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North Stars

Canada welcomes influx of stallions from the States

BY KELSEY RILEY

The mid-to-late 20th century in Thoroughbred racing is commonly described as the “golden years” of the sport, referring to the strength, stamina, and sheer brilliance of a number of that time period’s champions and stakes winners. If these were in fact the golden years of the Sport of Kings, then Thoroughbred breeding in Ontario, Canada, during this time can be described as a gold mine.

The lineage of a great number of the world’s top racehorses today can be traced back to roots in Ontario. The most recognizable poster children of the Ontario-bred sire club are the three generational stallions Nearctic, Northern Dancer, and Nijinsky II. The highly influential Deputy Minister and Storm Bird were also foaled in Ontario, as were three of last decade’s prominent North American sires—Smart Strike, Awesome Again, and Langfuhr.

The Ontario region has also been a prolific breeding ground for broodmares, including stakes winners and producers Glorious Song, the dam of leading sires Rahy and Sing-



Alphabet Soup, one of a group of Adena Springs stallions now standing at Gardiner Farms

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Cozzene - Illiterate, by Arts and Letters 6,000 stands & nurses

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- Progeny Earnings of nearly \$30,000,000
- Sire of 2009 Graded Stakes Winner Sal The Barber
- Sire of Sovereign Award Winner Phantom Light



GIANT GIZMO

Giant's Causeway - Golden Antigua, by Hansel 4,000 stands & nurses

- Multiple Graded Stakes Winner of over \$500,000
- Winner on dirt, turf and synthetics
- Winner at two, three and four
- By emerging sire-of-sires Giant's Causeway



MILWAUKEE BREW

Wild Again - Ask Anita, by Wolf Power (SAF) 12,500 stands & nurses

- Canada's leading sire
- Over \$3.4 million in progeny earnings
- Sire of consecutive winners of the \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks Ginger Brew (Sovereign Award Winner) & Milwaukee Appeal
- Ten stakes horses in 2009



OLMODAVOR

A.P. Indy - Corrazona, by El Gran Senor 5,000 stands & nurses

- Multiple Graded Stakes Winner by sire-of-sires A.P. Indy
- 8% stakes horses from first crop to race
- Sire of Woodbine Stakes Winner High Mist and Stakes Winner & Track Record Setter Miss Dixie Dancer
- Yearlings have sold for \$130,000, \$120,000, etc.



SILENT NAME

Sunday Silence - Danzigaway, by Danehill 5,000 stands & nurses

- Only multiple U.S. Grade 1 performer by Sunday Silence at stud in N.A.
- Winner of Commonwealth Breeders' Cup (G2) in 1:21 1/5 just 1/5 off track record
- Sire (Sunday Silence) and damsire (Danehill) have combined to produce over 450 Stakes winners and over 100 Grade/Group 1 winners worldwide



SLIGO BAY

Sadler's Wells - Angelic Song, by Halo 6,000 stands & nurses

- Canada's second ranked third-crop sire
- Sire of three Graded Stakes Winners in 2009, including Philip Iselin S. (G3) Winner Chirac and Natalma S. (G3) Winner Bay To Bay
- From the immediate family of Champion sire Saint Ballado and leading sires Rahy, Devil's Bag and Singspiel



2009 Leading Sires in Michigan

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1	SYNCLINE (97, Danzig), McMaster Farm	\$2,000	34/21	0/0	0/0	(Palamonium, \$140,150)	\$580,449	79	1	1.07	0.97
2	DEMALOOT DEMASHOOT (90, Bold Ruckus), McMaster Farm	\$2,500	64/29	1/2	0/1	(Valley Loot, \$112,875)	\$559,428	297	9	0.94	1.08
3	THE DEPUTY (IRE) (97, Petardia), Hubel Farms	\$2,000	64/33	0/0	0/0	(Kid Kearny Gabe, \$57,860)	\$534,076	188	4	0.60	0.99
4	MEADOW PRAYER (95, Meadowlake), Arnold Farms	\$2,000	27/18	4/5	4/4	(Meadow Wise, \$60,890)	\$429,409	84	9	1.19	0.76
5	NATIVE FACTOR (87, Foolish Pleasure), Arnold Farms	Died, 2009	36/19	0/0	0/0	(Al's Best Man, \$27,653)	\$292,635	167	6	0.74	0.75

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Seeking the Best, whose first foals are yearlings, has moved to Colebrook Farms

MICHIGAN LEADERS

MEADOW PRAYER

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#1 Sire by 2009 SWs, incl. **MEADOW VESPER** (\$472,368), **HAKUNA MATATA** (\$92,086), **MEADOW WISE** (\$86,056), plus 2YO **PRINCE OF PAULIE** (\$55,220).

