

# **2025 ALBERTA FACT BOOK**

**A statistical guide to the  
Thoroughbred industry  
in Alberta**



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## Preface

This report has been compiled as an industry service by The Jockey Club with the intent of shedding some statistical light on the Thoroughbred industry in ALBERTA and, in particular, trends that have evolved over the past two decades. It contains sections on breeding, racing and auction sales. Statistics within the breeding section and those pertaining to racing performance by foaling year are updated on a regular basis. Statistics contained herein are provided courtesy of The Jockey Club, The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. and Equibase Company LLC. Information pertaining to stallions, mares bred and foal crops are maintained in The Jockey Club's pedigree database and reflect information submitted to the Registry by owners and breeders throughout North America as of the date listed on the page. Information pertaining to races, purses, starters, starts and field size are maintained in the Equibase Company database as collected and reported by chartcallers at tracks throughout North America. Information pertaining to the number of weanlings, yearlings and 2-year-olds sold at auction, gross sales, average price and median price are maintained in the equineline.com database of The Jockey Club Information Systems. Since 2005, Canadian purses have been converted to their equivalent amount in U.S. funds.

Many other statistics about the Thoroughbred industry can be found in The Jockey Club's Online Fact Book ([jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp](http://jockeyclub.com/factbook.asp)). The Jockey Club is dedicated to the improvement of Thoroughbred breeding and racing and serves as the breed registry for North American Thoroughbreds.

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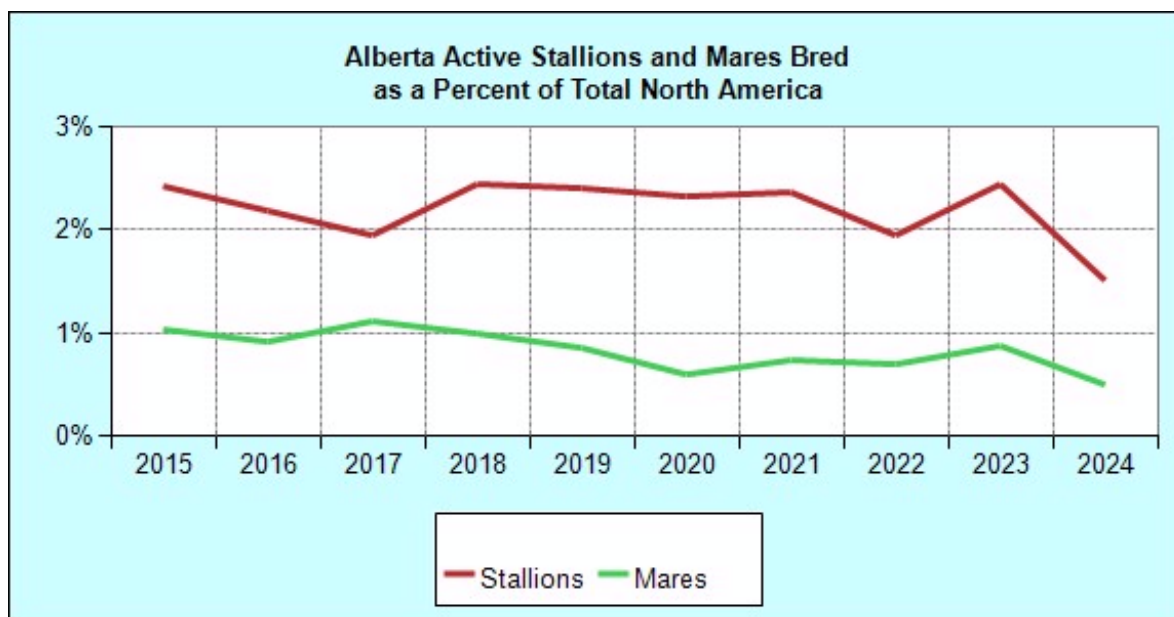
*Bred (Area Foaled): The term "bred" is sometimes used to describe the location where a foal was born, e.g., Kentucky bred (born in Kentucky) or New York bred (born in New York).*

