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***OFFICE OF  
RACING COMMISSIONER***

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Racing Commissioner**

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER  
LANSING

CHRISTINE C. WHITE  
COMMISSIONER

April 15, 2008

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 2007 Annual Report of the Office of Racing Commissioner is hereby submitted.

Sincerely,

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

Christine C. White  
Racing Commissioner

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Editor's note: All information contained in this report relates to pari-mutuel horseracing in Michigan. Pari-mutuel refers to legalized wagering offered at a licensed facility.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

During the past three years that I have served as Commissioner, we have grappled with many issues that include the declining handle and the loss of race tracks. However, we have also seen a rise in cooperation among jurisdictions and national level support to raise the integrity and overall perception of the sport.

In fact, our charge incorporates those two points - preserving the integrity of the sport which will help increase the racing fan base. Our stewards monitor each race and make all findings of fact with regards to any matters occurring during a race while our equine drug testing program is continuously reviewed and updated. Though we have made improvements, there is much still to be done and continually moving forward is a personal high priority.

We also understand that expanding our racing audience is essential to the continuation of Michigan horse racing. In 2007, our office put forth effort to reach out to the industry and our customers through promotions such as June is Michigan Horse Racing Month, improving our website and developing e-newsletters.

The ORC staff and I would like to thank you for your continued participation, support and interest in horse racing in Michigan. We know that there are challenges, but together, we can make it better.

See you at the races!

*Christine White*

Christine White  
Racing Commissioner



## MICHIGAN HORSE RACING IN 2007

- ◆ In 2007, Michigan had six licensed pari-mutuel racetracks, including one thoroughbred track (Great Lakes Downs), one mixed breed racetrack (Mount Pleasant Meadows) and four harness tracks (Hazel Park Harness Raceway, Jackson Harness Raceway, Northville Downs and Sports Creek Raceway) .
- ◆ Live racing was offered all year rotating among the tracks while simulcast was available at all of the tracks all year.
- ◆ The industry generated income for the State through taxes including personal income, property, Michigan Business Tax and the wagering tax unique to the horse racing industry. In 2007, over \$8.4 million was passed to the state by the simulcast wagering tax.
- ◆ There were 5,700 race horses in Michigan with the racing breeds of Quarter Horse, American Paint, Arabian and Standardbred being the most numerous breeds in all of Michigan equine.
- ◆ In 2007, Michigan racetracks held a total of 1,935 days of live and simulcast racing, attracting one million fans, wagering over \$260 million.
- ◆ The ORC licensed approximately 4,500 individuals to participate at some level in pari-mutuel horse racing; 3,500 of these licensees permanently reside in Michigan.
- ◆ ORC veterinarians and technicians collect close to 17,000 blood, urine and other samples from racehorses to test for performance enhancing substances.

The Office of Racing Commissioner is the official state agency charged with regulating, promoting and serving the horse racing industry in Michigan. For more information about Michigan horse racing, Michigan's race tracks and schedules of live racing, visit [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).



# THE OFFICE OF RACING COMMISSIONER

The Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) was originally established by the Racing Act of 1933 to authorize and regulate pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan. Currently, the ORC functions under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, and in accordance with the Racing Commissioner General Rules. The ORC is an independent agency created within the Department of Agriculture, in accordance with the Executive Organization Act of 1965.

The ORC functions are primarily regulatory based with its program objectives being:

- ◆ Licensing of tracks, live race meets and simulcast wagering broadcasts
- ◆ Occupational licensing of owners, trainers, grooms, drivers, jockeys, trackstaff, vendors and contractors
- ◆ Allocating live race dates and simulcast schedules at all pari-mutuel tracks
- ◆ Collecting racing license and tax revenue
- ◆ Overseeing in the conduct of and ensuring the integrity of the races
- ◆ Guarding the health and welfare of the horses
- ◆ Monitoring the daily conduct of live and simulcast racing
- ◆ Conducting equine and human drug testing programs
- ◆ Investigating any irregularities that would affect the horsemen and the wagering public
- ◆ Instigating disciplinary actions and/or criminal prosecution when infractions occur
- ◆ Developing ways to improve and promote pari-mutuel horse racing in Michigan
- ◆ The ORC provides a 24-hour toll free hotline for the public to provide anonymous tips regarding suspected illegal practices, information on violations of the rules and/or the Racing Law and suggestions for improving Michigan racing.  
The hotline number is **1-800-973-5000**.
- ◆ The ORC website is **[www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing)**.
- ◆ Each track has an ORC field office that is open during live racing. Office hours vary by track and schedules are posted on the website.