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spiel; La Lorgnette, who produced European champion Hawk Wing; Fanfreluche, the dam of champions L'Enjoleur, La Voyageuse, and Medaille d'Or; and Canadian Triple Crown winner Dance Smartly, whose three stakes-winning foals include champion Dancthru-thedawn. Two of North America's leading breeding operations, Adena Springs and Hill 'n' Dale Farms, were founded in Ontario, and both still have operations there.

Many Ontario-bred sires of the past never stood in Canada, or, if they did, were moved early in their careers to regions in the United States where they had access to larger books of mares. That is now changing. With economic hardships forcing stallions out of some regions, Ontario is seeing an influx of high-quality sires. The province has welcomed seven new stallions from the U.S. for 2010, and 13 in the last two years. These stallions appear poised to offer breeders value as part of the lucrative Ontario-bred and Ontario-sired programs.

The majority of this movement of stallions can be attributed to Adena Springs, the Thoroughbred empire of Austrian-Canadian Frank Stronach. Adena Springs North, located in Aurora, Ontario, discontinued its small Canadian stallion operation in 2002 to focus on building its Ontario racing program. Eight years later Adena Springs is re-entering the Ontario stallion market. In the past two years Adena has relocated six stallions from its farms in Kentucky and Florida to stand at Gardiner Farms near Caledon East, Ontario.

Adena began its Ontario experiment by bringing in established sire Sligo Bay from Florida and young stallion Silent Name from Kentucky to stand at Gardiner. Based on the positive reception of these two, Adena relocated Milwaukee Brew, Alphabet Soup, and Olmodavor, along with first-year stallion Giant Gizmo, to Canada upon closing its Florida stallion station in late 2009.

"It's probably one of the best things we've ever done," said Dermot Carty, director of sales for Adena Springs, on relocating those stallions. "Our stallions are being heavily supported. We're going to concentrate in two areas, mainly Kentucky and Ontario. Frank Stronach and his family race in this area, so we have a huge connection up here."

The decision to move these particular stallions came as the result of a long planning process.

"Prior to bringing the stallions up, I sat down and looked at the mares that dwell in this country and are shipping in and out on an annual basis," Carty said. "We went to the Jockey Club, we looked at the types of horses that are being registered, and we looked at the mare base, trying to get the sire lines that we needed to cover. It was a very tedious thing to do but we did it, and we

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- A Leading Sophomore Sire with 73% of his first crop running 1-2-3.
- Sire of 2YO/3YO SW **ME THE SEA AND G T** (\$180,876).
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2010 Fee: \$1,000 LF