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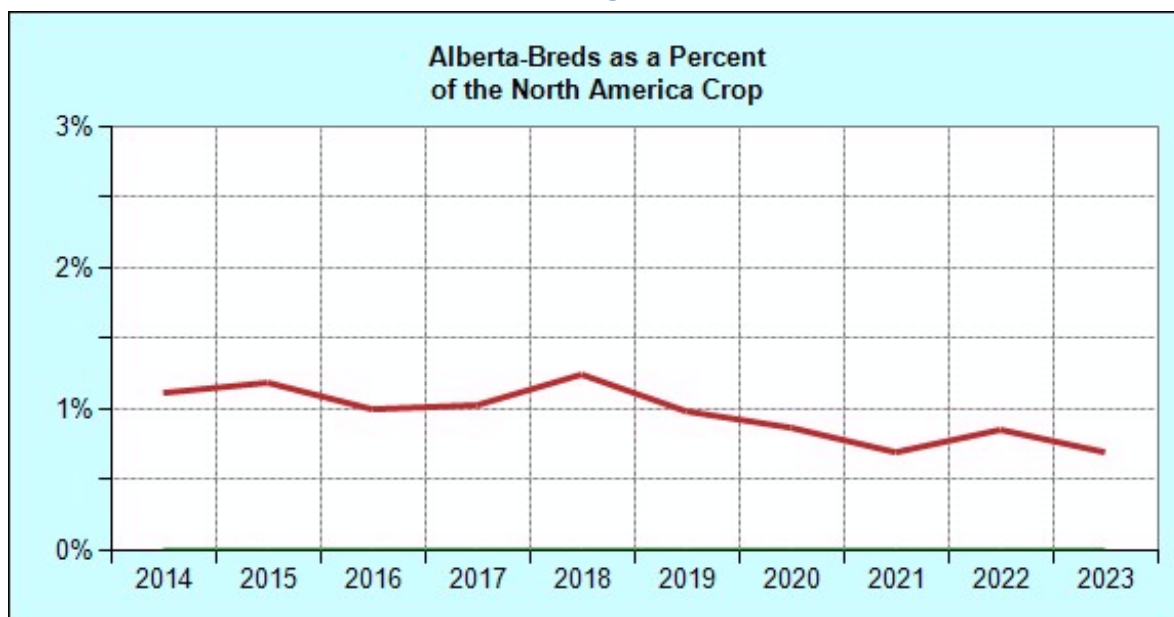
## Annual Mares Bred to Alberta Stallions



Year	Mares Bred	Pct. of NA	Stallions	Pct. of NA	Avg. Book Size	Avg. NA Book Size
2004	948	1.5	84	1.9	11.3	14.6
2005	978	1.5	94	2.2	10.4	15.1
2006	905	1.4	83	2.0	10.9	15.5
2007	810	1.3	89	2.3	9.1	15.8
2008	774	1.4	82	2.3	9.4	15.6
2009	707	1.4	69	2.1	10.2	14.9
2010	560	1.3	65	2.1	8.6	14.2
2011	498	1.3	63	2.3	7.9	14.2
2012	453	1.2	60	2.3	7.6	14.7
2013	436	1.2	50	2.1	8.7	15.5
2014	519	1.4	64	2.8	8.1	16.5
2015	386	1.0	50	2.4	7.7	18.1
2016	332	0.9	43	2.2	7.7	18.4
2017	383	1.1	37	1.9	10.4	18.2
2018	330	1.0	43	2.4	7.7	18.7
2019	268	0.8	40	2.4	6.7	18.9
2020	176	0.6	36	2.3	4.9	19.3
2021	218	0.7	33	2.3	6.6	20.9
2022	203	0.7	26	1.9	7.8	21.6
2023	249	0.9	30	2.4	8.3	23.1
2024	132	0.5	15	1.5	8.8	27.0

Figures as of 04/01/2025

## Annual Alberta Registered Foal Crop



Crop Year	Alberta	North America	Pct. of NA Crop
2003	480	37,067	1.3
2004	475	37,949	1.3
2005	572	38,365	1.5
2006	576	38,104	1.5
2007	500	37,499	1.3
2008	491	35,274	1.4
2009	434	32,364	1.3
2010	358	28,420	1.3
2011	290	24,941	1.2
2012	268	23,542	1.1
2013	260	23,248	1.1
2014	258	23,001	1.1
2015	271	23,049	1.2
2016	226	22,680	1.0
2017	226	22,255	1.0
2018	267	21,293	1.3
2019	202	20,548	1.0
2020	173	19,904	0.9
2021	133	19,082	0.7
2022	159	18,700	0.9
2023	130	18,500 *	0.7

\* Estimated figure

Figures as of 04/01/2025

## Foaling Area of Alberta-Sired Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Foaling Area	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
AB	99	114	98	130	149
BC	5	1	0	0	6
MB	1	2	0	1	1
ON	1	1	0	1	2
SK	0	0	1	1	0
AZ	0	0	0	0	1
MN	0	0	0	1	0
MT	0	0	0	1	0
KY	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>160</b>

Note: Figures include only foals born in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico.  
 Ranked by number of registered foals in 2023  
 Figures as of 04/01/2025

