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ATBHA Newsletter

**Keith Ploumen's Hess
winning the \$200,000
Arkansas Breeders'
Championship May 4, 2026**

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A Message from the Board

Dear Friends & Members,

Now that the Oaklawn meet has come to a close, we want to thank each of you for helping make the 2025-2026 meet one of the most exciting in recent memory. The season ended on a high note with the running of the \$200,000 Arkansas Breeders' Championship, won by Hess.

Throughout the meet, Arkansas-bred horses, breeders, owners, trainers, and horsemen showcased the talent, dedication, and passion that continue to strengthen our industry. Your hard work behind the scenes and in the barn area is what makes these successes possible, and we are proud to celebrate all that you have accomplished.

And, the excitement is far from finished. Arkansas-bred runners are continuing to make their presence known at racetracks across the country, and we look forward to cheering them on throughout the summer months. We are committed to keeping our members informed and connected as our state-breds compete from coast to coast, and we can't wait to share their achievements with you.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued dedication and support of the Arkansas Thoroughbred Breeders' and Horsemen's Association. Together, we are building a bright future for Arkansas racing, and we look forward to celebrating many more victories in the months ahead.

We wish you a safe, successful, and rewarding summer, both at the racetrack and on the farm. Here's to seeing Arkansas-breds continue to shine wherever they compete.

Calendar of Events 2026

August 1:

2026 Report of Mare bred due

September 1:

Deadline to reserve space in
the 2027 stallion Directory

October 1:

Ads due for 2027 Stallion
Directory

November 27:

Opening Day of Oaklawn



Dear Friends and Members,

We hope this letter finds you enjoying a wonderful summer. It has been exciting to watch Arkansas-bred horses continue to compete and succeed at racetracks across the country. There is nothing better than seeing the hard work of our breeders, owners, trainers, and horsemen rewarded in the winner's circle.

One of our goals this summer has been to help keep our members connected to those accomplishments through our weekly Arkansas-bred runners email. We hope you have enjoyed following the entries and results and celebrating the success of our state-breds from coast to coast. Please know it is never intentional if we leave a horse off the list, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to improve each email.

If you have not been receiving our weekly updates, please make sure we have your current email address. Most importantly, we want you to know that we are here to help. Whether you have a question, need assistance, have news to share, or simply want to make sure we are highlighting one of your Arkansas-breds, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We hope you have a safe, successful, and enjoyable summer, and we look forward to celebrating many more Arkansas-bred victories with you in the months ahead.

Warm Regards,

Terri (501-276-9459) and Jennifer (859-250-0358)

ATBHA Rules & Regulations for Stallions Standing in Arkansas

Owners of registered Arkansas stallions must submit a Report of Mares bred to the Jockey Club on or before August 1 following the breeding season, listing all mares bred to the stallion during the season, as required by the Jockey Club Rules & Regulations. A copy of said Report of Mares Bred must be submitted to the ATBHA office by August 1, accompanied by the applicable annual stallion re-certification fee.

To renew a stallion's Arkansas registration, an annual re-certification fee shall be paid on each registered Arkansas stallion that stood in Arkansas only during that year's breeding season. Payment of the annual Stallion re-certification fee shall be the obligation of the stallion owner, shall be in the amount of \$300 per year, beginning the year after the initial Arkansas registration, shall be due and payable to the ATBHA on or before August 1 of the breeding year, and shall be accompanied by a photocopy of the Report of Mares Bred for that year.

By the Numbers:

2025 Breeder & Stallion Awards*

\$1,283,089.30 - Breeder Awards paid

\$427,710.22 - Stallion Awards paid

\$1,710,799.52 - Total Awards paid

**Checks were mailed May 5. If you have not received your check, please contact our office right away*

2025-2026 Oakawn Meet Stats

101 - Total AR-bred races

1,013 - Total horses

\$7,283,500 - Total purses for AR-bred races

10.03 - Average field size for AR-bred races

2026 Membership Dues



Any members who have not paid their 2026 membership dues can scan this QR Code for the form. Please submit your form and \$50 membership fee as soon as possible.

Remember, membership dues must be current in order to receive 2025 Breeders and/or stallion awards.

...Breeder... ...Please...

Register ALL Foals
with Breeder(s)
having EXACTLY the
SAME NAME with both
The Jockey Club and
A.T.B.H.A.

Doing this assures
future breeder award
payments are paid
correctly.

