



2005 Annual Report





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STATE OF MICHIGAN
THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER
LANSING

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COMMISSIONER

April 14, 2006

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor of the State of Michigan
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Governor Granholm:

In accordance with section 6(3) of Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1995, the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, the 2005 Annual Report of the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is hereby submitted.

In 2005, seven Michigan tracks presented a combined 2,184 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. Racing attracted over 1.1 million fans, who wagered \$309.8 million and generated over 10 million in state tax revenue.

Last year brought both opportunities and challenges. In May, I awarded a track license to construct a Thoroughbred racetrack in Romulus, Michigan. Our office is currently working to ensure the completion of this project, which will result in the creation of jobs as well as increased revenue to the state and local economies. Unfortunately, in October, Saginaw Harness Raceway closed its doors for business citing a continual decrease in wagering levels and an inadequate horse supply.

I thank you for your continued support as I move forward working with industry leaders to maintain a strong regulatory presence in the horse racing industry.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine White".

Christine C. White
Racing Commissioner

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NOTE: As of January 2005

What Horse Racing Means to Michigan

Michigan horse racing is a \$1.2 billion industry responsible for the creation of 26,200 jobs, \$142 million in personal income, and economic output of \$443 million each year. The industry also generates about \$23.5 million annually in state tax revenues, and supports capital facilities worth an estimated \$570 million, according to a December 2002 study released by Public Sector Consultants, Inc., of Lansing.

There are an estimated 77,000 racing breed equine in the state. Horse racing is a labor-intensive activity and creates jobs on and off the tracks for trainers, drivers, jockeys, blacksmiths, grooms, veterinarians, racing officials, pari-mutuel clerks, guards, admission clerks, concessions workers, and numerous other personnel. With the addition of full-card simulcasting in 1996, Michigan tracks now offer year-round entertainment opportunities for horse racing fans, meaning that seasonal work has turned into full-time employment for track employees.

Michigan's horse racing industry reaches far beyond the grandstands of Michigan's pari-mutuel tracks. Horse racing provides economic support to many fairs through purse revenues for those fairs that offer non-betting horse racing.

An important part of the state's economy, horse racing interests pay local property taxes on the tracks, and on breeding and training facilities. The tracks also contribute to the economy of the surrounding communities by purchasing goods and services.

Indirectly, racing interests provide employment for farmers, transportation workers, restaurant and hotel personnel employed near the tracks, the media representatives who report on racing, and the workers who build and repair the training or track facilities, among others. Their collective contribution to the Michigan economy is substantial.

In many of the rural areas of our state, supplying

the needs of race horses represents much of the local economy and helps support and preserve the rural character of smaller communities. Farmers grow and sell the feed required by our state's race horse population. Grain elevator operations make sure that feed is available year-round. Barns and training facilities are available to horsemen on a year-round basis, supplying needed employment opportunities for Michigan citizens.

Pari-mutuel horse racing began in Michigan in September, 1933, with 31 days of Thoroughbred racing offered at the Michigan State Fairgrounds track in Detroit. The inaugural season attracted 101,227 fans who wagered over \$3.5 million and generated \$123,783 in state wagering tax.

Today, Michigan has six licensed pari-mutuel race tracks, including five harness racetracks, one Thoroughbred track and one mixed breed track. The two largest tracks are located in the Detroit metropolitan area, with the other four distributed across the lower half of the state's lower peninsula. In 2005, the tracks presented a combined 2,184 days of live and simulcast pari-mutuel racing. This racing attracted almost 1.2 million fans, who wagered \$309.8 million, generating over \$10 million in state wagering tax revenue. Local communities received over \$1.2 million to defray the costs of police and fire protection required at all pari-mutuel tracks. Financial incentives were offered to the breeders of the best Michigan-bred horses. The incentives included purse supplements and special races for Michigan-bred horses.

As demonstrated above, horse racing's payoff to Michigan is far greater than the dollars seen on the toteboard. Horse racing means jobs; horse racing means revenue; horse racing means entertainment; horse racing means investments; and horse racing means stability and continuity for our state's farming communities.

For more information about the horse racing industry in Michigan, visit our website at www.michigan.gov/horseracing.

The Commissioner's Responsibilities

The Commissioner's primary objective is to maintain the integrity of live horse racing and all wagering in Michigan. As part of this mission, the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for regulating the safety and fairness of the horse racing industry through the conduct of regular monitoring, investigations and prosecutions.

The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Michigan's license holders and the authority to regulate racing at the state's six racetracks. Activities included in the regulation of racing are the oversight of pari-mutuel wagering, supervising pari-mutuel operations at all the tracks and granting permits for conducting Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Mixed Breed race meetings in the state. The Commissioner also has jurisdiction over the simulcasting of horse racing activities at these racetracks.

In addition to these responsibilities, the ORC allots annual live and simulcast race dates to race meeting license holders. The ORC licenses, fingerprints, photographs, and screens personnel working for or connected with track operations, including management, owners, trainers and prospective stockholders, to ensure that everyone connected with racing is of suitable character and integrity. The ORC oversees the actual conduct of races, supervises the extraction of fluid and blood specimens from horses for chemical analysis and conducts initial hearings on appeals resulting from disciplinary actions that may lead to judicial proceedings at the appellate level.