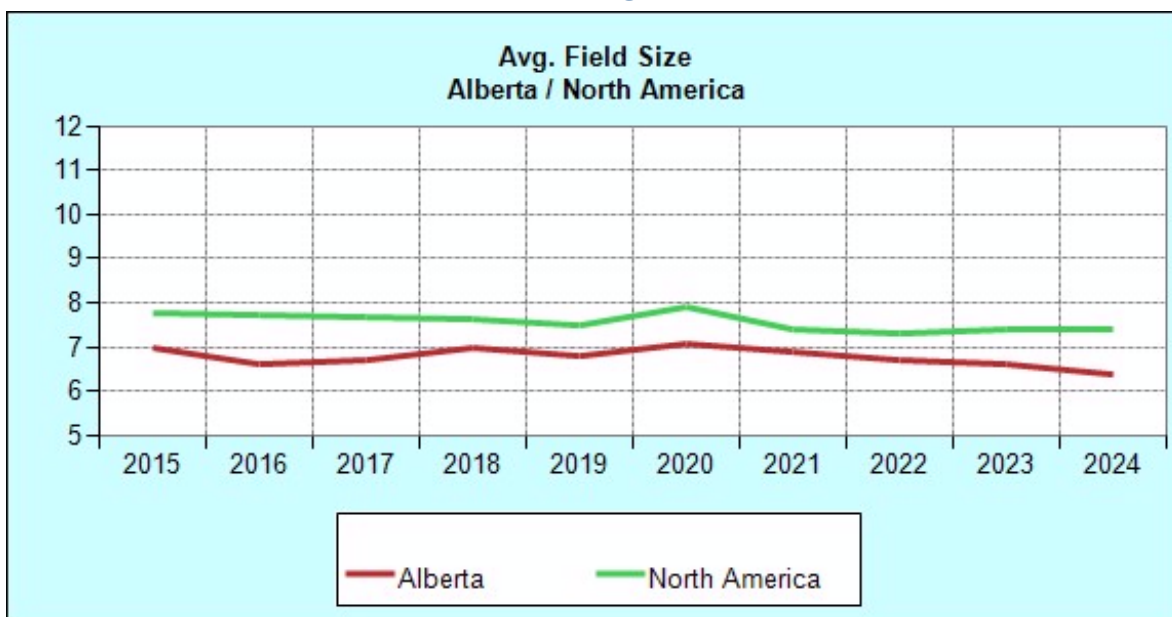
## Conception Area of Alberta-Bred Registered Foals

### Crop Year

Conception Area	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
AB	99	114	98	130	149
KY	22	21	17	21	29
BC	4	4	3	4	1
SK	3	13	7	13	14
NY	1	0	2	2	0
ON	1	0	3	1	5
OR	0	1	1	1	0
PA	0	2	0	0	0
CA	0	2	0	1	1
FL	0	1	1	0	0
MB	0	0	0	0	3
MN	0	0	1	0	0
OK	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>202</b>

Note: Figures include only foals conceived in the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico and where the conception area is known. Ranked by number of registered foals in 2023. Figures as of 04/01/2025

