

Morrisville announces September 17th for yearling sale

By Jim Gillies

The Morrisville Sale is pleased to announce their annual Yearling Sale will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2016 beginning at 12:00 noon**. This will coincide with the NY Excelsior finals and the harness racing three-year-old New York Sire Stakes consolations to be held later that evening at Vernon Downs, located just 15 minutes from the Morrisville Sales facility.

As a convenience to the purchasers and consignors, a brunch will be served starting at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone who purchases a yearling(s) will be allowed to leave their yearling(s) at the sale facility until Monday if needed

In the 2015 Morrisville Sale, a total of 62 yearlings comprised of 48 trotters and 14 pacers sold for an average price of \$15,540. That represents the highest average of any sale in the state and was a 43% percent increase from the 2014 sale.

The sale attendance was very impressive and all the seats were full until the last yearling went through the ring.



This comes on the heels of several sales graduates racing at the highest level in the state in 2015 including leading two-year-olds DAYSON 2, 1:55.2-'15 (\$182,612) and SMALLTOWNTHROWDOWN 2, 1:57-'15 (\$121,965) as well as three-year-old performer's ROYAL DECEPTOR 3,1:57.2h-'15 (\$207,965), SUMMER SCENT 3,1:59h-'15 (\$123,434) and FROU FROU 3,1:56f-'15 (\$115,133). Other recent graduates include MARKET RALLY 3,1:54.4 (\$704,445), BIG BOY DREAMS p,4,1:49.4f-'15 (\$544,742), CASH ME OUT 4,1:53.3-'15 (\$447,149), BARN BABE 3,1:54.2f (\$350,463) and ROYAL SHYSTER 1:55 (\$326,669).

The Morrisville College students greatly appreciate hosting the sale and making industry contacts with the consignors. These industry connections often lead to internships and further employment for our students.

See what some of our graduates have to say:

"Before coming to MSC I had never heard of a Standardbred. Not only have I come to be a fan of the sport, I have fallen in love with the Standardbred horse. Morrisville's internship program has helped me land a career at New York's fastest growing breeding farm, Crawford Farms" - Bobbi Jean Carney '14

"While at Morrisville I learned how to properly care for stallions, mares, and foals. My horse handling skills improved thanks to the yearling prep class I took. I gained experience learning to handle the workload and long hours that comes with working on a breeding farm. Through my experience while at Morrisville and my internship I was able to secure a position at a top Thoroughbred breeding farm in Kentucky."- Alisha Hite '15

"This hands-on program taught me the fundamentals of breeding and has allowed me to enter the Standardbred breeding world with confidence. Morrisville not only taught me the textbook version of breeding, it allowed me to ask questions and broaden my knowledge. This program gave me the stepping stones and real world experiences I needed to be where I am today working at Allerage Farm." Amber Pruchnik (current intern) '16

"To complete my degree I had to find a 15-week internship. My experiences at Morrisville allowed me to confidently take an internship at a Standardbred breeding farm located in Paris, Kentucky. Being in the equine program I was required to participate in the fall yearling sale. Over the four years I was able to work for different aspects in the sale and make connections in the industry. I worked as a groom for a consignor one year, Morrisville consignment for two years, and a first leader my senior year. After, working all four sales I was comfortable prepping and handling yearlings. Shortly before my 15 weeks were up I was offered a permanent job on the farm. I accepted. My first year on the farm, I was a farm hand. I then became the assistant farm manager and by my fifth year I became the Kentucky farm manager. Morrisville gave me a solid foundation to start with. Without that foundation I may not have had the opportunity to be where I am today." Gina Dailey '10 - Diamond Creek Farm

The New York breeding and racing program has been a strong economic supporter of the Morrisville Equine Program for many years.

In addition to the annual Morrisville College consignment, this year's sale will include support from Crawford Farm, Lakeview Equine, Allerage Farm, Brittany Farms, Preferred Equine Marketing, Brook Meadows Farm, Howard Stables, etc.

Entries are now being accepting to the Sept. 17 Sale.
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