Investigations

Horse racing in Michigan is a dynamic sport constantly challenged by competitive forces. The ORC employs an in-house investigative unit which works to preserve the integrity of the sport. The unit conducts inquiries on potential licensees, administers license checks at racetracks, investigates complaints, inspects licensed off-track farms where racehorses are stabled, provides testimony in litigated matters, and assists other law enforcement authorities and the track security organizations in conducting their duties.

In 2005, investigators administered alcohol breath tests and drug screens as part of the monitoring program to ensure that no illegal or banned substances are being used by horseracing participants.

In addition, investigators completed numerous application investigations and conducted special operations that included searches and surveillance of restricted racetrack areas including the use of video surveillance cameras to better monitor traffic entering and exiting restricted areas.

Licensing

The ORC continued its annual licensing program for Standardbred, Thoroughbred, and Mixed Breed (Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint). Each type of racing requires a separate license. All applicants must be participants in pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan and must meet the standards and criteria set forth in the laws and regulations. A breakdown of licensees by county of residence is listed on the following page.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

There were 13 FOIA requests in 2005. All requests were granted. The nature of these requests relate to subjects such as racetrack license applications, existing licensees, rulings and pari-mutuel reports. Of the 13 requests, 3 were billed for a total of \$203.63.

Horse Racing Hotline

The ORC is committed to developing and maintaining programs to provide a safe, equitable and successful environment for racehorses and industry participants. A 24 hour, 7 days-per-week toll-free telephone **Hotline (800-973-5000)** is such a program that has been in effect for many years. The **Hotline** allows individuals to contact the ORC with any information they feel important such as suspected illegal practices, information on violations of the rules and/or racing law, mistreatment of a racehorse or any suggestions for the betterment of Michigan racing. Every **Hotline** call is reviewed, investigated and/or followed up for final resolution of the matter.

2005 Michigan ORC Licensees by County of Residence

<u>County</u>	<u>Licensees</u>		
ALCONA	2	LEELANAU	1
ALLEGAN	75	LENAWEE	161
ALPENA	1	LIVINGSTON	156
ARENAC	2	MACOMB	173
BARRY	39	MANISTEE	2
BAY	17	MASON	3
BERRIEN	9	MECOSTA	61
BRANCH	31	MIDLAND	27
CALHOUN	89	MONROE	121
CASS	10	MONTCALM	75
CHEBOYGAN	1	MONTMORENCY	1
CLARE	53	MUSKEGON	422
CLINTON	15	NEWAYGO	31
CRAWFORD	5	OAKLAND	420
DELTA	8	OCEANA	12
EATON	47	OGEMAW	9
EMMET	6	OSCEOLA	13
GENESEE	389	OSCODA	4
GLADWIN	23	OTTAWA	67
GRAND TRAVERSE	2	ROSCOMMON	5
GRATIOT	50	SAGINAW	74
HILLSDALE	73	SANILAC	51
HURON	23	SHIAWASSEE	115
INGHAM	125	ST CLAIR	57
IONIA	24	ST JOSEPH	38
IOSCO	6	TUSCOLA	75
IRON	1	VAN BUREN	20
ISABELLA	99	WASHTENAW	113
JACKSON	211	WAYNE	531
KALAMAZOO	35	WEXFORD	8
KENT	84		
LAKE	5		
LAPEER	103		

A total of **4,510** licensees permanently reside in Michigan. Additionally, the ORC licensed approximately 2,000 individuals that did not identify Michigan as their permanent address.

Sampling and Testing for Equines and Humans

The Office of Racing Commissioner's (ORC) equine and human blood/urine testing programs are important parts of the Commissioner's regulatory functions. The programs are conducted by the ORC and the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Equine Drug Testing Laboratory. The program involves the post-race collection of urine and/or blood samples from every pari-mutuel horse race conducted in Michigan and human testing for drugs and alcohol.

Equine samples are collected by ORC field staff from the winner of every race, and any other horse designated for testing by officials. The samples are then tested by the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory to detect any prohibited drugs or foreign substances.

Any drug or other substance not naturally present in the horse's system may either enhance or hinder its performance. It is the duty of the Commissioner to ensure the wagering public that drugs or other foreign substances are not administered to or are not present in any race horse, except as authorized by law. The post-race analysis is an important part of this process.

Dr. Brad Skiba, supervisor of the MDA Equine Drug Testing Laboratory, oversees a team of trained and experienced scientists and technicians who analyze each blood, urine or other sample. Utilizing sophisticated testing methods and equipment, this drug detection group represents a valuable link in the Racing Commissioner's regulatory chain.

A total of 19,787 post-race samples were tested during 2005 (14,274 TCO₂; 4,462 urine; 1,049 blood and 2 miscellaneous samples). The total number of positives or instances of permitted medication over the approved level was 35.

As part of its regulatory efforts, the ORC employs a team of stewards, detention crew workers, veterinarians, licensed veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and investigators to ensure the integrity of the horse racing industry. Sample collection workers (usually three per track) collect the blood and urine samples from the horses for testing.

