



# HORSE INDUSTRY STUDY 2009 FACT SHEET

## THE HERD:

- 115,000 horses as of August 2009
- + 50% of herd is breeding stock, or young horses not yet in use
- Registered pedigree horses is 68%
- Current value of horses is 168% of original purchase price

## Horse uses:

- 52% Breeding/young horses
- 27% Recreational Activities
- 9% Work/Ranching
- 2% PMU
- 3% meat production
- 3% "retired"/companionship
- 3% "multiple"/other uses

## HERD MANAGEMENT:

- 87% horses live on owners property/ 800 acres/property
- 11,100 horses owners on farms
- 600 persons employed by farms (other than family)
- 50% + horses have some form of unique identification

## COST OF OWNERSHIP:

- \$1 billion invested in Sk. Horse Industry; includes horses, tack, horse-related equipment and property improvements for horses.
- 452 paid full time jobs, plus additional 9,700 unpaid full time labour given by horse owners/family members.
- \$40 million yearly – average of \$987/horse for horse care
  - Hay & Feed & bedding, supplements: \$20,679,450
  - Grooming & Care products: \$3,767,400
  - Veterinary care: \$7,475,000
  - Other professional care: \$8,304,150
- \$250,950,516 annual expenditures on tack, equipment, property improvements, labour.
- \$291,562,852 value for unpaid labour for horse care

## ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION:

- 8,000 + full time jobs in total industry in Saskatchewan [one full-time job for every 14 horses in the province]
- \$426,000,000 in annual expenditures for production, care and activities with horses
  - Direct expenditures for horses: \$251,031,703
  - Indirect expenditures – horses: \$21,593,321
  - Induced Employment: \$153,318,427

**\$ 723,000,000 = total annual economic impact to  
Saskatchewan economy from horses and their associated activities**