The ORC has a central office located at  
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525 W. Allegan  
PO Box 30773  
Lansing, MI 48933  
Phone: 517/ 335-1420  
Fax: 517/241-3018



# THE ORC AT WORK

## LICENSING STAFF

- √ Accept and process occupational license applications from individuals requesting approval to participate in Michigan pari-mutuel horseracing.
- √ Collect and record occupational license fees and fines.
- √ Generate ID badges
- √ Review all daily racing programs to verify all participants are licensed.
- √ Maintain licensee data in the ORC licensing computing system.
- √ Provide general office assistance to ORC track staff and perform routine receptionist duties.

## VETERINARIANS

- √ Monitor and safeguard the physical well-being of horses participating in pari-mutuel racing
- √ Responsible for oversight of all ORC equine drug testing programs, including the collection and testing of equine blood, urine and other samples to ensure compliance with racing rules and protect the horses involved
- √ Implement vaccination protocols to protect racehorses and prevent the spread of infectious equine diseases.

## STEWARDS

- √ Responsible as representatives of the Commissioner for regulatory oversight over all aspects of pari-mutuel racing at each track during a race meeting
- √ Monitor and judge all live racing to ensure safety, enforce racing statutes and rules and ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to compete
- √ Make decisions, hold hearings and issue rulings to enforce compliance with laws and rules in all matters related to racing
- √ Review occupational license applications, evaluate suitability for licensing and approve or deny applications.



## INVESTIGATORS

- √ Responsible for carrying out investigations into alleged violations of laws and rules
- √ Conduct investigations to determine suitability of applicants for licensing
- √ Perform human drug and alcohol testing on licensees as provided for by the law and rules
- √ Oversee racetrack security in collaboration with track security staff.

# ORC REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

## SUMMARY OF ORC REVENUE

January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007

In 2007, Michigan's pari-mutuel program contributed **\$9,142,998** in pari-mutuel taxes and other revenues to the state as follows:

Pari-Mutuel Simulcast Wagering Taxes	\$ 8,418,708
Occupational License Fees	120,560
Outs*	571,345
Racing Fines	30,010
Track Licenses	2,375
<b>Total ORC Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,142,998</u></b>

*"Outs" are uncashed winning tickets. The race meeting licensee retains 50% and the other 50% is deposited into the Agriculture Equine Fund as mandated by Public Act 505, 1998.*

*Conforming with PA 505, 1998 the funds were received as revenue in 2007.*

### **\*OUTS (Deposited to the Agriculture Equine Fund)**

Great Lakes Downs	\$ 30,430
Mount Pleasant Meadows	8,149
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	259,776
Jackson Harness Raceway	43,242
Northville Downs	95,703
Northville Racing Corporation	62,916
Sports Creek Raceway	71,129
<b>Total Outs Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 571,345</b>

## SUMMARY OF ORC EXPENDITURES

January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007

Salaries, Wages, Retirement and Benefits	\$ 2,567,819
Total Contractual Services, Supplies & Materials	298,810
Travel	63,387
Equipment	1,895
Other	129,637
<b>Total ORC Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,061,548</u></b>

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE ORC

During 2007, ORC licensed a total of **4,513** people. Out of the total licensees, 3,549 permanently reside in Michigan. Many of the licensees hold more than one license.