The ORC's veterinarians make sure the horses are sound and capable of racing, and supervise the horse sample collections. ORC veterinarians do not have equine practices of their own. Additional veterinarians, licensed by the ORC for practice in restricted areas at the race tracks, prescribe and administer medications to horses who may be at the tracks but are not scheduled to race. These licensed veterinarians have private equine practices.

Samples collected by the collection technicians are delivered from the race tracks to the MDA Geagley Laboratory in East Lansing by couriers employed by the ORC. Samples are identified only by tag number to ensure confidential testing, while maintaining a chain of evidence. The ORC keeps a copy of each sample tag number and the corresponding horse information (trainer, horse name, race day, track, etc.). If any samples test positive, the Laboratory contacts the ORC for confirmation and possible disciplinary action. The cooperative efforts of the ORC and MDA Geagley Laboratory staff help ensure fairness, honesty and integrity in the horse racing industry.

2005: The Year in Review

January

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant announced the third confirmed case of equine herpes virus (EHV-1) at Northville Downs resulting in the cancellation of live racing due to a three-week quarantine. In mid-December 2004, two previous cases were diagnosed in a non-adjacent barn resulting in a three-week quarantine.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed then MDA Director of Agriculture Policy Christine C. White as Acting Racing Commissioner on January 20.

March

On March 12, the Office of Racing Commissioner honored Michigan's leading 2004 state-bred horses at the Michigan Horse Council's International Stallion Expo at the Michigan State University Agriculture Pavilion in East Lansing.

April

Acting Racing Commissioner Christine White approved MTR Gaming Group Inc.'s plan to purchase a 90 percent share in the Jackson Trotting Association, operator of Jackson Harness Raceway.

May

On May 17, Acting Racing Commissioner White granted a track license to MI Racing Inc., a fully owned subsidiary of Magna Entertainment Corporation. The license to construct a Thoroughbred racetrack in Romulus, Michigan represented the third and last available track license available in the Detroit Metropolitan area.

June

On June 10, Acting Racing Commissioner Christine White issued an order approving the ten cent Superfecta wager at Michigan's licensed race tracks.

August

The 2005 Michigan State Fair featured the fifth annual Michigan Horse Racing Exhibit in the Agriculture Building from August 10 through August 21. The exhibit was highlighted by horse racing games, educational materials, and a Winner's Circle sponsored by the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association and Dodge.

August (con't)

On August 31, Governor Granholm appointed Christine C. White racing commissioner making her the the 20th permanent racing commissioner since 1933.

September

The highlight of harness racing was the Michigan Sire Stakes Million Dollar Night held at Hazel Park Harness Raceway on Saturday, September 24. The combined value of the purses for these and other races on the program was over \$1 million.

October

The highlight of Thoroughbred racing occurred when six Thoroughbred Sire Stakes races were run on October 15 at Great Lakes Downs.

The Windsor Township Board unanimously denied a request for a special-use permit for a proposed horse park facility with horse racing, simulcast betting and a hotel on a 200-acre site near Potterville on October 25.

On October 30, Saginaw Harness Raceway officially closed its doors for business citing a significant loss in revenue for the past five years.

On October 31, Commissioner White signed orders authorizing the 2006 live horse racing dates.

December

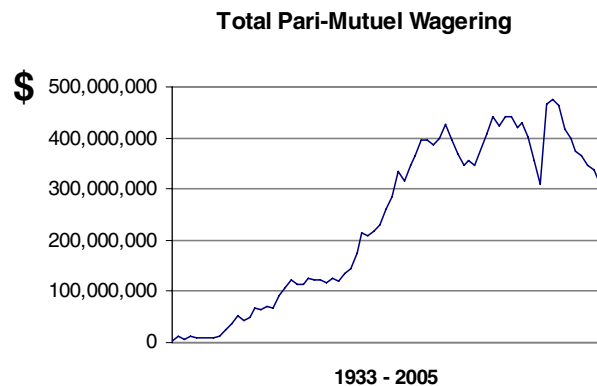
On December 8, Jackson Racing, a subsidiary of MTR Gaming Group, Inc., completed the purchase of a 90 percent interest in the Jackson Trotting Association LLC for \$2 million. MTR is the parent company of Mountaineer Racetrack & Gaming Resort in Chester, West Virginia.

History of Pari-Mutuel Horse Racing in Michigan

The statistical history of pari-mutuel racing in Michigan is as follows:

Year Raced	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Revenue	Year Raced	Days Raced	Total Attendance	Total Pari-Mutuel Wagering	Total State Wagering Revenue
1933	31	101,227	\$ 3,519,656	\$123,783	1976	645	3,571,312	\$395,703,781	\$27,472,556
1934	123	376,123	12,621,224	423,428	1977	647	3,250,807	387,603,160	26,056,732
1935	66	221,064	7,541,557	266,597	1978	650	3,024,127	398,674,678	27,089,834
1936	68	370,784	10,793,497	265,617	1979	673	3,035,903	425,190,904	28,845,113
1937	62	356,015	10,201,110	167,000	1980	703	3,030,257	396,396,317	27,828,645
1938	62	321,211	8,470,931	156,418	1981	688	2,728,476	368,712,526	24,211,545
1939	69	389,642	10,046,735	185,000	1982	688	2,728,476	347,489,410	22,523,956
1940	65	410,542	9,940,148	178,450	1983	695	2,557,419	355,357,249	22,998,249
1941	70	476,870	12,353,851	186,575	1984	672	2,402,562	347,600,808	22,412,751
1942	97	849,505	23,020,369	253,900	1985	686	2,420,489	375,971,988	24,407,322
1943	95	1,197,594	36,278,761	370,300	1986	743	2,547,474	408,118,864	22,015,578
1944	140	1,008,678	51,012,962	2,235,627	1987	867	2,664,362	441,745,977	22,077,702
1945	142	1,197,594	43,906,185	1,899,444	1988	891	2,506,849	424,145,150	21,221,394
1946	143	1,383,045	49,654,271	2,010,326	1989	918	2,682,457	443,113,234	22,005,832
1947	144	1,309,994	68,100,444	3,354,107	1990	906	2,660,443	440,889,684	21,988,385
1948	144	1,232,485	63,544,845	3,271,911	1991	910	2,577,991	421,382,703	20,988,295
1949	228	1,553,745	72,018,889	3,389,264	1992	918	2,563,334	428,344,299	21,330,433
1950	223	1,486,145	68,374,632	3,652,051	1993	901	2,414,670	401,865,797	19,945,112
1951	246	1,755,597	90,947,510	4,708,772	1994	865	2,065,089	356,694,463	17,834,339
1952	245	1,920,329	108,334,542	5,272,375	1995	827	1,741,325	310,522,945	15,552,692
1953	266	2,100,799	123,457,359	7,131,532	1996*	2,225	2,136,766	467,785,576	9,855,173
1954	261	2,094,627	113,063,730	6,890,294	1997	2,425	2,099,295	474,608,578	14,656,240
1955	253	2,010,795	112,712,977	7,038,099	1998	2,262	1,956,378	463,843,615	13,643,735
1956	271	2,222,256	124,349,974	7,534,306	1999	2,218	1,714,354	416,616,490	13,202,928
1957	270	2,105,540	124,133,569	7,535,106	2000	2,308	1,549,408	399,316,679	13,374,720
1958	269	2,180,516	121,250,928	7,285,377	2001	2,205	1,433,998	374,549,941	11,874,054
1959	279	2,089,199	116,776,923	7,502,281	2002	2,247	1,367,704	365,242,287	11,657,549
1960	291	2,149,416	125,028,322	8,084,554	2003	2,244	1,333,514	346,577,964	11,086,489
1961	293	2,190,046	120,721,673	7,804,478	2004	2,255	1,328,829	337,473,462	10,978,970
1962	320	2,331,166	135,815,283	8,791,784	2005	2,184	1,190,923	\$309,772,470	\$10,047,139
1963	326	2,339,232	144,601,442	11,070,550					
1964	338	2,712,769	173,696,547	13,330,165					
1965	378	3,101,890	215,211,397	16,625,041					
1966	346	2,818,805	209,218,403	16,411,328					
1967	381	2,865,996	217,452,791	16,758,121					
1968	388	2,909,311	231,472,394	17,794,513					
1969	415	3,056,834	260,353,221	19,915,465					
1970	425	3,456,422	285,056,702	21,171,098					
1971	563	3,962,318	333,182,520	24,499,748					
1972	599	3,680,632	317,330,030	24,518,898					
1973	604	3,671,168	347,284,698	26,483,391					
1974	602	3,606,982	363,840,498	27,647,189					
1975	590	3,830,260	394,925,495	28,865,055					

* Full-card simulcasting was authorized with the enactment of the Horse Racing Law of 1995 which allowed Michigan pari-mutuel tracks to conduct live and simulcast wagering year-round. Prior to 1996, "Days Raced" meant days of live racing only. From 1996 on, "Days Raced" indicates tracks operation for live and/or simulcast racing.



Summary of ORC Revenues

The pari-mutuel racing program in 2005 contributed **\$10,944,114.68** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$	10,047,139.00
Occupational License Fees	\$	146,310.00
Outs (money from outstanding uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets)	\$	695,010.68
Racing Fines	\$	44,725.00
Track Licenses	\$	2,600.00
Fingerprint Fees	\$	8,330.00
 Total State Revenue:	 \$	 10,944,114.68

Outs are uncashed winning pari-mutuel tickets that are deposited into the Agriculture Equine Fund as mandated by Public Act 505(1).

Great Lakes Downs	\$	40,582.88
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$	303,255.37
Jackson Harness Raceway	\$	28,006.23
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$	10,744.60
Northville Downs	\$	149,578.99
Northville Racing Corporation	\$	69,270.05
Saginaw Harness Raceway	\$	22,430.98
Sports Creek Raceway	\$	71,141.58
 Total Outs Revenue to Agriculture Equine Fund	 \$	 695,010.68⁽²⁾

(1) Public Act 505 of 1998 amended the law covering the distribution of funds from outstanding uncashed winning tickets (Outs). Patrons have 60 days after the close of a race meeting to redeem any uncashed winning ticket. After 60 days, the race meeting licensee retains 50% of the Outs for track operations and deposits the other 50% into the Michigan Agriculture Equine Fund established under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended.

