

SBOANJ Mare Residency Awards Program

The Mares Residency Awards is a breeder's incentive program created by the SBOANJ in 2003 to reward those who board broodmares within the Garden State, and began offering returns on investments in 2006. This program benefits those horsemen who have invested heavily in land, buildings, equipment and breeding stock, and created jobs, while helping to preserve farmland and open space.

Because New Jersey's broodmare population has slowly declined with the advent of interstate semen transport, the SBOANJ sought to create an incentive for people to keep mares in New Jersey.

A percentage of the money earned by a mare's offspring in New Jersey Sire Stakes (NJSS) and Green Acres (NJSSGA) competition is paid to the breeder. A breeder is defined as *a person, stable or farm that owns the mare at the time of mating.*

For a horse's earnings to qualify for a residency award, three conditions must be met:

- **First** - a mare must board in New Jersey for a minimum of 270 days during the calendar year, in which the mare was bred.
- **Second** - the mare must be bred to a registered NJ stallion, making the resulting foal eligible for nomination to the NJSS.
- **Third** - at the end of the year, the mare must be registered by filing a Mares Resident Enrollment Form with the SBOANJ.

To register a mare, farms throughout NJ submit a "Mare's Residency Enrollment Report", supplied by the SBOANJ, verifying the dates mares boarded during the year and the stallions to whom these mares were bred. The SBOANJ then tabulates the qualified mares. Over 400 mares were nominated the initial year.

In 2004, the first foals arrived, and after nomination to the NJSS these 2006 two-year olds earned money for their breeders. The bonus is paid in December.

There are no additional forms to fill out and no nominating or sustaining fees, for breeders to collect an award. This award is based on NJSS and NJSSGA earnings only, and does *not* apply to other NJ sired events such as the Abbatiello New Jersey Pacing Classic, D'Altrui Miss New Jersey, Babic Pace, Smith Trot, Dancer Trot or NJ Futurities.

The SBOANJ has devoted countless hours verifying dates as many mares change locations during the course of the year. The SBOANJ remains committed to the task to assure every possible mare can be nominated. For future consideration, horsemen can request a Mare Residency Enrollment Form from the SBOANJ office.