ALCONA	1	LAPEER	84
ALLEGAN	67	LEELANAU	1
ALPENA	1	LENAWEE	136
ARENAC	2	LIVINGSTON	137
BARRY	31	MACOMB	152
BAY	20	MARQUETTE	1
BERRIEN	4	MASON	1
BRANCH	39	MECOSTA	47
CALHOUN	72	MIDLAND	22
CLARE	41	MONROE	84
CLINTON	12	MONTCALM	55
CRAWFORD	3	MONTMORENCY	4
DELTA	2	MUSKEGON	242
EATON	36	NEWAYGO	24
EMMET	3	OAKLAND	296
GENESEE	297	OCEANA	4
GLADWIN	13	OGEMAW	5
GRAND TRAVERSE	4	OSCEOLA	10
GRATIOT	56	OTTAWA	53
HILLSDALE	74	ROSCOMMON	6
HURON	13	SAGINAW	26
INGHAM	106	SANILAC	48
IONIA	18	SHIAWASSEE	99
IOSCO	4	ST CLAIR	44
IRON	1	ST JOSEPH	24
ISABELLA	80	TUSCOLA	65
JACKSON	205	VAN BUREN	22
KALAMAZOO	28	WASHTENAW	91
KALKASKA	1	WAYNE	355
KENT	79	WEXFORD	1

The ORC issues licenses for owners, trainers, assistant trainers, drivers, jockeys, apprentice jockeys, veterinarians, farriers, racing officials, track and association employees, grooms, stable help, vendors, corporations, partnerships and temporary licenses for authorized people to go to the backside of the track.

The licensing fees range from \$10 to \$25.



# TOTAL WAGERING SUMMARY

## LIVE WAGERING

### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 2,054,528

### Mixed Breed

Mount Pleasant Meadows 164,847

### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 9,713,564

Jackson Harness Raceway 1,574,495

Northville Downs 3,174,821

Northville Racing Corp. 2,048,476

Sports Creek Raceway 1,698,842

**Total Live Wagering \$ 20,429,573**

## SIMULCAST WAGERING

### Thoroughbred

Great Lakes Downs \$ 10,424,428

### Mixed Breed

Mount Pleasant Meadows 2,288,214

### Standardbred

Hazel Park Harness Raceway 102,976,797

Jackson Harness Raceway 10,430,059

Northville Downs 52,635,646

Northville Racing Corp. 32,463,718

Sports Creek Raceway 29,314,355

**Total Simulcast Wagering \$ 240,533,217**

*"Exports" are bets placed on Michigan races received by simulcast at tracks outside of the state. In 2007, total export wagering on Michigan races was **\$55,854,479***

*Total 2006 Wagering \$281,192,788*

**TOTAL WAGERING \$ 260,962,790**

## STATE TAX SUMMARY

	2007	2006
<b>Thoroughbred</b>		
Great Lakes Downs	\$ 364,862	\$ 407,058
<b>Mixed Breed</b>		
Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$ 80,092	\$ 91,420
<b>Standardbred</b>		
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 3,604,200	\$ 3,967,085
Jackson Harness Raceway	365,052	406,960
Northville Downs	1,842,254	1,980,398
Northville Racing Corporation	1,136,234	1,158,699
Sports Creek Raceway	1,026,014	1,056,111
<b>Harness Totals</b>	<b>\$ 7,973,754</b>	<b>\$ 8,569,253</b>
 <b>Total State Tax</b>	 <b><u>\$ 8,418,708</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 9,067,731</u></b>

*There is a 3.5% tax on all money wagered on simulcast races at each licensed track. Live wagering is not taxed in Michigan.*



*According to the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, the tax on live racing wagering was eliminated to “allow for the improvement of the pari-mutuel horse racing and breeding industry in this state by increasing purses at licensed race meetings and making additional pari-mutuel revenues available for capital improvements.”*

# PURSE POOL DISTRIBUTION

<b>Thoroughbred</b>	
Great Lakes Downs	<b>\$ 5,600,727</b>
<b>Mixed Breed</b>	
Mount Pleasant Meadows	<b>\$ 702,425</b>
<b>Standardbred</b>	
Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$ 6,422,498
Jackson Harness Raceway	705,300
Northville Downs	2,899,227
Northville Racing Corporation	1,631,735
Sports Creek Raceway	1,525,830
Standardbred Totals:	<b>\$ 13,184,590</b>
<b>Total Purse Distribution:</b>	<b><u>\$ 19,487,742</u></b>