(2) In accordance with P.A. 505, the funds were received as revenue in 2005.

Summary of ORC Expenditures

January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005

Salaries, Wages, Retirement & Fringes	\$ 3,057,361.44
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	\$ 216,644.33
Travel	\$ 96,062.17
Equipment	\$ 15,738.76
Fingerprint Fees	\$ 8,330.00
Grants	\$ -0-
Other	\$ 111,839.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,505,976.14

Summary of Total Wagering

2005

Live Wagering

Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 2,613,420

Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 181,409

Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 12,255,520

Jackson Harness Raceway 1,055,506

Northville Downs 2,116,930

Northville Racing Corp. 2,113,799

Saginaw Harness Raceway 533,169

Sports Creek Raceway 1,843,206

Total Live Wagering

\$ 23,934,235

Simulcast Wagering

Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 11,808,769

Mixed Breed

(Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)

Mount Pleasant Meadows 2,630,922

Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 124,137,066

Jackson Harness Raceway 12,006,152

Northville Downs 60,457,077

Northville Racing Corp. 37,896,646

Saginaw Harness Raceway 9,384,616

Sports Creek Raceway 28,738,263

Total Simulcast Wagering

\$ 287,059,511*

Total Simulcast and Live Racing

\$ 309,772,470

Note: Total Simulcast and Live Wagering for 2004 was \$337,473,462.

*This amount reflects simulcast wagers made at Michigan tracks only. It does not include out of state or "export" wagers, which are bets placed on Michigan races received at tracks and other wagering sites outside Michigan. Total "export" wagers on Michigan races were \$69,117,086 in 2005.

Summary of State Tax

	2005	2004
Thoroughbred:		
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 413,317	\$ 429,944
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint)		
Mount Pleasant	\$ 92,088	\$ 80,356
Standardbred:		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 4,344,814	\$ 4,776,135
Jackson Harness Raceway	420,196	431,001
Northville Downs	2,116,008	2,368,954
Northville Racing Corporation	1,326,388	1,393,710
Saginaw Harness Raceway	328,473	418,873
Sports Creek Raceway	1,005,855	1,079,997
Harness Totals	\$ 9,541,806	\$ 10,468,670
Total State Tax on Simulcast Wagering:	\$ 10,047,139	\$ 10,978,970

Purse Pool Distribution

Michigan pari-mutuel horse racing associations endeavor to promote the best in racing. Purses paid by the licensed associations are largely responsible for accomplishing this task. The 2005 amounts exclude supplements and fees provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). In 2005, MDA reported over \$7 million provided by the Agriculture Equine Fund directly to the pari-mutuel purse pool for supplements.

	2005
Thoroughbred:	
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 6,295,365
Mixed Breed (Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa and American Paint)	
Mount Pleasant	\$ 989,743
Standardbred:	
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 5,612,955
Jackson Harness Raceway	504,984
Northville Downs	2,194,553
Northville Racing Corporation	1,405,474
Saginaw Harness Raceway	487,944
Sports Creek Raceway	1,134,621
 Standardbred Totals:	 \$ 11,340,531
 Total Purse Distribution:	 \$ 18,625,639

Distribution of Pari-Mutuel Wagering Revenues to Cities/Townships

	2005
City of Hazel Park:	
*Revenue	\$ 579,043.39
**Expenditures	579,043.39
City of Jackson:	
*Revenue	\$ 43,018.09
**Expenditures	33,640.92
Isabella Township (Mount Pleasant):	
*Revenue	\$ 2,926.55
**Expenditures	3,866.55
Fruitport Charter Township:	
*Revenue	\$ 57,048.71
**Expenditures	44,980.84
City of Northville:	
*Revenue	\$ 434,431.00
**Expenditures	282,162.00
City of Saginaw:	
*Revenue	\$ 44,882.56
**Expenditures	106,409.66
City of Swartz Creek:	
*Revenue	\$ 123,498.60
**Expenditures	11,358.84
Total:	
*Revenue	\$ 1,284,848.90
**Expenditures	\$ 1,061,462.20

All figures are for the calendar year.

- * Revenue equals all breakage generated during the calendar year.
- ** Expenditures represent the amount of money reported by local units of government to the ORC for services provided pursuant to Section 21 of the Horse Racing Law of 1995.

Note: Breakage is the amount that is subtracted from wager payout calculations when they are rounded down to the nearest dime (or nickel in a minus pool situation). For example, if a winning bet is computed to pay \$3.11 the bettor receives \$3.10 and the \$.01 in breakage is distributed to cities and/or townships in which the track is located.