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1	CHIEF SEATTLE (97, Seattle Slew), WinRich Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	119/65	3/6	1/3	(Bold Chieftain, \$294,084)	\$2,412,608	*324	10	1.23	1.37
2	CHAMPALI (00, Glitterman), Richwine Farm	\$2,500	62/27	1/2	1/1	(Key Lime Baby, \$154,450)	\$1,027,792	*110	1	0.86	1.37
3	MAX'S PAL (97, Marquetry), Indiana Stallion Station	\$1,500	56/29	0/0	0/0	(Max Ahead, \$97,486)	\$900,982	121	3	0.96	0.98
4	PATTON (91, Lord At War)	N/A	47/19	1/2	1/1	(Whistle Pig, \$237,592)	\$894,426	389	13	0.97	1.13
5	SPANISH STEPS (01, Unbridled), Foot Fall Farm	\$3,500	56/25	2/2	0/2	(Rock 'n' Roll Gal, \$77,030)	\$834,939	98	2	0.93	1.47
6	INDY KING (99, A.P. Indy), Richwine Farm	\$1,000	50/30	1/1	0/1	(Indycency, \$100,030)	\$746,320	90	2	0.92	0.91
7	BLACK MOONSHINE (87, Mt. Livermore), Ayer Farm	N/A	32/17	1/1	1/1	(Brean Can, \$71,120)	\$638,798	80	4	0.97	0.77
8	CROWN AMBASSADOR (94, Storm Cat), Swifty Farms	Died, 2009	46/22	2/2	2/2	(Classic Ramona, \$69,165)	\$628,313	154	12	0.88	0.96
9	CENTURY CITY (IRE) (99, Danzig), Breakway Farm	\$2,500	50/20	0/0	0/0	(Oculuna, \$62,578)	\$623,776	*118	0	0.61	1.45
10	ARROMANCHES (93, Relaunch), Donald Dearth	\$750	17/12	0/0	0/0	(Brother Jamie, \$77,495)	\$572,731	38	0	1.29	0.57
11	WILD ZONE (90, Wild Again), Breakway Farm	\$3,000	67/23	0/0	0/0	(Paster's Bad Habit, \$67,705)	\$540,058	*446	12	0.81	1.12
12	MORO ORO (93, Moro), L/J Sorrell Farm	\$1,000	42/18	1/1	1/1	(Mo Faster, \$69,416)	\$451,815	100	3	0.69	0.78
13	CAT DREAMS (01, Storm Cat), Still Creek Farm	\$1,500	33/12	1/1	1/1	(Caracortado, \$109,200)	\$411,815	70	1	0.68	1.03
14	PRESIDENTIAL ORDER (93, Danzig)	Died, 2009	28/13	0/0	0/0	(Sir Dakota, \$48,745)	\$395,206	107	5	0.65	0.72
15	♯ FOREST DANGER (01, Forestry), WinRich Thoroughbreds	N/A	40/10	0/0	0/0	(Gun Rock, \$46,135)	\$286,669	75	0	0.46	1.62

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Each of the Adena stallions earned his trip to Ontario on the merits of success already established there. Milwaukee Brew, Canada's leading sire in 2009, is the sire of two consecutive Woodbine Oaks winners—Ginger Brew in 2008 and Milwaukee Appeal in 2009. Sligo Bay and Olmodavor both sired Canadian stakes horses in 2009. Alphabet Soup, sire of Canadian champion Phantom Light, is best known for upsetting two-time Horse of the

Year Cigar in the 1996 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Silent Name and Giant Gizmo both bring pedigrees suitable to Canadian breeders.

“Canadians in particular are more ‘classical’ when they're doing their breeding program,” Carty said. “They like to breed to more of a classic-type horse.”

Also moving to Ontario for the 2010 breeding season is a trio of European-bred horses: 18-year-old Swain relocates from Shadwell Farm near Lexington to stand at Ascot Stud in Port Colborne, Ontario; grade II winner Rebellion will begin his stud career at Norse Ridge Farm in King City, Ontario; and Hill 'n' Dale Farms' Seeking the Best, who will be represented by first-crop yearlings in 2010, will stand at Colebrook Farms Stallion Station in Uxbridge, Ontario.

Western Canada, namely Alberta, has also seen a boom in American stallions in recent years. Gilded Time, Saint Stephen, and Cape Canaveral all stood their first seasons in that province in 2008 and Captain Bodgit arrived there in 2005. New for 2010 at Elite Stable in Edmonton is Hongkong, a winner of more than

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- At 3, won Saratoga's Amsterdam S.-G2