## Alberta Racing Overview

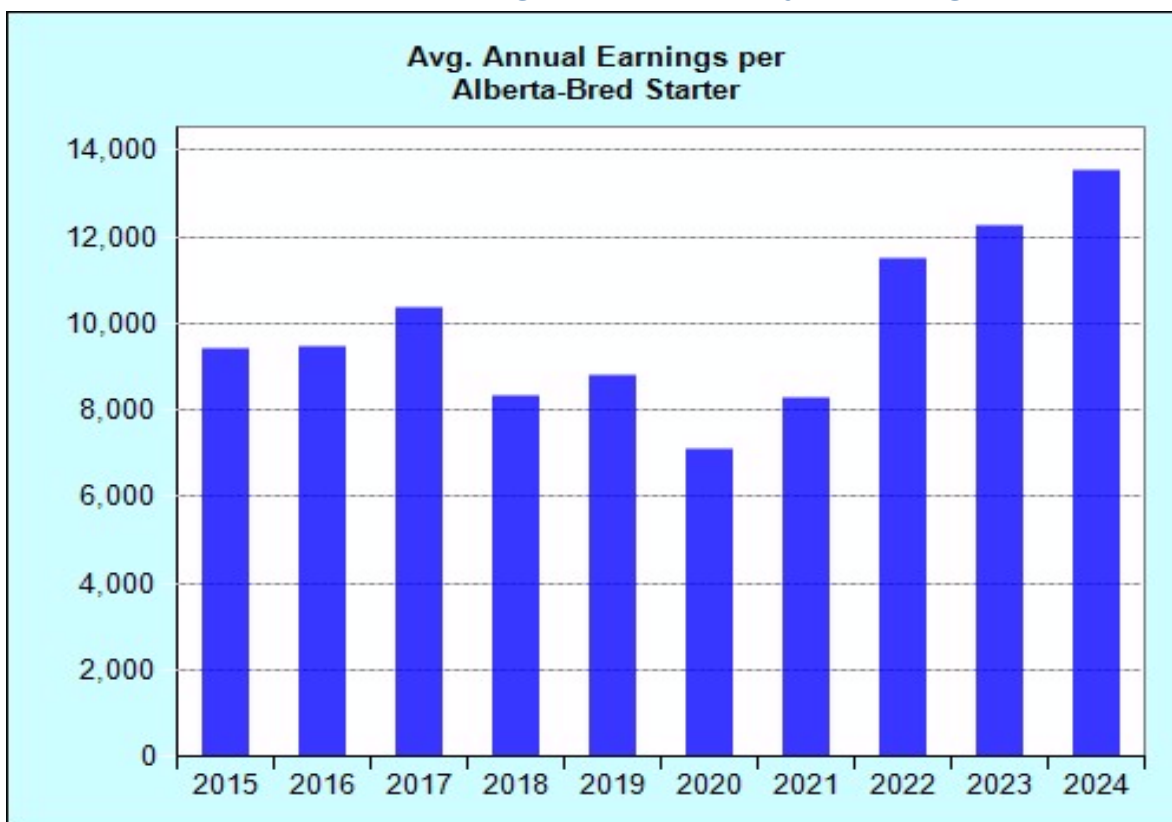


Year	Races	Purses	Starters	Starts	Race Days	Avg. Field Size	Avg. Purse per Race
2004	1,364	16,658,558	1,789	10,355	192	7.6	12,213
2005	1,151	13,045,701	1,692	8,740	166	7.6	11,334
2006	1,322	15,783,963	1,797	9,588	189	7.3	11,939
2007	1,242	16,439,453	1,719	9,044	177	7.3	13,236
2008	1,184	15,215,606	1,792	8,623	173	7.3	12,851
2009	1,068	12,201,708	1,667	7,918	154	7.4	11,425
2010	968	9,544,191	1,537	7,009	152	7.2	9,860
2011	941	9,973,528	1,408	6,656	145	7.1	10,599
2012	951	9,743,113	1,329	6,772	151	7.1	10,245
2013	852	9,565,783	1,268	6,008	144	7.1	11,227
2014	781	8,682,216	1,160	5,629	133	7.2	11,117
2015	773	7,714,083	1,077	5,413	134	7.0	9,979
2016	733	7,131,266	1,056	4,868	129	6.6	9,729
2017	765	8,001,074	991	5,101	125	6.7	10,459
2018	659	6,413,231	967	4,603	116	7.0	9,732
2019	700	6,791,197	1,002	4,769	117	6.8	9,702
2020	479	4,177,990	816	3,379	70	7.1	8,722
2021	568	5,246,357	858	3,892	87	6.9	9,237
2022	621	6,735,089	795	4,131	95	6.7	10,846
2023	568	6,558,937	777	3,729	90	6.6	11,547
2024	600	7,485,767	759	3,813	95	6.4	12,476

Note: Purses represent all available money, including monies not won and returned to state breeder or other funds.



## Alberta-Bred Racing Statistics by Racing Year



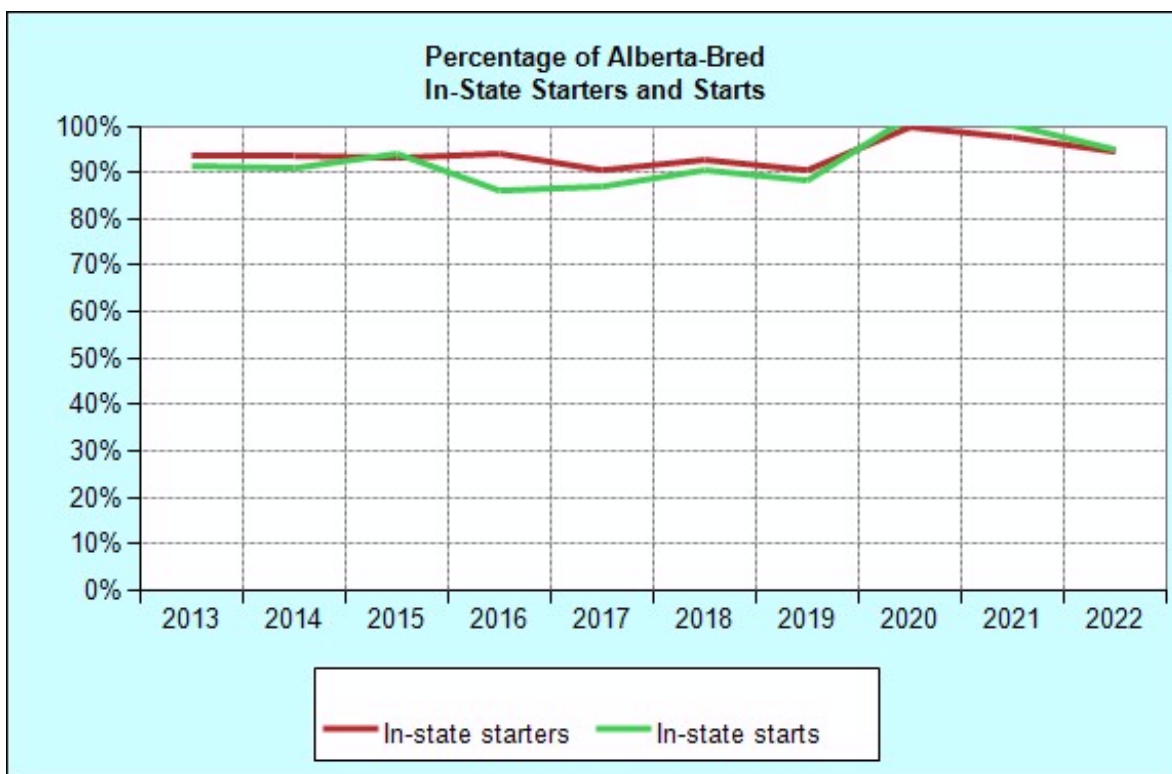
Racing Year	Starters	Starts	Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2004	1,051	6,700	10,306,224	9,806	6.4
2005	1,041	6,015	9,274,434	8,909	5.8
2006	926	5,487	8,734,096	9,432	5.9
2007	886	5,005	8,154,630	9,204	5.7
2008	872	4,658	7,110,334	8,154	5.3
2009	828	4,335	6,126,506	7,399	5.2
2010	801	4,141	5,276,309	6,587	5.2
2011	754	4,219	5,344,243	7,088	5.6
2012	737	4,249	5,001,994	6,787	5.8
2013	645	3,551	5,101,711	7,910	5.5
2014	552	2,931	4,194,818	7,599	5.3
2015	514	2,899	4,841,963	9,420	5.6
2016	529	2,903	4,999,318	9,451	5.5
2017	543	3,115	5,634,379	10,376	5.7
2018	508	2,851	4,236,155	8,339	5.6
2019	492	2,801	4,328,232	8,797	5.7
2020	421	1,991	2,992,228	7,107	4.7
2021	418	2,120	3,472,702	8,308	5.1
2022	383	2,200	4,410,364	11,515	5.7
2023	316	1,740	3,879,030	12,275	5.5
2024	291	1,556	3,947,747	13,566	5.4