Race Meeting Summary - All Race Meetings (live and simulcast)

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	548	559
Live Dates Run	492	553
Live Dates Not Run	56	6
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	2,184	2,255
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,190,923	1,328,829
Daily Average	545	589
Live Wagering Total	\$ 22,712,959	\$ 23,934,235
Simulcast Wagering Total	287,059,511	313,539,227
Combined Wagering Total	309,772,470	337,473,462
Daily Average	141,837	149,656
Per Capita	260	254
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 240,325,150	\$260,526,914
Daily Average	110,038	115,533
State Revenue Total	\$ 10,047,211	\$ 10,978,970
Daily Average	4,600	4,869
* Purse Total	\$ 18,625,639	\$ 21,164,888
Daily Average	37,857	38,273
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 46,998,052	\$ 51,080,973
Daily Average	21,519	22,652

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Race Meeting Summary - Harness Totals

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	407	404
Live Dates Run	356	398
Live Dates Not Run	51	6
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	1,622	1,684
Live & Simulcast Attendance	1,110,179	1,245,723
Daily Average	685	740
Live Wagering Total	\$ 19,918,130	\$ 20,601,278
Simulcast Wagering Total	272,619,820	298,959,796
Combined Wagering Total	292,537,950	319,561,074
Daily Average	180,356	189,763
Per Capita	264	257
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$227,011,440	\$246,792,745
Daily Average	139,958	146,552
State Revenue Total	\$ 9,541,806	\$ 10,468,670
Daily Average	5,883	6,217
* Purse Total	\$ 11,340,531	\$ 12,850,370
Daily Average	31,855	32,287
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 44,298,877	\$ 48,224,290
Daily Average	27,311	28,637

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Track Summaries - Great Lakes Downs

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	105	118
Live Dates Run	100	118
Live Dates Not Run	5	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	306	315
Live & Simulcast Attendance	66,421	65,992
Daily Average	217	210
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,613,420	\$ 3,149,332
Simulcast Wagering Total	11,808,769	12,283,763
Combined Wagering Total	14,422,189	15,433,095
Daily Average	47,131	48,994
Per Capita	217	234
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 11,176,021	\$ 11,883,765
Daily Average	36,523	37,726
State Revenue Total	\$ 413,317	\$ 429,944
Daily Average	1,351	1,365
* Purse Total	\$ 6,295,365	\$ 7,197,791
Daily Average	62,954	60,998
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 2,312,764	\$ 2,505,054
Daily Average	7,558	7,953

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Great Lakes Downs raced 100 dates in 2005 from May 16 through November 5. The Racing Commissioner granted a reduction of 5 days due to an inadequate horse supply. Great Lakes Downs raced 118 dates from April 25 through October 30 in 2004. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2004.

Note: The Track Summary of Great Lakes Downs represents the Thoroughbred Race Meeting Summary. Great Lakes Downs is the only all-Thoroughbred track in Michigan.

Track Summaries - Hazel Park Harness Raceway

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	140	140
Live Dates Run	140	140
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	362
Live & Simulcast Attendance	644,101	759,106
Daily Average	1,784	2,097
Live Wagering Total	\$ 12,255,520	\$ 11,350,256
Simulcast Wagering Total	124,137,066	136,460,414
Combined Wagering Total	136,392,586	147,810,670
Daily Average	377,819	408,317
Per Capita	212	195
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$105,798,288	\$113,114,497
Daily Average	293,070	312,471
State Revenue Total	\$ 4,344,814	\$ 4,776,135
Daily Average	12,036	13,194
* Purse Total	\$ 5,612,955	\$ 6,248,663
Daily Average	40,093	44,633
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 20,795,473	\$ 22,341,503
Daily Average	57,605	61,717

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2005, from April 4 through October 15. Hazel Park Harness Raceway raced 140 dates in 2004, from April 5 through October 16. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2005 or 2004.

Track Summaries - Jackson Harness Raceway

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	24	24
Live Dates Run	24	22
Live Dates Not Run	0	2
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	237	239
Live & Simulcast Attendance	80,222	79,458
Daily Average	333	333
Live Wagering Total	\$ 1,055,506	\$ 933,454
Simulcast Wagering Total	12,006,152	12,314,292
Combined Wagering Total	13,061,658	13,247,746
Daily Average	55,113	55,430
Per Capita	163	167
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$10,134,791	\$10,161,356
Daily Average	42,763	42,516
State Revenue Total	\$ 420,196	\$ 431,001
Daily Average	1,773	1,803
* Purse Total	\$ 504,984	\$ 513,857
Daily Average	21,041	23,357
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 1,967,391	\$ 1,970,587
Daily Average	8,301	8,245

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Jackson Harness Raceway (JHR) presented 24 live race dates in 2005 from April 20 through June 11. JHR presented 22 live race dates in 2004 from April 21 through June 12. Two allocated race dates were cancelled due to inclement weather and power outages.

Track Summaries - Mount Pleasant Meadows

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	36	37
Live Dates Run	36	37
Live Dates Not Run	0	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	256	256
Live & Simulcast Attendance	14,323	17,114
Daily Average	56	67
Live Wagering Total	\$ 181,409	\$ 183,625
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,630,922	2,295,668
Combined Wagering Total	2,812,331	2,479,293
Daily Average	10,986	9,685
Per Capita	196	145
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$2,137,689	\$1,850,404
Daily Average	8,350	7,228
State Revenue Total	\$ 92,088	\$ 80,356
Daily Average	360	314
* Purse Total	\$ 989,743	\$1,116,727
Daily Average	27,493	30,182
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 386,411	\$ 351,629
Daily Average	1,509	1,374

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Mount Pleasant Meadows raced 36 dates in 2005, from May 7 through September 25, and 37 dates in 2004, from May 1 to September 26. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2005 or 2004.