If a breeder is an
individual, provide
A.T.B.H.A. with a SSN

If the breeder is a
corporation, LLC, etc.
provide A.T.B.H.A.
with a FEIN

**IF YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS,
CONTACT THE
A.T.B.H.A.
OFFICE**

Follow Us on Social Media

Stay up-to-date with everything
happening with the ATBHA by following
us on Facebook.



Also, find all the latest news on our
website at www.atbha.com.

Broodmare Registrations

Register broodmares immediately
upon bringing them into Arkansas.
Broodmares MUST BE registered
PRIOR TO FOALING.

**It is imperative
that you register your FOALS
with A.T.B.H.A. & The Jockey
Club showing the Breeder(s)
exactly the same on both
registrations.**

When ATBHA receives
The Jockey Club's information
at the end of the year to
calculate your Breeder award,
their information
needs to match the way the foal
was
registered with ATBHA
so the award is paid correctly.

New Website Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that www.atbha.com is getting an
overhaul, which will be complete in the next few weeks. Among the
many new features it will have will be the ability to pay for
membership dues and foal, broodmare or stallion registrations
online.



2026 Stakes Winners

Congratulations to our 2026 Stakes Winners:

Downthedustyroad Breeders' Stakes - February 20, 2026

Haulin Ice

Breeder: Eugenia Thompson-Benight

Owners: C2 Racing LLC, WSS Racing
and Agave Racing Stable

Trainer: Saffie Joseph Jr.

Jockey: Francisco Arrieta



Nodouble Breeders' Stakes - February 21, 2026



Touchdown Arkansas

Breeder: Eugene & Linda Branum

Owner: Lewis Mathews, Jr.

Trainer: Tom Van Berg

Jockey: Francisco Arrieta

Rainbow Miss Stakes - February 21, 2026

Walk Away Kaye

Breeder: JRita Young Thoroughbreds

Owner: JRita Young Thoroughbreds

Trainer: Danny Pish

Jockey: Erik Asmussen



2026 Stakes Winners - Cont.

Congratulations to our 2026 Stakes Winners:

Rainbow Stakes - April 4, 2026

Seventies Music

Breeder: Randy Morse

Owners: Randy Morse

Trainer: Randy Morse

Jockey: Rafael Bejarano



Natural State Breeders' Stakes - February 21, 2026



Queen Mallard

Breeder: William S. Sparks

Owner: William S. Sparks

Trainer: Ron Moquett

Jockey: Keith Asmussen

Arkansas-bred Championship - May 4, 2026

Hess

Breeder: Cedar Run Farm LLC

Owner: Keith Ploumen

Trainer: Ron Westerman

Jockey: Francisco Arrieta



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Thoroughbred Racing Economic Indicators for May 2026

May 2026 vs. May 2025

Indicator	May 2026	May 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$1,387,522,075	\$1,445,426,617	-4.01%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$122,931,100	\$122,787,561	+0.12%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$118,287,055	\$118,182,031	+0.09%
U.S. Race Days	345	365	-5.48%
U.S. Races	2,779	2,933	-5.25%
U.S. Starts	19,243	20,790	-7.44%
Average Field Size	6.92	7.09	-2.31%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$4,021,803	\$3,960,073	+1.56%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$356,322	\$336,404	+5.92%

YTD 2026 vs. YTD 2025

Indicator	YTD 2026	YTD 2025	% Change
Wagering on U.S. Races*	\$4,612,696,658	\$4,829,128,607	-4.48%
U.S. Purses (Available)	\$478,956,315	\$474,878,319	+0.86%
U.S. Purses (Paid)	\$456,166,360	\$451,852,471	+0.95%
U.S. Race Days	1,301	1,332	-2.33%
U.S. Races	10,921	11,211	-2.59%
U.S. Starts	80,432	85,993	-6.47%
Average Field Size	7.36	7.67	-3.98%
Average Wagering Per Race Day	\$3,545,501	\$3,625,472	-2.21%
Average Available Purses Per Race Day	\$368,145	\$356,515	+3.26%

* Includes worldwide commingled wagering on U.S. races.

Stallion Update

New Stallions:

Deflater, Istan - Alexandria J by Forest
Camp, owned by Robert Cline

Echo Town, Speightstown - Letgomyecho,
by Meniffee, owned by Leadem Farm

Stallions not standing in 2026:

Cutting Humor
Deliver The Storm
Peace Winns
Ricky Assets
Serengeti
Tekton
USS Moonpie

Broodmare Registrations

Register broodmares immediately upon
bringing them into Arkansas.
Broodmares MUST BE registered
PRIOR TO FOALING.