*The Horse Racing Act of 1995, as amended, authorizes (according to a formula indicated in the act) a certain amount to be deducted from wagering totals at the racetracks. This money is placed in a special account during the racing year. The account is then divided to each racetrack based on their handle (wagers) the previous year. The purse money is what is paid to the winners of the races. The certified horsemen's organizations are responsible for the distribution of the purse money to the tracks.*



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT BREAKAGE FUNDS

<u>City/Township</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
Fruitport Township	Great Lakes Downs	\$49,724	\$157,640
Isabella Township	Mount Pleasant Meadows	\$2,000	\$3,408
Hazel Park	Hazel Park Harness Raceway	\$510,243	\$510,243
Jackson	Jackson Harness Raceway	\$61,172	\$48,638
Northville	Northville Downs and Northville Racing Corporation	\$355,551	\$187,634
Swartz Creek	Sports Creek Raceway	\$121,874	\$9,392
<b>Total Breakage to Local Governments</b>			<b><u>\$ 1,100,564</u></b>

*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 per dollar wagered, the bettor receives \$3.10 and the \$.01 in breakage is distributed to cities and/or townships in which the track is located.*

*All figures are for the calendar year.*

*\* Revenue equals all breakage reported by the local unit of government 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.*



## THEN AND NOW

*In September of 1933, Michigan held its first pari-mutuel race meet at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit. During the 31 day meet, 100,000 fans had wagered more than \$3.5 million on the Thoroughbred races.*

**The fifteen (15) year statistical history of pari-mutuel racing in Michigan is as follows:**

Year	Days Raced	Attendance	Wagering	Revenue
1992	918	2,563,334	\$428,344,299	\$21,330,433
1993	901	2,414,670	401,865,797	19,945,112
1994	865	2,065,089	356,694,463	17,834,339
1995	827	1,741,325	310,522,945	15,552,692
1996*	2,225	2,136,766	467,785,576	9,855,173
1997	2,425	2,099,295	474,608,578	14,656,240
1998	2,262	1,956,378	463,843,615	13,643,735
1999	2,218	1,714,354	416,616,490	13,202,928
2000	2,308	1,549,408	399,316,679	13,374,720
2001	2,205	1,433,998	374,549,941	11,874,054
2002	2,247	1,367,704	365,242,287	11,657,549
2003	2,244	1,333,514	346,577,964	11,086,489
2004	2,255	1,328,829	337,473,462	10,978,970
2005	2,184	1,190,923	309,772,470	10,047,139
2006	1,909	1,169,772	281,192,788	9,067,731
<b>2007</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>1,068,080</b>	<b>260,962,791</b>	<b>8,418,707</b>

*Prior to 1996, "Days Raced" meant days of live racing only. After 1996, race days include track operations for live and simulcast racing.*



*\* Full-card simulcasting was authorized with the enactment of the Horse Racing Law of 1995. Michigan pari-mutuel tracks could now conduct live and simulcast wagering year-round.*

## ALL RACE MEETINGS SUMMARY LIVE AND SIMULCAST TOTALS

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted	450	481
Live Dates Run	446	472
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	1,935	1,909
Total Track Attendance	1,068,080	1,169,772
Daily Attendance Average	552	613
Live Wagering Total	\$ 20,429,573	\$ 22,116,171
Simulcast Wagering Total	240,533,217	259,076,617
Combined Wagering Total	260,962,790	281,192,788
Daily Average	134,864	147,299
Per Capita	244	240
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 200,802,643	\$ 218,243,055
Daily Average	103,774	114,323
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 8,418,707	\$ 9,067,731
Daily Average	4,351	4,750
Purse Total	\$ 19,487,472	\$ 17,730,262
Daily Average	43,694	37,564
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 39,427,926	\$ 42,502,460
Daily Average	20,376	22,264