Note: The Track Summary of Mount Pleasant Meadows represents the Mixed Breed Race Meeting Summary. Mixed Breed race horses include Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse, Arabian, Appaloosa, and American Paint.

Track Summaries - Northville Downs

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	66	66
Live Dates Run	47	65
Live Dates Not Run	19	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	211	211
Live & Simulcast Attendance	113,756	134,240
Daily Average	539	636
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,116,930	\$ 3,582,057
Simulcast Wagering Total	60,457,077	67,684,067
Combined Wagering Total	62,574,007	71,266,124
Daily Average	296,559	337,754
Per Capita	550	531
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$48,903,002	\$56,288,835
Daily Average	231,768	266,772
State Revenue Total	\$ 2,116,008	\$ 2,368,954
Daily Average	10,029	11,227
* Purse Total	\$ 2,194,553	\$ 2,651,223
Daily Average	46,693	40,788
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 9,181,257	\$10,509,635
Daily Average	43,513	49,809

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Northville Downs raced 47 dates in 2005 from January 1 through April 2. Four allotted dates were cancelled on January 11,12,13 and 22 due to inclement weather and 15 dates were cancelled from February 8 through February 26 due to an outbreak of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) which resulted in a 3-week quarantine. Northville Downs raced 65 dates in 2004 from January 3 through April 3. One date was cancelled due to inclement weather on January 27.

Track Summaries - Northville Racing Corporation

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	54	53
Live Dates Run	40	51
Live Dates Not Run	14	2
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	150	148
Live & Simulcast Attendance	103,262	80,572
Daily Average	688	544
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,113,799	\$ 2,023,926
Simulcast Wagering Total	37,896,646	39,820,037
Combined Wagering Total	40,010,445	41,843,963
Daily Average	266,736	282,730
Per Capita	388	519
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$ 31,297,666	\$ 32,564,475
Daily Average	208,651	220,030
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,326,388	\$ 1,393,710
Daily Average	8,843	9,417
* Purse Total	\$ 1,405,474	\$ 1,656,176
Daily Average	35,137	32,474
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 6,018,383	\$ 6,285,419
Daily Average	40,123	42,469

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

In 2005, Northville Racing Corporation (NRC) ran 40 live racing dates from October 17 through December 30. The Racing Commissioner granted a reduction of 13 dates in 2005 due to an inadequate horse supply and one allotted date was cancelled to inclement weather on December 15. NRC presented 51 dates in 2004, from October 18 through December 30. Two allotted dates were not run in 2004 due to inclement weather.

Track Summaries - Saginaw Harness Raceway

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	33	33
Live Dates Run	23	33
Live Dates Not Run	10	0
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	302	362
Live & Simulcast Attendance	38,352	51,095
Daily Average	127	141
Live Wagering Total	\$ 533,169	\$ 884,758
Simulcast Wagering Total	9,384,616	11,967,393
Combined Wagering Total	9,917,785	12,852,151
Daily Average	32,840	35,503
Per Capita	259	252
Amount Payable to Winning Ticket Holders Total	\$ 7,538,150	\$ 9,780,474
Daily Average	24,961	27,018
State Revenue Total	\$ 328,473	\$ 418,873
Daily Average	1,088	1,157
* Purse Total	\$ 487,944	\$ 516,742
Daily Average	21,215	15,659
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 1,549,873	\$ 2,029,358
Daily Average	5,132	5,606

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Saginaw Harness Raceway presented 23 dates in 2005, from July 1 through August 28. The Racing Commissioner granted a reduction of 10 days due to an inadequate horse supply. Saginaw presented 33 dates of live racing in 2004, from June 18 through August 29. No allotted dates were cancelled in 2004.

Saginaw Harness Raceway closed for business on Sunday October 30, 2005.

Track Summaries - Sports Creek Raceway

	2005	2004
Live Dates Allotted	90	88
Live Dates Run	82	87
Live Dates Not Run	8	1
Live & Simulcast Dates Total	361	362
Live & Simulcast Attendance	130,486	141,252
Daily Average	362	390
Live Wagering Total	\$ 1,843,206	\$ 1,826,827
Simulcast Wagering Total	28,738,263	30,713,593
Combined Wagering Total	30,581,469	32,540,420
Daily Average	84,713	89,891
Per Capita	234	230
Amount Payable to Winning		
Ticket Holders Total	\$23,339,543	\$24,883,108
Daily Average	64,653	68,738
State Revenue Total	\$ 1,005,855	\$ 1,074,997
Daily Average	2,786	2,970
* Purse Total	\$ 1,134,621	\$ 1,263,709
Daily Average	13,837	14,525
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 4,786,500	\$ 5,087,788
Daily Average	13,259	14,055

* The amounts exclude supplements and fees.

Sports Creek Raceway presented two separate live race meetings in 2005. The first ran 20 dates, from January 1 through February 6. One allotted date was cancelled on January 22 due to inclement weather. The second ran 61 dates, from September 3 through December 31. The Racing Commissioner granted a reduction of 7 dates due to an inadequate horse supply. Sports Creek Raceway also presented two separate live race meetings in 2004. The first ran 21 dates, from January 3 through February 8. One allotted date was cancelled on January 14 due to inclement weather. The second race meeting ran 66 dates, from September 4 through December 31.

