The Maryland Horse Industry
Thoroughbred & Standardbred horse racing & breeding • trail riding • steeplechase • sport horse competitions • rodeo • carriage driving • therapy programs • recreation • rescue and more

A Dynamic Agricultural Entity
705,000 ACRES
25% of the State’s agricultural land
10% of Maryland land
$80,000,000 on feed, hay and straw
88,000 equine acres preserved forever as farmland
Pastures are among the best filtering devices to protect the Chesapeake Bay from harmful runoff

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!
10.5 horses per square mile!

Integral to the State’s Economy
$2.1 Billion Economic Impact
$78m in tax revenue
28,000 industry jobs
$1B spent by participants

A Global Equine Identity
51.8% of households in MD contain horse enthusiasts
10,000 Youths served by MD’s Educational Programs
1,500 4H Horse Projects
765 Licensed Riding & Boarding Stables
55 High School Interscholastic Teams
22 Pony Clubs
12 College Equine Teams & Clubs
MD is home to International gems:
Triple Crown Race - the Preakness since 1873
International 5-Star at Fair Hill in 2020
THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT

The Racing Sector

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

The Competition Sector

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

The Recreation Sector

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

The Equine Therapy Sector

- $8.4 million in value to the state economy
- 40 Therapeutic Riding Centers including over a dozen Veterans groups

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