THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY

Number of Horses in Maryland

101,457
Horses in Maryland
Making MD the number one state in terms of the number of horses per square mile!

25% of the State’s agricultural land

$80,000,000 on feed, hay and straw

Pastures are among the best filtering devices to protect the Chesapeake Bay from harmful runoff

705,000 ACRES

Horse Farms make up 10% of Maryland land

88,000 equine acres preserved forever as farmland

Integral to the State’s Economy

$2.1 Billion Economic Impact

$78m in Tax Revenue

28,000 Industry Jobs

$1B Spent by Participants

51.8% of households in MD contain horse enthusiasts

10,000 Youths served by MD’s Educational Programs
1,500 4H Horse Projects
750 Licensed Riding & Boarding Stables
55 High School Interscholastic Teams
38 Horse Discovery Centers
22 Pony Clubs
12 College Equine Teams & Clubs

A Dynamic Agricultural Entity

16,000 Horse Farms & Stables

200 Equine Orgs. Statewide

40 Breeds of Horses

A Global Equine Identity

MD is home to International gems:
Triple Crown Race - the Preakness since 1873
International 5-Star at Fair Hill in 2021

Thoroughbred & Standardbred horse racing & breeding ● trail riding ● steeplechase ● sport horse competitions ● rodeo ● carriage driving ● therapy programs ● recreation ● rescue and more
THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Racing Sector

Racing Sector Total Economic Impact of: $572 million
Supports 5,214 jobs
Add $365 million in value to the state economy

The Competition Sector

Competition Sector Total Economic Impact of: $270 million
Supports 3,346 jobs
Add $162 million in value to the state economy

The Recreation Sector

Add $234 million in value to the state economy
Supports 4,971 jobs
Recreation Sector Total Economic Impact of: $382 million

The Equine Therapy Sector

Add $8.4 million in value to the state economy

Therapeutic Riding Centers Including over a dozen Veterans groups

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