Track Information

Map of Michigan Racetracks



Great Lakes Downs

Thoroughbred Racing

Location: 4800 S. Harvey Street
Muskegon, MI 49444
231-799-2400
www.greatlakesdowns.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile to 1 1/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Sand and clay on limestone base

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,350
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 850
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 800

Date of First Track License: February 1, 1984
Date of Inaugural Harness Meeting: May 25, 1989
Date of Inaugural Thoroughbred Mtg: April 23, 1999
Attendance Record:
4,821; May 5, 2001
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$1,104,066; May 5, 2001

Hazel Park Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 1650 East Ten Mile Road
Hazel Park, MI 48030
248-398-1000
www.hazelparkraceway.com

Size of Track:
Length: 5/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 9,200
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 3,000
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 1,200

Date of First Track License: August 1949
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 17, 1949
Attendance Record:
28,726; May 31, 1965
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$2,029,028; July 10, 1977

Jackson Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 200 West Ganson Street
Jackson, MI 49204
517-788-4500

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 70 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 6,500
Sulky Lounge Seating Capacity: 250
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 500
Housing Space for Stable Help: 16

Date of First Track License: 1948
Date of Inaugural Meeting: May 28, 1949
Attendance Record:
6,812; August 16, 1975
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$346,557; May 18, 1986

Track Information

Mount Pleasant Meadows

Mixed Breed Racing

Location: 500 North Mission Road
Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
989-773-0012

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 60 feet

Soil of Track:
Sandy loam

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,000
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 400
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 300

Date of First Track License: May 1985
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 21, 1985
Attendance Record:
1,027; May 17, 1986
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$61,463; October 1, 1989

Northville Downs

Harness Racing

Location: 301 South Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-1000
www.northvilledowns.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Limestone and stone mix

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 3,200
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 2,000
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 900
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 493
Housing Space for Stable Help: 80

Date of First Track License: August 1944
Date of Inaugural Meeting: August 4, 1944
Attendance Record:
9,610; May 15, 1950
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$935,067; March 28, 1986

Saginaw Harness Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 2701 East Genesee Street
Saginaw, MI 48601
989-755-3451
www.saginawraceway.com

Size of Track:
Length: 1/2 mile
Width: 50 feet in backstretch,
70 feet in homestretch

Soil of Track:
Limestone, coarse and fine

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 2,500
Grandstand Standing Capacity: 1,000
Surrey Room Seating Capacity: 225
Lounge Capacity: 120
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 314

Date of First Track License: May 2, 1979
Date of Inaugural Meeting: June 16, 1980
Attendance Record:
6,000; June 16, 1980
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$471,945; August 18, 1985

Sports Creek Raceway

Harness Racing

Location: 4290 Morrish Road
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
810-635-3333

Size of Track:
Length: 5/8 mile
Width: 80 feet

Soil of Track:
Clay base, stone dust and limestone
cushion

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 4,500
Clubhouse Seating Capacity: 2,000
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 200

Date of First Track License: April, 26, 1984
Date of Inaugural Meeting: November 5, 1986
Attendance Record:
6,111; November 5, 1986
Pari-Mutuel Wagering Record:
\$626,388; March 11, 1990

2006 Live Racing Schedule

THOROUGHBRED RACING

<p>Great Lakes Downs 4800 Harvey Street Muskegon, MI 49444 231-799-2400</p>	<p>May 6 (Saturday) through November 7 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>104 Dates</p>
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MIXED BREED RACING

<p>Mount Pleasant Meadows 500 N. Mission Road Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989-773-0012</p>	<p>May 6 (Saturday) through September 23 (Sunday)</p>	<p>34 Dates</p>
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Thoroughbred & Mixed Breed Total:	138 Dates
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STANDARD BREED RACING

<p>Sports Creek Raceway 4290 Morrish Road Swartz Creek, MI 48473 810-635-3333</p>	<p>January 6 (Friday) through February 12 (Sunday) August 12 (Saturday) through December 31 (Sunday)</p>	<p>82 Dates</p>
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<p>Northville Downs 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000</p>	<p>January 6 (Friday) through April 8 (Saturday)</p>	<p>54 Dates</p>
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<p>Hazel Park Harness Raceway 1650 East Ten Mile Road Hazel Park, MI 48030 248-398-1000</p>	<p>April 14 (Friday) through October 14 (Saturday)</p>	<p>130 Dates</p>
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<p>Jackson Harness Raceway 200 W. Ganson Street Box 881 Jackson, MI 49204 517-788-4500</p>	<p>April 26 (Wednesday) through July 8 (Saturday)</p>	<p>33 Dates</p>
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<p>Northville Racing Corp. 301 South Center Street Northville, MI 48167 248-349-1000</p>	<p>October 17 (Tuesday) through December 30 (Saturday)</p>	<p>44 Dates</p>
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Standardbred Total:	343 Dates
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2006 TOTAL:	481 Dates
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