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**EQUINE SURVEY**

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## **LIGHT BREED HORSES DOMINATE NEW YORK'S EQUINE INDUSTRY**

The inventory of light breed horses in New York State totaled 113,400 head on December 31, 2005, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. This number, which accounted for 58 percent of the 197,000 total equine in the State, was up 13 percent from the 2000 light breed total of 100,500 head. Among the light breeds, Warmbloods, Quarter Horses, Pintos/Paints and Crossbreds posted strong increases, while Arabians, Half Arabians and Morgans showed strong declines.

Race horse breeds have shown a marked shift since 2000. While the number of Thoroughbreds increased nine percent to 33,300, the number of Standardbreds rose 47 percent to 16,900 head. Standardbreds comprised 27 percent of race horse breeds in 2000 but 34 percent on December 31, 2005. This increase is attributed to the changes in the harness horse industry in the past couple of years. Along with the increase in number, Standardbreds also increased in value with an 84 percent increase in total value to \$222 million.

Most breeds have increased in average value since 2000, with the largest increases in the value of draft horses and ponies.

These results are from the first comprehensive survey of New York's equine industry in 5 years. The survey is the result of a cooperative effort supported by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, and the equine industry. The information in this release is available on our website or by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

**EQUINE INVENTORY AND VALUE BY BREED,  
New York, 2000 and 2005**

Breeds	Number		Value		Average Value <sup>1/</sup>	
	2000	2005	2000	2005	2000	2005
	<i>Head</i>		<i>Thousand dollars</i>		<i>Dollars</i>	
<b>Light Breeds</b>	100,500	113,400	497,520	598,030	4,950	5,270
Quarter Horse	29,600	38,100	115,440	156,210	3,900	4,100
Saddlebred	2,500	2,600	15,750	22,100	6,300	8,500
Appaloosa	8,500	8,100	19,550	20,250	2,300	2,500
Arabian	9,200	7,900	44,160	35,550	4,800	4,500
Half Arabian	3,600	3,100	10,800	10,540	3,000	3,400
Morgan	9,000	8,200	38,700	33,620	4,300	4,100
Palomino	1,600	NA	4,960	NA	3,100	NA
Pinto or Paint	6,800	8,200	21,760	28,700	3,200	3,500
Warmblood	6,700	8,400	134,000	184,800	20,000	22,000
Hafflingers	NA	3,000	NA	7,200	NA	2,400
Crossbreds	11,000	14,200	26,400	46,860	2,400	3,300
Other Light	12,000	11,600	66,000	52,200	5,500	4,500
<b>Race Horse Breeds</b>	42,000	50,200	1,142,500	1,139,880	27,200	22,710
Standardbred	11,500	16,900	120,750	221,880	10,500	13,100
Thoroughbred	30,500	33,300	1,021,750	918,000	33,500	27,600
<b>Draft Breeds</b>	11,500	12,100	29,380	37,480	2,550	3,100
Belgian	6,100	6,000	13,420	13,200	2,200	2,200
Percheron	3,200	3,400	8,320	9,520	2,600	2,800
Clydesdale	700	900	2,240	4,860	3,200	5,400
Other	1,500	1,800	5,400	9,900	3,600	5,500
<b>Ponies</b>	11,500	11,200	<u>29,900</u>	<u>43,610</u>	2,600	3,890
Welsh	2,700	3,200	9,450	21,760	3,560	6,800
Shetland	2,100	2,300	2,520	2,300	1,200	1,000
Connemara	500	800	3,050	6,320	6,100	7,900
Other	6,200	4,900	14,880	13,320	2,400	2,700
<b>Miniature Horses</b>	NA	6,600	NA	9,240	NA	1,400
<b>Donkeys &amp; Mules</b>	2,500	3,500	2,500	2,800	1,000	800
<b>TOTAL EQUINE</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>197,000</b>	<b>1,701,800</b>	<b>1,831,040</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>9,300</b>