# GREAT LAKES DOWNS

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (one day not run)	99	101
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	309	325
Total Track Attendance	54,624	64,582
Daily Attendance Average	177	199
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,054,528	\$ 2,392,978
Simulcast Wagering Total	10,424,428	11,630,011
Combined Wagering Total	12,478,956	14,022,989
Daily Average	40,385	43,148
Per Capita	228	217
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 9,398,068	\$ 10,877,779
Daily Average	30,414	33,470
Purse Total	\$5,600,727	\$6,095,400
Daily Average	56,573	60,350
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 364,862	\$ 407,058
Daily Average	1,181	1,253
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 1,971,760	\$ 2,228,552
Daily Average	6,381	6,857

*Great Lakes Downs was allotted 100 live race days between May 5 and November 6. After eight years of thoroughbred racing, Great Lakes closed its doors on the final day of live racing.*



# MOUNT PLEASANT MEADOWS

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (all ran in 2007)	35	34
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	299	259
Total Track Attendance	14,263	14,367
Daily Attendance Average	47	56
Live Wagering Total	\$ 164,847	\$ 197,819
Simulcast Wagering Total	2,288,214	2,611,855
Combined Wagering Total	2,453,061	2,812,331
Daily Average	8,204	10,986
Per Capita	172	196
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 1,860,796	\$ 2,137,689
Daily Average	6,223	8,350
Purse Total	\$702,425	\$ 989,743
Daily Average	20,069	27,493
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 80,092	\$ 91,420
Daily Average	268	353
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 340,664	\$ 386,411
Daily Average	1,139	1,509

*Mount Pleasant Meadows ran 35 live race days from May 5 to September 23. American Paint, Arabian, Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds race at Michigan's only Mixed Breed track.*



# HAZEL PARK HARNESS RACEWAY

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (all ran in 2007)	108	130
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	361	361
Total Track Attendance	546,495	597,818
Daily Attendance Average	1,514	1,656
Live Wagering Total	\$ 9,713,564	\$ 10,893,737
Simulcast Wagering Total	102,976,797	113,344,926
Combined Wagering Total	112,690,361	124,238,663
Daily Average	312,162	344,151
Per Capita	206	208
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 86,604,590	\$ 96,296,716
Daily Average	239,902	266,750
Purse Total	\$6,422,498	\$ 5,132,238
Daily Average	59,467	39,479
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 3,604,199	\$ 3,967,085
Daily Average	9,984	10,989
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 16,926,561	\$ 18,745,454
Daily Average	46,888	51,927



*Hazel Park Harness Raceway held 108 live race days between April 20 and October 9. Hazel Park Raceway is located on E. 10 Mile, just south of the I-75 and I-696 Interchange.*

# JACKSON HARNESS RACEWAY

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (all ran in 2007)	36	33
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	244	243
Total Track Attendance	103,120	94,147
Daily Attendance Average	423	387
Live Wagering Total	\$ 1,574,495	\$ 1,395,392
Simulcast Wagering Total	10,430,059	11,627,438
Combined Wagering Total	12,004,554	13,022,830
Daily Average	49,199	53,592
Per Capita	116	138
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 9,216,752	\$ 9,967,208
Daily Average	37,774	41,017
Purse Total	\$705,300	\$ 611,763
Daily Average	19,592	18,538
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 365,052	\$ 406,960
Daily Average	1,496	1,675
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 1,863,874	\$ 1,974,665
Daily Average	7,639	8,126

*Jackson Harness Raceway ran 36 live dates from April 27 to July 21. The track is located on the Jackson County Fairgrounds.*



# NORTHVILLE DOWNS

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (3 days not run)	55	54
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	211	211
Total Track Attendance	129,483	169,474
Daily Attendance Average	614	803
Live Wagering Total	\$ 3,174,821	\$ 3,124,948
Simulcast Wagering Total	52,635,646	56,582,570
Combined Wagering Total	55,810,467	59,707,518
Daily Average	264,505	282,974
Per Capita	431	352
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 43,241,216	\$ 46,732,832
Daily Average	204,935	221,483
Purse Total	\$2,899,227	\$ 2,376,299
Daily Average	52,713	44,836
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 1,842,254	\$ 1,980,398
Daily Average	8,731	9,386
Track Share Commission Total	\$8,297,165	\$ 8,787,726
Daily Average	39,323	41,648



*Northville Downs held 58 live race days between January 5 and April 14. Northville Downs is located at 7 Mile and Sheldon Roads.*

