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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.

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

Breeds	Number		Value		Average Value ^{1/}	
	2000 Head	2005	2000 Thousand dollars	2005	2000 Dollars	2005
Light Breeds	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
Haflingers	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
Race Horse Breeds	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
Draft Breeds	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
Ponies	11,500	11,200	29,900	43,610	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
Miniature Horses	NA	6,600	NA	9,240	NA	1,400
Donkeys & Mules	2,500	3,500	2,500	2,800	1,000	800
TOTAL EQUINE	168,000	197,000	1,701,800	1,831,040	10,130	9,300

1/ Breed categories rounded.
NA - Not available.

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