioned way.

“The way the old barn was set up before the fire was that we had a big

window, and that's how we watched our mares,” Cassie recalled. “We didn't have cameras and all that then. It used to be so much fun. All of us kids would get sleeping bags, and we would sleep out in the barn with my mom and help her.”

If Baker doesn't want to be her own cheerleader, her daughter has happily assigned herself that duty.

“We have worked so hard to get where we're at now. You know, on

Champions Day, I was watching my mom,” Cassie said with a catch in her voice. “I could see the joy and excitement on her face. Mom loves these studs, and so anything that goes on with these studs, like their (progeny) running, she's hooting and hollering the loudest.

“There's a lot of farms out here, but I don't know if any of them can compete with the love that we have for our horses here.” **BH**

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# ITOBA Stallion Season Auction Stakes Races of 2026

## Nomination Form

### (Foals of 2023)

Office Use Only
Date _____
Ck# _____
Amount\$ _____

You must be a current member of ITOBA to nominate a horse to the ITOBA Stakes. If horse is owned by a partnership, only the managing partner is required to be an ITOBA member. Membership forms and online membership sign-up are available at itoba.com. The ITOBA Stallion Season Auction Stakes Races are open to all 3YO IN Bred Fillies and Colts in 2026 sired by one of the eligible stallions from our season auction.

This form must be completed legibly, have no missing data and correct payment submitted in order to be accepted for a valid nomination. Nominations must be either emailed or post marked on or before the due date(s). If due date falls on a Sunday or a Holiday, mailed nominations may have a post mark of the following business day.

Complete details can be found at ITOBA.com

**Nomination Schedule:** (If you make the 1<sup>st</sup> nomination fee of \$25, but missed the deadline for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> payments, late payments may be made by making double the missed payments up to 14 days prior to the day of 2026 stakes entry)

One-time Payment - December 1, 2023                      \$200.00

**OR Payment Schedule of:**

1<sup>st</sup> Payment - December 1, 2023                      \$25.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Payment - December 1, 2024                      \$175.00

3<sup>rd</sup> (final) Payment December 1, 2025                      \$300.00



Name of Foal \_\_\_\_\_ Check Box if Unnamed  DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Sire \_\_\_\_\_ Dam \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*MUST BE CURRENT ITOBA MEMBER TO NOMINATE (SEE ABOVE)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

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**Late Nomination Options:** (For nomination entries with no prior payment)

December 1, 2024                      \$225.00  
(Remaining \$300.00 nomination payment will apply December 1, 2025)

December 1, 2025                      \$1,000.00

Total payment enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

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