## Alberta-Bred Racing Statistics by Foaling Year

Foaling Year	Reg. Foals	Starters	Lifetime Starts	Lifetime Earnings	Avg. Earnings per Starter	Avg. Starts per Starter
2003	480	313	4,650	7,170,341	22,908	14.9
2004	475	302	3,853	5,139,562	17,018	12.8
2005	572	332	4,720	7,711,701	23,228	14.2
2006	576	338	4,582	5,811,478	17,194	13.6
2007	500	299	4,213	5,937,345	19,857	14.1
2008	491	298	4,438	6,067,081	20,359	14.9
2009	434	260	3,363	4,327,206	16,643	12.9
2010	358	210	2,826	4,525,267	21,549	13.5
2011	290	182	2,060	3,371,686	18,526	11.3
2012	268	174	2,054	3,670,677	21,096	11.8
2013	260	178	1,914	3,739,548	21,009	10.8
2014	258	185	3,088	5,327,569	28,798	16.7
2015	271	180	1,155	2,498,673	13,882	6.4
2016	226	172	1,226	1,926,191	11,199	7.1
2017	226	125	663	1,505,218	12,042	5.3
2018	267	163	966	1,882,187	11,547	5.9
2019	202	128	855	1,932,350	15,096	6.7
2020	173	94	621	1,883,320	20,035	6.6
2021	133	80	508	1,584,594	19,807	6.4
2022	159	55	152	681,275	12,387	2.8

Figures as of 04/01/2025

## Alberta-Bred Starters and Starts: In-State/Out-of-State



Foaling Year	Total Starters	In-State Starters	Pct. of In-State Starters	Total Starts	In-State Starts	Pct. of In-State Starts
2003	313	288	92.0	4,650	4,143	89.1
2004	302	291	96.4	3,853	3,641	94.5
2005	332	315	94.9	4,720	4,453	94.3
2006	338	320	94.7	4,582	4,121	89.9
2007	299	275	92.0	4,213	3,632	86.2
2008	298	286	96.0	4,438	4,088	92.1
2009	260	255	98.1	3,363	3,250	96.6
2010	210	203	96.7	2,826	2,624	92.9
2011	182	174	95.6	2,060	2,015	97.8
2012	174	168	96.6	2,054	1,978	96.3
2013	178	167	93.8	1,914	1,747	91.3
2014	185	173	93.5	3,088	2,810	91.0
2015	180	168	93.3	1,155	1,086	94.0
2016	172	162	94.2	1,226	1,055	86.1
2017	125	113	90.4	663	578	87.2
2018	163	151	92.6	966	876	90.7
2019	128	116	90.6	855	756	88.4
2020	94	94	100.0	621	633	101.9
2021	80	78	97.5	508	509	100.2
2022	55	52	94.5	152	144	94.7

Note: In-state starters include any Thoroughbred that made at least one start in its native state.