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1	CARTWRIGHT (90, Forty Niner)	Died, 2005	102/53	2/2	1/2	(Tripper's Cart, \$86,531)	\$1,223,340	*437	18	0.90	0.83
2	SHORE BREEZE (98, Danzig), Eagle Valley Farm North	\$3,000	49/24	0/0	0/0	(Takenbythebreeze, \$71,705)	\$770,553	69	1	0.98	0.76
3	UNREAL ZEAL (80, Mr. Prospector)	Died, 2006	55/29	2/2	1/2	(River Bear, \$110,049)	\$663,168	602	30	1.11	1.17
4	FRIENDLY LOVER (88, Cutlass), Three Way Horse Farm	\$2,500	64/28	0/0	0/0	(Hands On, \$107,310)	\$624,295	446	11	1.07	1.08
5	CALLER I. D. (89, Phone Trick)	Died, 2006	49/18	0/0	0/0	(Sprig of Lilac, \$131,226)	\$599,929	*517	21	0.97	1.39
6	CLASSIFIED FACTS (93, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2005	28/18	0/0	0/0	(Timeless Facts, \$56,600)	\$457,185	113	1	1.25	0.89
7	CRYPTO STAR (94, Cryptoclearance), Eagle Valley Farm North	\$2,000	38/15	0/0	0/0	(Jose Adan, \$51,000)	\$440,199	162	2	0.93	1.06
8	FAPPIE'S NOTEBOOK (97, Notebook), Fairberry Farm	\$1,000	29/13	0/0	0/0	(Notacharlie'sangel, \$90,870)	\$426,456	52	1	0.93	0.83
9	UNLOOSEMED (95, Unbridled)	Died, 2004	9/5	1/2	1/1	(Unreachable Star, \$186,733)	\$315,697	25	2	1.32	0.52
10	CASHEL CASTLE (99, Silver Ghost), Hill 'N Dale Farm	\$1,000	20/12	0/0	0/0	(Dashel, \$74,460)	\$270,910	32	0	0.74	1.04

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\$225,000 and a half brother to champion 3-year-old Summer Bird. Back in Ontario, stakes-winner Onthedeanslist is relocating from Illinois to Molinaro Stable near Acton.

For John Sikura, owner of Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Kentucky, the decision to move Seeking the Best was influenced by economic conditions in the Bluegrass.

"We bred a lot of really nice mares to the horse, and we made the decision to give him the best chance to succeed," Sikura said. "We don't feel a shrinking Kentucky market is the market that's going to support the horse to the extent that he's going to have enough foals to make an impact.

"With current economic conditions affecting cash flow in the state, fewer mares are being bred in Kentucky to middle- and lower-priced stallions. More mare owners are taking advantage of state incentives, and because Kentucky lacks an incentive program competitive with other breeding states, some stallions are finding a better fit by moving to these smaller markets. They are able to breed a larger book of mares without competition from the top-priced sires and are less likely to become lost in a large stallion market."

The province of Ontario offers many incentives to breeders and owners through its Thoroughbred Improvement Program (TIP). The 2010 program will be worth about \$21 million and is highlighted by a 20% purse bonus to Ontario-bred and Ontario-sired

runners finishing first through fifth in open races in Ontario. Essentially, these horses will be running for 20% more money than their counterparts. Ontario has two Thoroughbred racetracks—Woodbine and Fort Erie Racetrack in Fort Erie, Ontario.

"It exceeds the Kentucky program in every respect," Sikura said regarding TIP. "It's not my goal to breed and race exclusively in state programs, but for a percentage of our horses that no longer fit a shrinking Kentucky market, we have to maximize their value and make the best decision we can for those stallions. Additionally, I was born in Toronto and I race horses at Woodbine, so I'm able to participate in the program in a friendly way. I enjoy visiting, so probably for me there's an added incentive of (getting) to go home as well as watching the horses run, but if the purses

KILLENAULE

Juvenile Grade 2 Son of Kentucky Derby-G1
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2	PARENTS' REWARD (98, Mr. Prospector), Blazing Meadows Farm at Meander Cr	\$2,000	13/6	2/2	2/2	(Raise the Reward, \$60,184)	\$204,775	30	3	1.27	0.61
3	BOLD TRUTH (99, Seattle Slew), Belford Farm	\$2,000	11/6	0/0	0/0	(Baby My Darlin', \$36,320)	\$145,577	*19	1	0.81	1.07
4	ACADEMY AWARD (86, Secretariat), Win Row Farm	\$1,500	26/12	0/0	0/0	(Clays Mill Knight, \$15,979)	\$142,098	*385	9	0.80	1.00
5	PRIDE OF BURKAAN (90, Burkaan)	N/A	13/6	0/0	0/0	(Best Air, \$30,410)	\$138,202	52	0	0.50	0.57

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weren't considerably more than they are in Kentucky, I wouldn't be doing that."