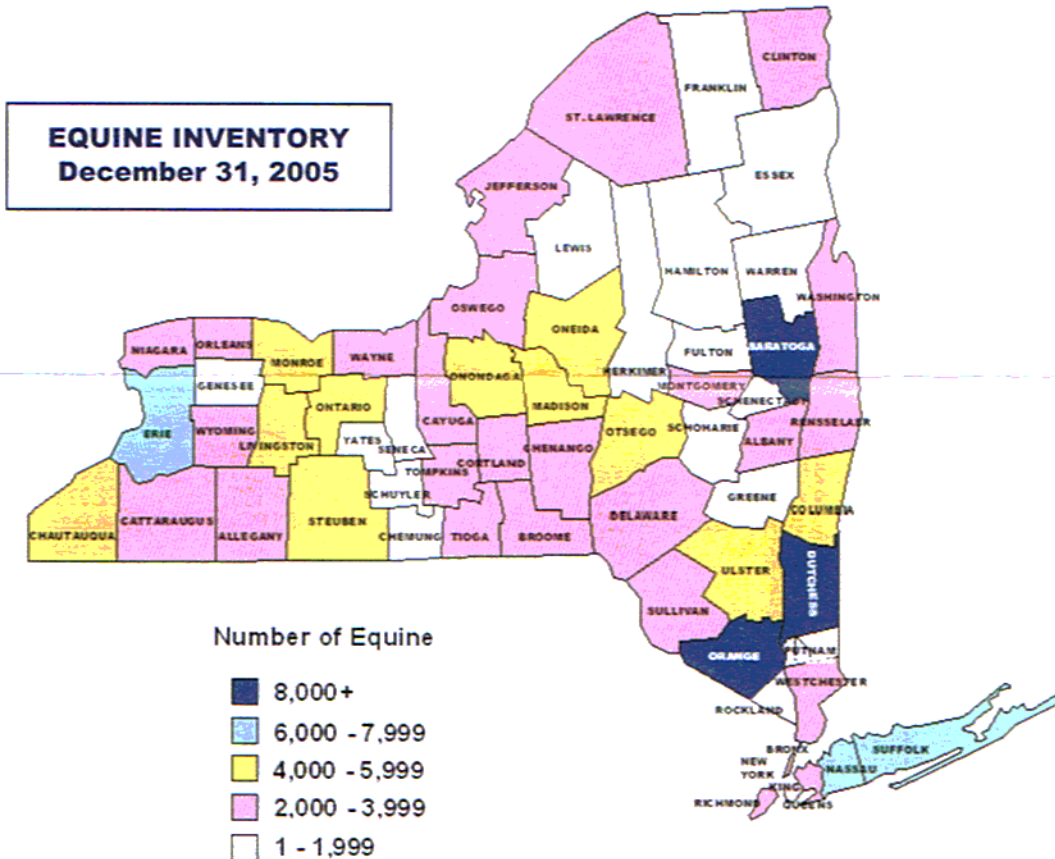
<sup>1/</sup> Breed categories rounded.  
NA - Not available.

## **SARATOGA NUMBER ONE COUNTY FOR EQUINE**

Saratoga ranked number one in both number of equine and total value, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA, NASS, New York Field Office. Saratoga had 11,000 equine with a total value of \$250.5 million on December 31, 2005. Inventory was seven percent less than on September 1, 2000, and value decreased 21 percent.

The remaining top five counties for equine inventory were (2) Dutchess with 9,500 head, (3) Orange with 8,500 head, (4) Erie with 7,900 head, and (5) Nassau with 6,300 head. These four counties all showed increases in equine inventory.

The remaining top five counties for equine value were (2) Nassau with \$221.0 million, (3) Dutchess with \$132.4 million, (4) Suffolk with \$126.7 million, and (5) Orange with \$113.3 million. While Nassau's equine value decreased, Dutchess, Suffolk, and Orange counties increased in value from September 1, 2000. The total value of the top five counties was \$858.6 million, or 47 percent of the total value in the state.