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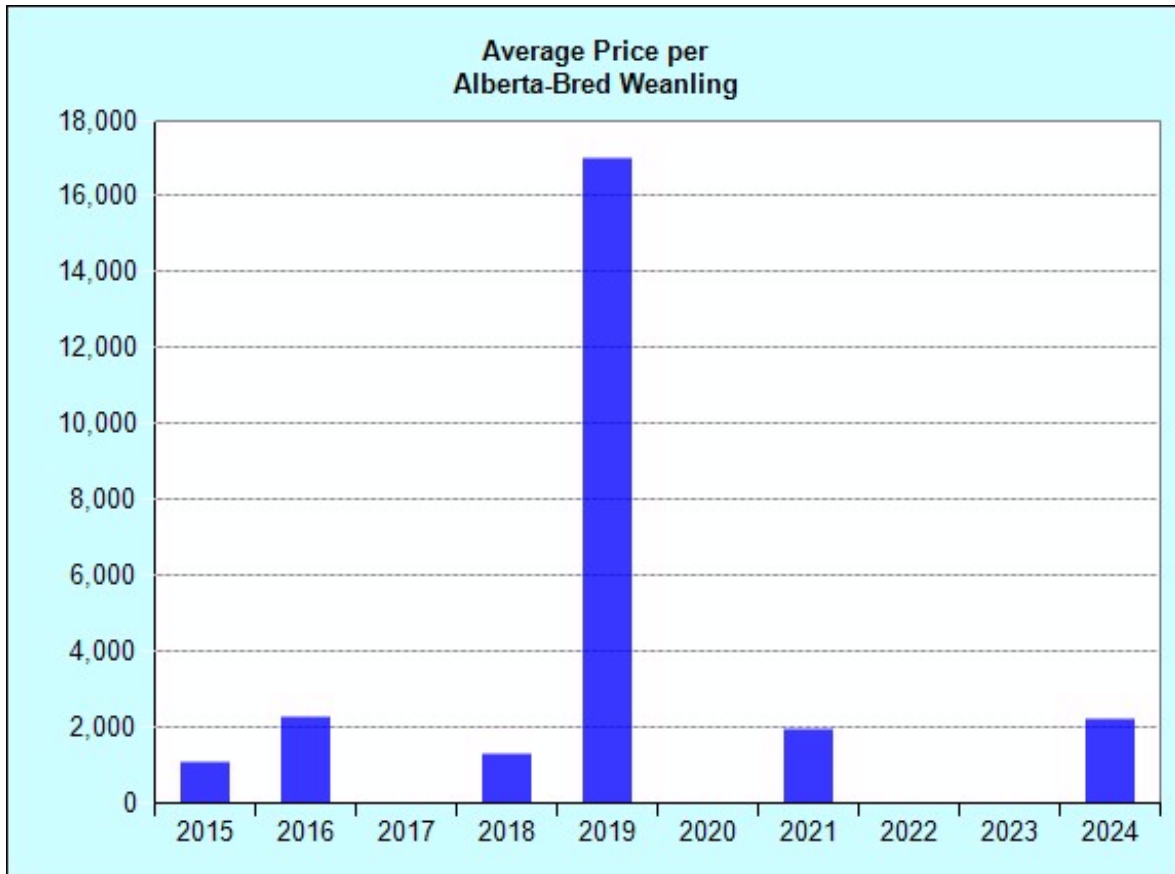
## Percentage of Alberta-Bred Earnings by Racing Area

### Racing Year

Racing Area	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
AB	91.87%	85.04%	84.46%	77.94%	75.38%
MB	3.62%	4.20%	3.99%	5.11%	6.96%
OH	2.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.52%
PA	0.78%	1.01%	0.06%	0.47%	1.04%
AZ	0.74%	1.69%	1.79%	1.23%	0.97%
LA	0.29%	0.22%	2.94%	1.80%	0.00%
ON	0.28%	5.49%	3.30%	4.14%	7.42%
NY	0.15%	0.22%	0.51%	0.84%	0.01%
BC	0.11%	0.17%	0.29%	0.08%	0.34%
WV	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.26%
WY	0.00%	0.23%	0.18%	0.19%	0.00%
FL	0.00%	0.10%	0.00%	0.00%	0.53%
NE	0.00%	0.26%	0.02%	0.30%	0.00%
NJ	0.00%	0.59%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NM	0.00%	0.09%	0.08%	0.00%	0.05%
AR	0.00%	0.21%	0.00%	0.12%	0.00%
MD	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.69%
MN	0.00%	0.16%	0.28%	0.05%	0.26%
MT	0.00%	0.10%	0.34%	0.49%	0.00%
ND	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
IA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.41%	2.87%
ID	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
IL	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.00%
KY	0.00%	0.11%	0.19%	2.81%	0.00%
CA	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.51%	0.53%
CO	0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	0.00%	0.00%
DE	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.69%
OR	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.11%
OK	0.00%	0.00%	0.23%	0.00%	0.34%
SK	0.00%	0.00%	0.87%	0.00%	0.00%
TX	0.00%	0.00%	0.29%	1.06%	0.72%
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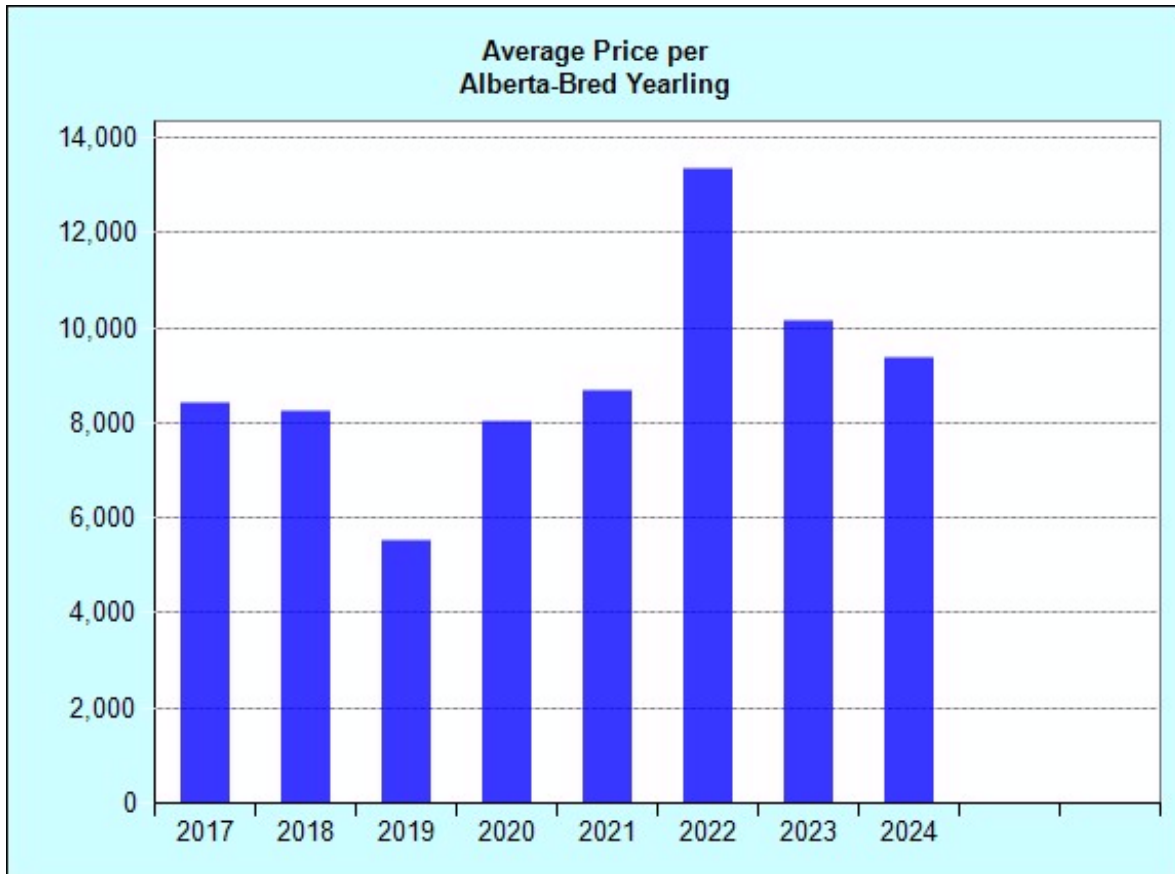
Ranked by percentage of total earnings in 2024