TIP is overseen by the Ontario division of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society (CTHS). Sikura's brother, Glenn, is the president of the CTHS Ontario division. Glenn Sikura, who also owns and operates the Canadian division of Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Aurora, Ontario, noted that high purses at Woodbine have increased out-of-country competition at the track, and many local owners as a result are taking advantage of TIP's restricted races.

"With the locals there's more demand to breed to Ontario stallions because racing has become so tough here that (they want to) create a horse that doesn't have to compete with some of the Adena horses and some of the (Eugene) Melnyk horses and horses of that caliber," he said. "We have our share of people here that go to the States and breed to top stallions, but not en masse the way it would be elsewhere. Rather than competing with Sam-Son Farms and the A.P. Indys and Smart Strikes and everything else, if somebody wants to be in the horse business in the local program, there's a lot of money to be

had here."

TIP has direct benefits for stallion owners. About \$400,000 from the TIP fund is for stallion awards. The owner of the leading freshman sire and leading general sire each receives a \$50,000 check at year's end, and the rest of the money is distributed based on a points system tied to race performances of sires' progeny.

"A horse like (leading Canadian sire) Bold Executive, by the time he got done with being leading sire and all the points awards and everything else, I believe he earned about an \$88,000 check," Glenn Sikura said. "In Kentucky terms it's probably not a ton of money, but for horses that stand for the most part for \$10,000 and less, it's not bad."

The remainder of the TIP funds are allocated to the Ontario Sire Stakes (OSS), a popular program of 26 stakes races, each worth \$125,000 and restricted to Ontario-sired horses; bonuses for Ontario-breds in open, graded, and restricted stakes; and all Canadian-bred horses in specified Ontario stakes. The Yearling Sales Stakes program rewards the winning trainers of six stakes races restricted to sale graduates of

Woodbine's annual CTHS Canadian-bred yearling sale. Breeders' awards are available to the breeders of horses in each of these categories. Finally, the Fort Erie program creates incentives to race at Fort Erie Racetrack by offering bonuses at top-end claiming and allowance levels.

Glenn Sikura said TIP, which has increased its monetary output in recent years, is monitored by the Ontario government.

"We have some justification on a regular basis to the government (on) why we spend the money, where we spend it, and whether or not it's being successful," Sikura said.

For Carty, the positive influence of the government is indicative of a bright future for the Ontario incentives program.

"What the government is doing by helping TIP is they're trying to get agriculture back on its feet again here. This is an agricultural move by the government to get more people involved in breeding. When you do that, you get more people involved in growing feed and bedding; the trucks that supply the farms; employment. It's a rolling number that keeps on going.

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For stallions that stand, will stand, or stood (deceased) in Canada (exported stallions are excluded), and have runners in North America. Listed below are all available statistics for the Northern Hemisphere through December 31, 2009. As supplied to The Blood-Horse by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc., earnings exclude monies from Japan and Hong Kong. Current year stakes winners include all N.H.-foaled stakes winners worldwide and any S.H.-foaled horses that won a N.H. stakes. *Foal counts include Southern Hemisphere. Cumulative stakes winners includes all countries. (A ♯ indicates a sire represented by his first crop to race).

Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2010 Stud Fee Can\$	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2009 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	MILWAUKEE BREW (97, Wild Again), Adena Springs/Gardiner Farms	\$12,500	147/85	5/9	1/5	(Milwaukee Appeal, \$786,808)	\$3,711,980	236	8	1.46	1.55
2	BOLD EXECUTIVE (84, Bold Ruckus), Gardiner Farms	\$15,000	133/73	5/5	3/5	(Sans Souci, \$162,178)	\$3,581,467	660	42	1.71	1.34
3	ALPHABET SOUP (91, Cozzene), Adena Springs/Gardiner Farms	\$6,000	186/94	2/3	0/2	(Sal the Barber, \$168,900)	\$3,022,372	*619	37	1.37	1.43
4	GILDED TIME (90, Timeless Moment), Bar None Ranches	\$7,500	144/74	2/4	1/2	(Gayego, \$656,600)	\$2,850,845	*1069	46	1.41	1.74
5	CAPE CANAVERAL (96, Mr. Prospector), Highfield Stock Farm	\$5,000	134/83	2/2	1/2	(Made for Magic, \$119,600)	\$2,109,434	299	17	1.25	1.39
6	SLIGO BAY (IRE) (98, Sadler's Wells), Adena Springs/Gardiner Farms	\$6,000	102/54	3/4	0/3	(Chirac, \$298,883)	\$2,056,680	*179	4	1.13	1.81
7	TRAJECTORY (97, Gone West), Gardiner Farms	\$4,500	105/40	2/2	2/2	(Resentless, \$184,476)	\$1,946,231	242	12	1.34	1.35
8	WHOREY'S THE RING (99, Seeking the Gold), Gardiner Farms	\$4,500	65/37	2/2	2/2	(Who's Big Daddy, \$151,123)	\$1,919,098	107	4	1.48	1.33
9	WHISKEY WISDOM (93, Wild Again), Thunderbird Horse Centre	\$1,500	64/32	3/6	3/3	(Double Malt, \$239,293)	\$1,626,071	296	16	1.58	1.60
10	BOLD N' FLASHY (89, Bold Ruckus), T.C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$3,500	66/34	0/0	0/0	(Lucky n' Bold, \$109,080)	\$1,376,327	275	13	1.34	1.27
11	SKIMMING (96, Nureyev), Pacific Stud	N/A	113/51	5/5	1/5	(Dewey's Special, \$136,644)	\$1,375,431	253	11	0.86	1.20
12	PEAKS AND VALLEYS (92, Mt. Livermore), Gardiner Farms	\$4,500	82/36	2/3	2/2	(Oistins, \$176,127)	\$1,291,194	488	28	1.31	1.47
13	ONE WAY LOVE (95, Regal Classic), T. C. Westmeath Stud Farm	\$4,500	84/36	1/1	1/1	(King Eddie, \$114,285)	\$1,281,542	252	2	1.00	1.36
14	VYING VICTOR (89, Flying Paster)	Died, 2008	110/53	6/6	2/6	(Disfunction, \$117,749)	\$1,233,535	556	34	0.85	0.82
15	PIKEPASS (96, Forty Niner), Mountainview Farms	\$3,500	98/48	2/2	2/2	(You Don't Pass, \$181,378)	\$1,209,772	233	4	0.75	0.95
16	PERIGEE MOON (98, Hennessy)	N/A	62/36	0/0	0/0	(Lunar Linda, \$136,908)	\$1,178,623	138	3	1.12	1.32
17	MAZEL TRICK (95, Phone Trick), Canmor Farms	Died, 2008	79/37	2/2	2/2	(Voy Por Uno Mas, \$81,455)	\$1,062,934	*330	10	1.16	1.52
18	KISSIN KRIS (90, Kris S.), Esquiroi Farms	\$3,000	63/30	2/2	0/2	(Delightful Kiss, \$180,000)	\$1,035,001	440	15	1.14	1.18
19	PAYNES BAY (98, Mr. Prospector), Norse Ridge Farm, Breeding Division	\$2,500	44/22	0/0	0/0	(Sunflower Drive, \$117,334)	\$1,008,020	90	0	1.12	1.26
20	STEPHANOTIS (93, Regal Classic), Canmor Farms	\$3,000	86/52	1/1	1/1	(Restless Lady, \$66,420)	\$1,003,627	217	7	0.72	0.85
21	TETHRA (92, Cure the Blues), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$3,000	63/28	0/0	0/0	(Awakened, \$86,271)	\$985,223	281	10	1.27	1.40
22	KINSHASA (98, Mr. Prospector), Oakwood Stables	\$3,000	41/20	1/1	1/1	(Genius Kinshasa, \$233,722)	\$984,413	92	1	1.15	1.18
23	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Adena Springs/Gardiner Farms	\$5,000	66/34	1/1	0/1	(Multipass, \$149,315)	\$945,729	*115	3	0.98	1.43