# NORTHVILLE RACING CORPORATION

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (all ran in 2007)	43	44
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	149	150
Total Track Attendance	89,686	88,702
Daily Attendance Average	602	591
Live Wagering Total	\$ 2,048,476	\$ 2,190,859
Simulcast Wagering Total	32,463,718	33,105,543
Combined Wagering Total	34,512,194	35,296,402
Daily Average	231,625	235,309
Per Capita	385	398
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$26,747,928	\$ 27,336,887
Daily Average	179,516	182,246
Purse Total	\$1,631,735	\$ 1,316,198
Daily Average	37,947	29,914
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 1,136,234	\$ 1,158,699
Daily Average	7,626	7,725
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 5,216,196	\$ 5,347,709
Daily Average	35,008	35,651

*Northville Racing Corporation's race meet license is assigned to the Northville Downs track. Northville Downs Racing Corporation ran 43 lives days from October 17 to December 29.*



# SPORTS CREEK RACEWAY

	2007	2006
Live Dates Allotted (all ran in 2007)	70	82
Total Live and Simulcast Dates	362	360
Total Track Attendance	130,409	140,682
Daily Attendance Average	360	391
Live Wagering Total	\$1,698,842	\$ 1,920,438
Simulcast Wagering Total	29,314,355	30,174,274
Combined Wagering Total	31,013,197	32,094,712
Daily Average	85,672	89,152
Per Capita	238	228
Winning Tickets Payouts	\$ 23,733,293	\$ 24,856,685
Daily Average	65,562	69,046
Purse Total	\$1,525,830	\$ 1,054,898
Daily Average	21,798	13,700
State Revenue (Simulcast Tax)	\$ 1,026,014	\$ 1,056,111
Daily Average	2,834	2,934
Track Share Commission Total	\$ 4,811,706	\$ 5,028,008
Daily Average	13,292	13,967



*Sports Creek is located on I-69 at Swartz Creek. There were 70 live dates. 30 days were held between January 5 and March 11. The remaining 40 days were between October 5 and December 31.*

# 2007 MICHIGAN'S HORSE RACE TRACKS

## Great Lakes Downs

Thoroughbred Racing

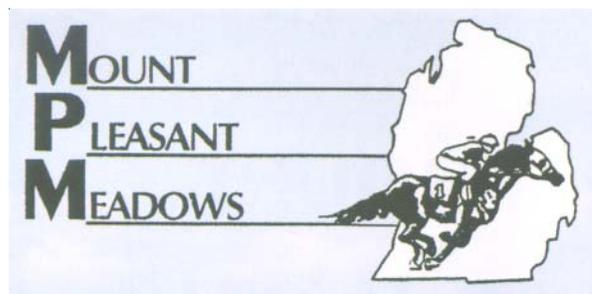
*Location* 4800 S. Harvey Street  
Muskegon, MI 49444  
231-799-2400  
[www.greatlakesdowns.com](http://www.greatlakesdowns.com)

*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



## 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



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## HAZEL PARK HARNESS RACEWAY

Harness Racing

*Location* 1650 East Ten Mile Road  
Hazel Park, MI 48030  
248-398-1000  
[www.hazelparkraceway.com](http://www.hazelparkraceway.com)

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

*Soil of Track* Limestone, coarse and fine

*Grandstand Seating Capacity* 550,000  
*Clubhouse Seating Capacity* 3,000  
*Barn Area Horse Stall Space* 500

*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

[www.jacksonharnessraceway.com](http://www.jacksonharnessraceway.com)

*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* 200  
*Barn Area Horse Stall Space* 500

*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



## SPORTS CREEK RACEWAY

Harness Racing

*Location* 4290 Morrish Road  
Swartz Creek, MI 48473  
810-635-3333  
[www.sportscreek.com](http://www.sportscreek.com)

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

*Soil of Track* Clay, stone dust and limestone

*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

## NORTHVILLE DOWNS

Harness Racing

*Location* 301 South Center Street  
Northville, MI 48167  
248-349-1000  
[www.northvilledowns.com](http://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



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