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred Weanlings



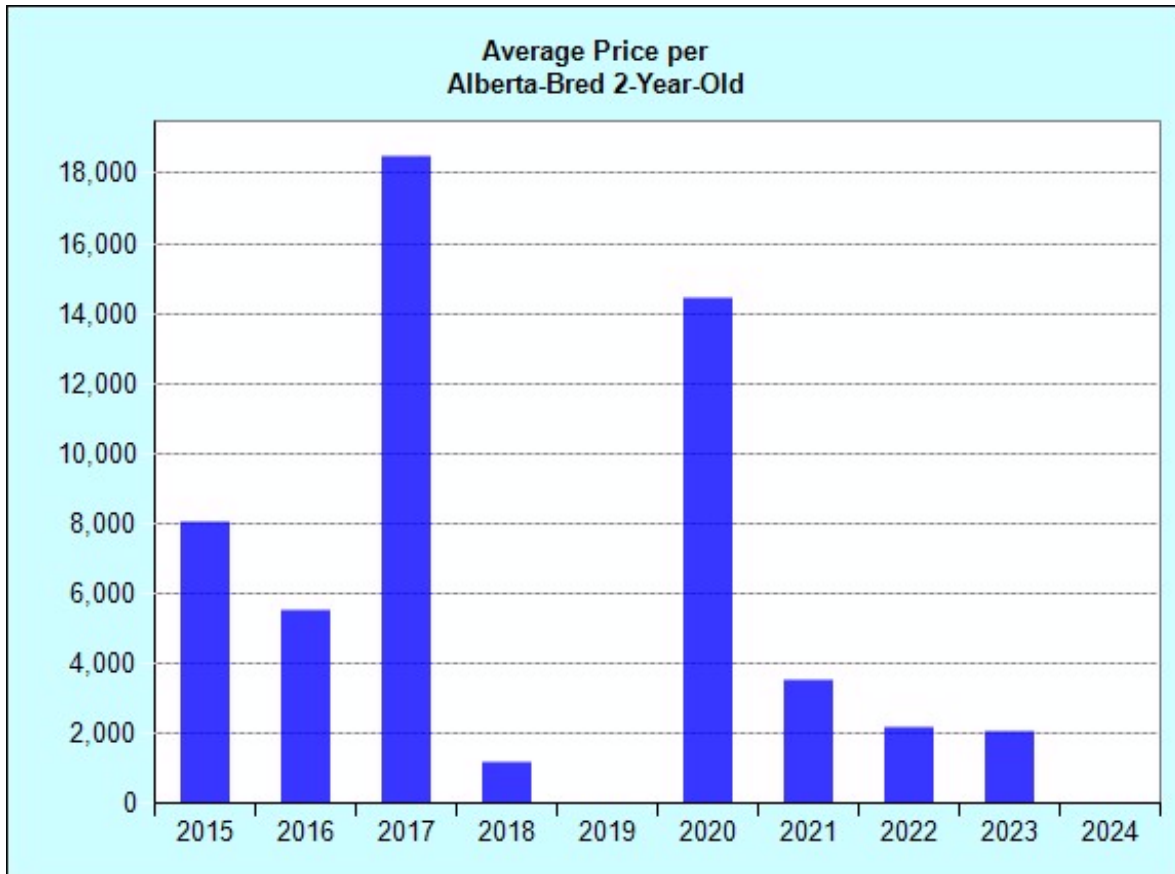
Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2005	5	0.0	11,244	0.0	2,249	0.0	596	0.0
2006	5	0.0	4,835	-57.0	967	-57.0	615	3.2
2007	3	-40.0	48,699	907.2	16,233	1578.7	18,000	2826.8
2008	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2009	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2010	3	0.0	2,719	0.0	906	0.0	680	0.0
2011	2	-33.3	1,779	-34.6	890	-1.8	890	30.9
2012	1	-50.0	2,572	44.6	2,572	189.0	2,572	189.0
2013	4	300.0	60,181	2239.9	15,045	485.0	14,926	480.3
2014	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2015	1	0.0	1,059	0.0	1,059	0.0	1,059	0.0
2016	2	100.0	4,514	326.3	2,257	113.1	2,257	113.1
2017	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2018	1	0.0	1,310	0.0	1,310	0.0	1,310	0.0
2019	1	0.0	17,000	1197.7	17,000	1197.7	17,000	1197.7
2020	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2021	1	0.0	1,971	0.0	1,971	0.0	1,971	0.0
2022	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2023	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2024	1	0.0	2,200	0.0	2,200	0.0	2,200	0.0