24	KIRIDASHI (92, Bold Ruckus), Noren's Heart Valley Farms	\$3,500	44/19	3/3	1/3	(Cardashi, \$232,190)	\$929,371	225	12	1.42	1.41
25	TEJANO RUN (92, Tejano), Ascot Stud	\$5,000	56/28	1/1	0/1	(Ad Honores, \$90,483)	\$905,440	252	12	1.41	1.16
26	COMPADRE (90, El Gran Senor), Colebrook Farms Stallion Station	\$2,500	44/17	0/0	0/0	(Spend Now and Save, \$131,369)	\$892,031	245	6	1.10	1.03
27	EXPLICIT (97, Distant View), Winsome Acres	\$3,000	58/35	2/2	0/2	(Dana's Bell, \$100,423)	\$849,654	138	3	0.83	0.89
28	CROWN ATTORNEY (93, Silver Deputy), Debany Farm	N/A	18/5	2/4	1/2	(Rahy's Attorney, \$464,902)	\$836,124	132	2	1.31	1.30
29	TOMAHAWK (00, Seattle Slew), Firestone Farms	\$5,000	51/16	1/1	1/1	(Costalivin, \$130,223)	\$819,751	93	2	1.04	1.81
30	CAT'S AT HOME (97, Tabasco Cat)	Died, 2007	64/32	2/2	0/2	(Stray Cat Stride, \$87,092)	\$818,410	124	3	0.77	1.46
31	ALJABR (96, Storm Cat), Ascot Stud	\$3,500	43/23	2/4	0/2	(Munaddam, \$96,000)	\$713,750	*145	8	1.02	1.68
32	MASS MARKET (97, Marquetry), Red Rock Farm	\$2,500	67/36	1/1	1/1	(Silly Fella, \$85,604)	\$696,826	146	6	0.61	0.86
33	GOLD LEGEND (90, Seattle Slew), Esquiroi Farms	\$2,500	48/30	2/3	1/2	(Gold Coyote, \$99,450)	\$620,636	350	19	1.30	1.19
34	KATAHAULA COUNTY (88, Bold Ruckus), Road's End Farm	N/A	81/35	4/7	1/4	(Woombroom Express, \$68,143)	\$619,959	388	31	0.76	0.88
35	ASCOT KNIGHT (84, Danzig)	Died, 2008	44/16	0/0	0/0	(Ascot's Legend, \$75,796)	\$618,489	*664	31	1.41	1.58
36	REGAL INTENTION (85, Vice Regent), Canmor Farms	Died, 2008	58/25	2/3	2/2	(Vying Ty Grr, \$116,717)	\$617,262	437	29	1.02	1.22
37	DANCE TO DESTINY (99, Mr. Prospector), Sam-Son Farm	\$1,000	34/14	1/1	1/1	(Dancing Charm, \$94,766)	\$608,903	46	1	1.06	1.13
38	ROCK AND ROLL (95, Cure the Blues), Serenity Farm	\$3,000	40/18	0/0	0/0	(Meese Rocks, \$96,900)	\$543,862	*94	0	0.90	1.00
39	♯ MOBIL (00, Langfuhr), Schonberg Farm	\$5,000	28/4	2/2	2/2	(Mobthewarrior, \$174,317)	\$514,397	*56	2	1.08	1.73
40	SWAIN (IRE) (92, Nashwan), Ascot Stud	\$3,500	54/22	0/0	0/0	(Almail, \$72,045)	\$504,560	*283	12	1.17	2.00

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"Unlike some other venues, where the government sees it's working, then decides there's too much going into it, the government of Ontario realizes it needs to support agriculture, and this is a very good way to do it. The government got involved with Fort Erie, and if you look at the future of Woodbine, it's going to be expanded. It's not just about getting gambling in; it's good business. Both political parties are strongly behind the program," Carty said.

The current TIP program includes an \$85,000 cap for breeders awards, which three Ontario breeders reached in 2009. There is talk of removing the cap in the future.

"The government now is debating whether to remove the cap or not, and I think it's going to be removed," Carty said. "We could envision that the way things are going now, having better-quality stallions here, that there's going to be more than three breeders that could get to this cap."

Regardless of where TIP is headed, future plans for Adena Springs involve adding two more yet-to-be determined stallions to its Ontario roster in 2011.

With such strong support for stallion owners, it would not be a surprise to see the Ontario stallion market continue to grow. ■



JOY B. GILBERT

Swain has moved from Shadwell Farm in Kentucky to Ascot Stud