ATBHA.com is your source for:

- Registered Arkansas STALLIONS and individual stallion
- Arkansas FARMS with contact information & stallion listings
- HORSES FOR SALE
- REGISTERED FOALS-Arkansas-bred Foals by Foaling Year
- STAKES Nominated Arkansas-bred Foals by Foaling Year
- NEWS & INFORMATION (Forms - Rules - Newsletters - Directory)

2026 Members with Paid Dues

Thank you to all the members who have paid their dues as of June 1, 2026.

If your name is missing from this list or if you have not renewed your membership for the current year, please contact Terri at 501-276-9459 or Jennifer at (859) 250-0358.

Brandon Adami
Catherine Adams-Hutt
Bradley Anderson
Freddy & Linda Anderson
John E. Anthony
Kevin Applegate
Eric Archer
Buster Babb
Sharon Baxter
Steven Baxter
Ralph Black
Brandon Bowen
Linda Brahler
Jessica Brainerd
Eugene Branum
Terry Brennan
Samantha Burdick
Rebecca Bynum-Avery, DVM
Shelly Caldwell
Bryan Calloway
Jessica Carter
Timothy Cash
Al Cates
Rick Christian
Greg Cischke
Jesse W. Clement, DVM
Sherry Cobb
Duane DeLair
Dan Drewry
James Driver
Danele Durham
Connie Eason
Josephine Eberhardt
Timothy Erickson
Jerry Fertel
Clara Finegan
Randy Finegan
Linda Fisher
Frank Fletcher

Staton Flurry
James H. Glover
D.C. "Dash" Goff
Bill Gossage
Dr. J. Phillip Gossage
Joanne & Keith Gray
Aidan Mooney Green
Stan Grizzle
Betty J. Hale
Jimmie L. Hale
Art Hall
Bobby Lee Hall
Jep Harrison
Kent Hersman
Marianna Houston
Kathleen Howard
Greg Huett
Darin Huff
Jada Humphrey
Randy James
James Jankiewicz
Greg Johnson
Laurence Jones
Newell Karoline
Danny Keene
Lyndell Keller
Brent Kennedy
Larry R. Knolton
Kevin Kuta
Alyssa Larson
Blake Lazenby
Joseph Longtin
Jama Lopez
Dewain Loy
Tim Martin
James W. Matheney, Jr.
Lewis Mathews, Jr.
Rick Maxey
Dennis May

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Teresa McFarlin
Theresa Moore
Ginger Moore & Malia Hopkins
Ron Moquett
Jimmy Owens
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Floyd Parnell
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Sara Patterson
Allen Peltier
Melanie Peterson
Vinney Pigue
Shane Porter
Michael Post, D.D.S.
John Prather, Jr.
William J. Prichard
Ladd Puryear
Holly Ramsey
Steve Reppo
Linda Robbins, DVM
Kathy Rowland
Tracy Selby
Greg A. Sheets

Jeffrey M. Sheets
Sarah G. Shields
Miguel Silva
Bill Stivers
D.K. Strickland
JAMS Bloodstock, LLC
Connie Taylor
John & Libbie Thiel
James Tilley, DVM
Brandon Trosclair
Jessica Trulove
Cynthia Wade
Susan & William Watkins
Dan White
Jerome White
Ernie Witt
Ernie Witt, II
Tyree Wolesensky
Val Yagos
Monica Yarbrough
Susan Yarbrough
Rita Young

Racing Stats:

May 22 - June 16

154-15-26-28

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Stats of Arkansas-bred runners

The number of tracks Arkansas-breds
have competed at since May 22.

Arkansas-bred Foals of 2026

Sea Foam - Caliente Candy colt
Breeder: Starfish Stable, LLC



Corniche - Captain's Wife filly
Breeder: Jimmy Owens



Caddo River - Koussa filly
Breeder: Shortleaf Stable



Mo Town - Have No Fear filly
Breeder: Ten Strike Racing & Raquel Richie



Sea Foam - Stormy Sermon colt
Breeder: Starfish Stable, LLC



Arkansas-bred Foals of 2026

Sea Foam - Zonly filly
Breeder: Starfish Stable, LLC.



Ponder Lea - Whelen Springs filly.
Breeder: McDowell Farm



Sea Foam - Volatility Index
Breeder: Eugene Branum & Starfish Stable



Montessa G - Gentlemans Bet colt
Breeder: Michael and Linda Mazoch



Traverse - Caddo River filly
Breeder: Ed Anthony