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred Yearlings



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	150	0.0	904,018	0.0	6,027	0.0	3,440	0.0
2005	139	-7.3	837,371	-7.4	6,024	-0.1	3,467	0.8
2006	149	7.2	1,221,570	45.9	8,198	36.1	4,232	22.1
2007	140	-6.0	1,248,556	2.2	8,918	8.8	4,775	12.8
2008	138	-1.4	887,649	-28.9	6,432	-27.9	3,212	-32.7
2009	99	-28.3	634,961	-28.5	6,414	-0.3	3,653	13.7
2010	71	-28.3	389,702	-38.6	5,489	-14.4	2,913	-20.3
2011	38	-46.5	263,224	-32.5	6,927	26.2	4,754	63.2
2012	52	36.8	487,559	85.2	9,376	35.4	5,144	8.2
2013	73	40.4	601,702	23.4	8,242	-12.1	3,590	-30.2
2014	65	-11.0	697,579	15.9	10,732	30.2	4,562	27.1
2015	58	-10.8	510,746	-26.8	8,806	-18.0	5,104	11.9
2016	66	13.8	392,003	-23.3	5,939	-32.6	3,800	-25.6
2017	71	7.6	597,370	52.4	8,414	41.7	5,740	51.1
2018	63	-11.3	519,030	-13.1	8,239	-2.1	3,083	-46.3
2019	65	3.2	360,317	-30.6	5,543	-32.7	2,044	-33.7
2020	38	-41.5	306,111	-15.0	8,056	45.3	2,924	43.1
2021	32	-15.8	277,778	-9.3	8,681	7.8	7,370	152.1
2022	39	21.9	521,726	87.8	13,378	54.1	3,780	-48.7
2023	43	10.3	437,420	-16.2	10,173	-24.0	7,416	96.2
2024	54	25.6	506,195	15.7	9,374	-7.9	5,867	-20.9

## Auction Results for Alberta-Bred 2-Year-Olds



Sale Year	# Sold	Pct. Change	Gross Sales	Pct. Change	Avg. Price	Pct. Change	Median Price	Pct. Change
2004	5	0.0	6,310	0.0	1,262	0.0	958	0.0
2005	2	-60.0	596	-90.6	298	-76.4	298	-68.9
2006	2	0.0	2,725	357.2	1,363	357.4	1,363	357.4
2007	3	50.0	4,596	68.7	1,532	12.4	699	-48.7
2008	4	33.3	3,052	-33.6	763	-50.2	601	-14.0
2009	2	-50.0	32,369	960.6	16,185	2021.2	16,185	2593.0
2010	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2011	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2012	1	0.0	5,658	0.0	5,658	0.0	5,658	0.0
2013	3	200.0	34,076	502.3	11,359	100.8	3,105	-45.1
2014	2	-33.3	2,099	-93.8	1,049	-90.8	1,049	-66.2
2015	4	100.0	32,088	1428.7	8,022	664.7	3,166	201.8
2016	1	-75.0	5,500	-82.9	5,500	-31.4	5,500	73.7
2017	5	400.0	92,628	1584.2	18,526	236.8	2,214	-59.8
2018	1	-80.0	1,156	-98.8	1,156	-93.8	1,156	-47.8
2019	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2020	1	0.0	14,432	0.0	14,432	0.0	14,432	0.0
2021	2	100.0	7,094	-50.9	3,547	-75.4	3,547	-75.4
2022	5	150.0	10,961	54.5	2,192	-38.2	1,965	-44.6
2023	2	-60.0	4,079	-62.8	2,040	-6.9	2,040	3.8
2024	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0