## EQUINE INVENTORY AND VALUE, 2000 and 2005

County	Head			Total Value		
	Sept. 1, 2000	Dec. 31, 2005	Rank in 2005	Sept. 1, 2000	Dec. 31, 2005	Rank in 2005
	<u>Head</u>			<u>Thousand Dollars</u>		
Jefferson	4,300	3,000	29	13,760	8,380	45
Lewis	1,200	1,000	56	3,300	2,670	56
St. Lawrence	2,900	3,400	25	8,990	9,240	40
<b>Northern, Total</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>7,400</b>		<b>26,050</b>	<b>20,290</b>	
Clinton	1,500	2,200	39	6,150	8,540	42
Essex	1,000	1,700	49	3,100	7,190	50
Franklin	800	1,200	53	2,560	4,810	55
Hamilton	100	100	58	180	230	58
Warren	1,200	1,200	54	5,100	9,770	39
<b>Northeast, Total</b>	<b>4,600</b>	<b>6,400</b>		<b>17,090</b>	<b>30,540</b>	
Erie	7,200	7,900	4	48,240	34,700	12
Genesee	2,100	1,800	44	10,080	8,110	47
Livingston	3,300	4,400	11	13,200	19,760	22
Monroe	5,700	5,100	10	27,930	23,080	18
Niagara	3,000	3,100	27	12,000	12,320	32
Ontario	3,700	4,100	15	22,570	18,510	24
Orieans	1,400	2,400	37	4,060	9,100	41
Seneca	900	1,300	52	1,800	4,870	54
Wayne	2,000	3,500	23	6,600	13,790	29
Wyoming	1,800	2,400	38	5,220	9,880	38
Yates	1,200	1,900	42	3,480	8,500	43
<b>Western, Total</b>	<b>32,300</b>	<b>37,900</b>		<b>155,180</b>	<b>162,620</b>	
Cayuga	2,200	2,800	32	7,700	12,830	31
Chenango	2,900	3,100	28	10,440	15,880	26
Cortland	1,600	2,200	40	3,680	10,380	35
Herkimer	1,600	1,900	43	4,800	7,990	48
Madison	2,600	4,100	16	12,220	20,630	20
Oneida	5,500	5,900	7	31,350	36,140	11
Onondaga	3,700	5,400	9	17,760	27,490	15
Oswego	2,000	2,500	36	11,000	11,050	33
Otsego	3,500	4,400	12	11,200	21,300	19
<b>Central, Total</b>	<b>25,600</b>	<b>32,300</b>		<b>110,150</b>	<b>163,690</b>	
Albany	2,900	3,000	30	15,080	29,320	14
Fulton	1,000	1,100	55	4,700	6,860	51
Montgomery	2,400	2,900	31	7,680	20,490	21
Rensselaer	2,500	3,600	21	12,750	34,140	13
Saratoga	11,800	11,000	1	317,420	250,520	1
Schenectady	1,500	1,800	45	7,200	19,420	23
Schoharie	2,000	1,800	46	10,600	15,140	27
Washington	2,700	3,900	18	13,230	40,450	10
<b>Eastern, Total</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>29,100</b>		<b>388,660</b>	<b>416,340</b>	
Allegany	2,300	2,600	35	7,360	6,720	52
Cattaraugus	3,500	3,800	19	9,800	9,900	37
Chautauqua	3,800	4,300	13	10,640	10,920	34
Steuben	4,500	4,000	17	13,050	10,240	36
<b>Southwest, Total</b>	<b>14,100</b>	<b>14,700</b>		<b>40,850</b>	<b>37,780</b>	
Broome	2,500	3,500	24	14,250	18,330	25
Chemung	1,700	1,700	50	7,310	7,220	49
Schuyler	1,100	1,400	51	2,200	5,500	53
Tioga	1,600	2,000	41	5,120	8,490	44
Tompkins	2,900	2,800	33	11,310	13,430	30
<b>Southern, Total</b>	<b>9,800</b>	<b>11,400</b>		<b>40,190</b>	<b>52,970</b>	
Columbia	2,400	4,300	14	63,600	46,800	8
Delaware	2,200	3,600	22	7,260	14,100	28
Dutchess	7,000	9,500	2	126,000	132,400	3
Greene	2,000	1,800	47	11,400	8,250	46
Orange	6,800	8,500	3	59,840	113,250	5
Putnam	1,100	1,800	48	21,450	24,960	16
Rockland	600	400	57	5,400	2,200	57
Sullivan	2,300	3,200	26	20,470	24,610	17
Ulster	4,200	5,600	8	35,280	46,510	9
Westchester	3,500	3,800	20	121,100	87,040	7
<b>Southeast, Total</b>	<b>32,100</b>	<b>42,500</b>		<b>471,800</b>	<b>500,120</b>	
Nassau	5,400	6,300	5	287,280	221,030	2
Suffolk	5,800	6,200	6	63,800	126,660	4
New York 1/	3,100	2,800	34	100,750	99,000	6
<b>Long Island/NYC, Total</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>15,300</b>		<b>451,830</b>	<b>446,690</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>197,000</b>		<b>1,701,800</b>	<b>1,831,040</b>	

1/ Includes Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond.