



# INDIANA HORSE RACING COMMISSION



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# Indiana Horse Racing Commission State of Indiana

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor

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June 2008

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels  
Governor of the State of Indiana  
Room 206, The Statehouse  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Daniels:

With the passage of legislation in the spring of 2007 allowing slot machines at both of our pari-mutuel tracks, the industry began preparations for a new era of horse racing in Indiana. By year's end, both Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs had started construction on new facilities to house the gaming operations and were hopeful for early summer, 2008 openings.

For participants in horse racing, the "slots era" should result in increased purses, expanded breeding and training operations and a very high quality of horse racing. As a commission, we will be mindful of the positive impact to the agribusiness sector of the State's economy which must result from the new legislation.

Early in 2007 we were elated to receive the results of our independent survey of horsemen racing at the two tracks. We received an "excellent" or "good" rating from over two-thirds of the respondents, who were asked to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the regulatory efforts of the Commission.

In April of 2007, Executive Director Joe Gorajec and I traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming for the Association of Racing Commissioner's International (RCI) Annual Convention. We considered and voted on numerous regulations to present to our own commission, and I am pleased to report that the Indiana Horse Racing Commission acted upon several of these during the second half of the year. Mr. Gorajec is currently the Chairman-Elect of the RCI.

The Indiana Horse Racing Commission was pleased to hear at the end of the year that Hoosier Park's Indiana Oaks race for fillies in October 2008 has been upgraded from a Grade III to a Grade II status. This race will draw some of the best horses from around the country.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve on this commission.

Sincerely,

Sarah W. McNaught  
Commission Chairman

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# Indiana Horse Racing Commission

## Commissioners

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**Sarah McNaught**  
Chairman

- Sarah McNaught . . . . . Chairman
- Alan Armstrong . . . . . Vice-Chairman
- Jim Lauck . . . . . Secretary
- Doug Grimes . . . . . Member
- Steve Schaefer . . . . . Member

## Commission Senior Staff

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- Joe Gorajec . . . . . Executive Director
- Deena Pitman . . . . . Assistant Executive Director
- Robert Smith . . . . . Director of Security
- Wendi Samuelson-Dull . . . . . Controller
- Jessica Barnes . . . . . Director of Standardbred  
Racing & Development
- Jacki Brown . . . . . Director of Thoroughbred &  
Quarter Horse Development



**Joe Gorajec**  
Executive Director

# Indiana Horse Racing Commission

## Race Track Staff

Pat Adams . . . . . Assistant Director of Security

Abi Meister . . . . . Licensing Supervisor

Richard Wilbur . . . . . Investigator

Brad Jones . . . . . Investigator

To further assist the Commission with its regulatory responsibilities, the following individuals provided professional or technical service at Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs during the 2007 racing season.

### Standardbred Judges

Timothy Schmitz, Presiding Judge  
Jim Curran, Associate Judge  
Richard (Dick) DiSantis, Associate Judge

### Thoroughbred Stewards

Gary Wilfert, Senior State Steward  
Tim Day, Associate Steward  
Rick Evans, Associate Steward  
Jean Chalk, Associate Steward

### Veterinary Technicians

#### Commission Veterinarians

David Morgan, DVM  
David Skand, DVM  
Janice Sojka, DVM  
April Reid, DVM  
Kitson Logue, DVM

Stephanie Adams  
Claudia Shaff  
Barbara Sigman  
Cheryl Morris  
Yvonne Stephens  
Jenny Baughman

#### Racing Inspectors

Karla Vaughn  
Shelly McCracken-  
Rania

### Standardbred Breed Development

#### Advisory Committee

Michael Christner, *Chair*  
Don Eash  
Gordon Tabor

### Thoroughbred Breed Development

#### Advisory Committee

James Carmichael, D.V.M. *Chair*  
Jim Hartman  
Jim Elliott

### Standardbred Advisory Board

Scott Snyder, *Chair*     Byron Hooley  
Dwayne Rhule             Randy Dever  
Tim Graber                 Pam Cross  
Jessica Barnes, *ExOfficio Member*

### Quarter Horse Breed Development

#### Advisory Committee

Shirley Tresner, *Chair*  
Jim Noel  
Carol Ecker, DVM

# Indiana Racetracks & OTB's



## HOOSIER PARK RACING • CASINO

a Centaur Gaming Destination

### Mailing Address

4500 Dan Patch Circle, Anderson, Indiana 46013  
Telephone: 765-642-RACE (7223) Fax: 765-644-0467

### Meet Period

April 6, 2007 - June 30, 2007 (Standardbred)  
September 1, 2007 - November 24, 2007 (Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse)  
(122 Racing Days - 61 Flat Racing; 61 Standardbred Racing)

### Track Stats

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 1,750  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 980  
Size of Track: Length: 7/8 mile, Width: 90 feet

### Off Track Betting Parlor Locations

Ft Wayne OTB - 1820 West Washington Center Road; Phone: (260) 490-9006  
Indianapolis OTB - 110 West Washington St.; Phone: (317) 656-7223  
Merrillville OTB - 7610 Broadway; 219-755-0000



### Mailing Address

4200 N Michigan Rd, Shelbyville, Indiana 46176  
Telephone: 317-421-0000 Fax: 317-421-0100

### Meet Period

April 27, 2007 - July 3, 2007 (Thoroughbred/Quarter Horse)  
July 13, 2007 - November 3, 2007 (Standardbred)  
(130 Racing Days - 48 Flat Racing; 82 Standardbred Racing)

### Track Stats

Grandstand Seating Capacity: 800  
Barn Area Horse Stall Space: 510  
Size of Track: Length: 1 mile, Width: 80 feet;  
7 Furlong Turf Course, Width: 98 feet

### Off Track Betting Parlor Locations

Evansville OTB - 5480 E Indiana St; Phone: (812) 280-1013  
Clarksville OTB - 650 Eastern Blvd.; Phone: (812) 473-8910

# Live Racing at Tracks

Standardbred	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Number of Dates	61	78*	139
Total Handle	\$2,410,474	\$2,031,123	\$4,441,597
Average Daily Handle	\$39,516	\$26,040	\$31,954
Thoroughbred	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Number of Dates	61	48	109
Total Handle	\$2,451,314	\$2,290,659	\$4,741,973
Average Daily Handle	\$40,185	\$47,722	\$43,504
Quarter Horse	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Number of Races	43	43	86
Total Handle	\$175,576	\$174,761	\$350,337
Average <u>Per-Race</u> Handle	\$4,083	\$4,064	\$4,074
Total Live Handle	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
	\$5,037,364	\$4,496,543	\$9,533,907

(\*Loss of two Standardbred race dates due to extreme temperatures.)

# Simulcast Handle

Export Handle <sup>(1)</sup>	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Thoroughbred	\$65,660,588	\$43,452,937	\$109,113,525
Standardbred	41,698,750	31,093,861	72,792,611
Quarter Horse	2,197,301	1,231,614	3,428,915
<b>Total Simulcast Handle</b>	<b>\$109,556,639</b>	<b>\$75,778,412</b>	<b>\$185,335,051</b>
Average Daily Export Handle	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
	\$1,076,403	\$905,270	\$1,001,046
Thoroughbred	683,586	388,673	523,688
Standardbred	51,100	28,642	
Quarter Horse *			<i>*Quarter Horse handle is calculated on a per race basis not daily.</i>
In-State Handle <sup>(2)</sup>	Hoosier Park	Indiana Downs	Total
Thoroughbred/Quarter Horses	\$76,865,728	\$53,748,126	\$130,613,854
Standardbred	25,621,909	9,997,653	35,619,562
<b>Total In-State Handle</b>	<b>\$102,487,637</b>	<b>\$63,745,779</b>	<b>\$166,233,416</b>

(1) Hoosier Park wagered \$2,104,710 on Indiana Downs' simulcast signal (\$1,278,963 on standardbred and \$825,747 on thoroughbred + Quarter Horse). Indiana Downs wagered \$1,468,108 on Hoosier Park's simulcast signal (\$842,941 on thoroughbred + Quarter Horse and \$625,167 on standardbred). These handle numbers are included in the "Export Handle" above by source of signal and in "In-State Handle" by location of wager.

(2) Handle at Indiana OTB's on racing originating in-state is accounted for in "In-State Handle" source of wager (i.e. Hoosier Park's OTB handle on Hoosier Park's live racing is attributed to Hoosier Park).

# Total In-State Handle

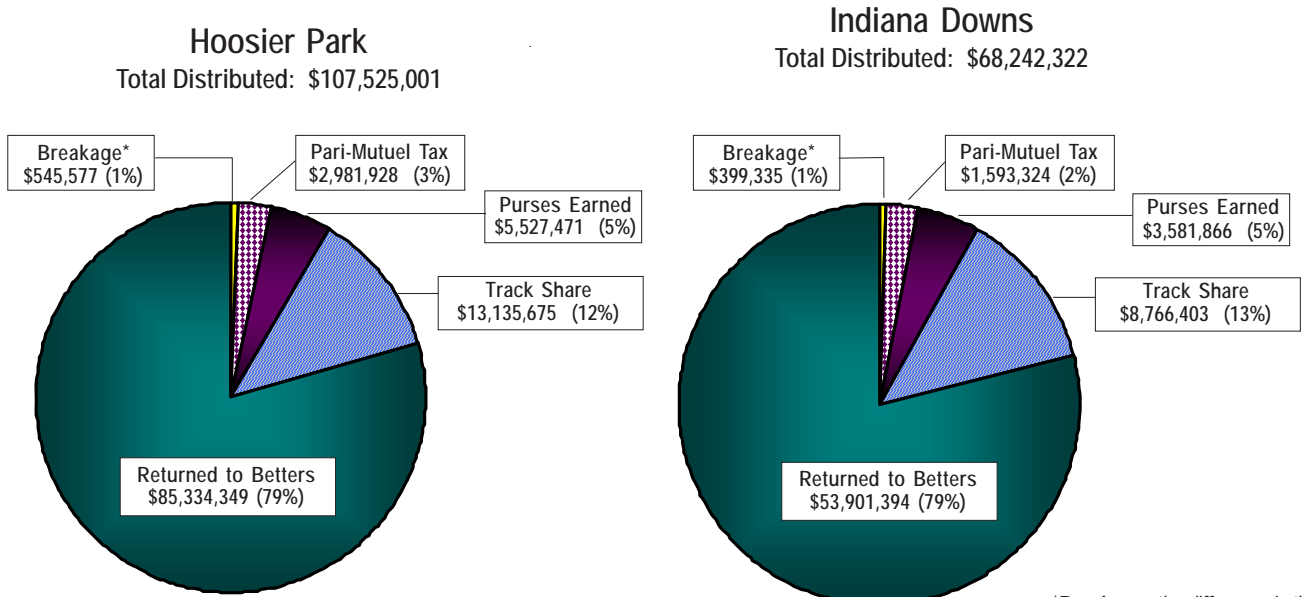


(Handle - money wagered by the betting public on pari-mutuel races.)



# Distribution of the Wagering Dollar

The following is a breakdown of the distribution of all monies wagered at both Hoosier Park and Indiana Downs and their satellite facilities:



\*Breakage - the difference in the rounding off of pari-mutuel payoffs.

## State Revenues

The following are the direct state revenues collected in accordance with the pari-mutuel statute IC 4-31:

Hoosier Park	
Pari-Mutuel Tax . . . . .	\$ 2,981,928
Track Reimbursement for Officials . . . . .	301,666
Occupational License Fees . . . . .	135,700
Admission Tax . . . . .	2,995
Fines and Civil Penalties Paid . . . . .	16,350
Track Permit and License Fees . . . . .	8,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,446,639</b>
Indiana Downs	
Pari-Mutuel Tax . . . . .	\$1,593,324
Track Reimbursement for Officials . . . . .	266,262
Occupational License Fees . . . . .	129,220
Admission Tax . . . . .	-0-
Fines and Civil Penalties Paid . . . . .	15,650
Track Permit and License Fees . . . . .	7,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$2,011,456</b>
<b>Total State Revenue \$5,458,095</b>	

The direct revenue received by the State of Indiana exceeded the cost of regulation. Indiana Horse Racing Commission operating expenditures for calendar year 2007 were \$2,537,733.

# Occupational Licensing

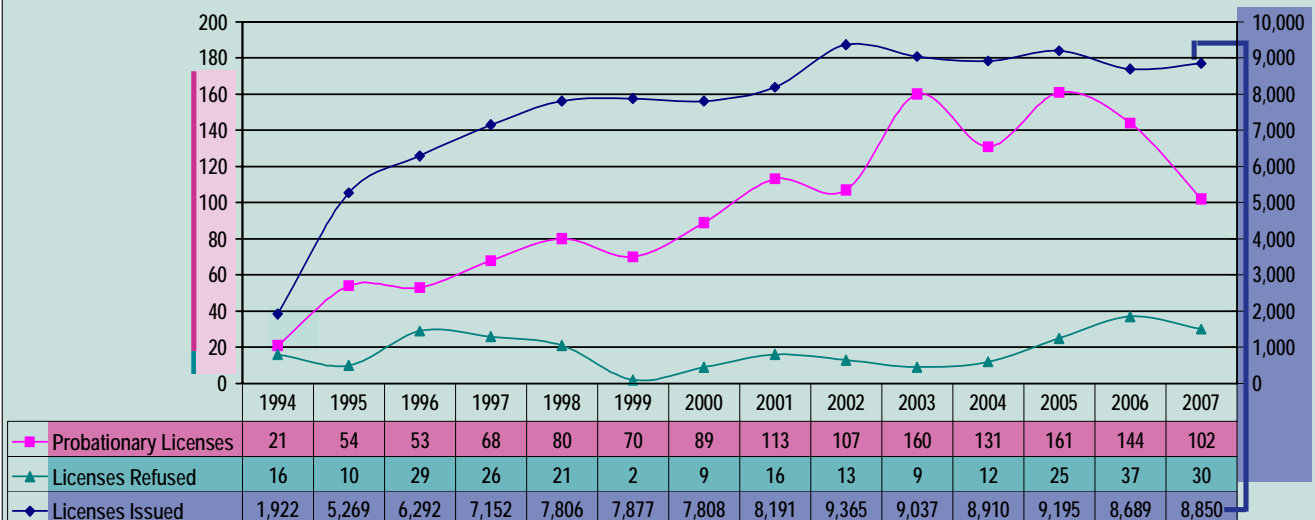
Pursuant to IC 4-31-6 and 71 IAC 5-1-1, all persons participating in pari-mutuel racing under the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to be licensed. The licensing process is the backbone of the Commission's regulatory efforts. Each prospective licensee is fingerprinted.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) provides the Commission with criminal histories of all applicants. The Commission may refuse or deny the application for licensure of any person whose criminal or racing violation record is contrary to the public's best interest.

## 2007

Category	Count	Category	Count
Owner, Thoroughbred	1,711	Track Management	46
Owner, Standardbred	1,687	Owner/Trainer, Quarter Horse	45
Groom	1,090	Racing Official	40
Track Employee	736	Driver	39
Stable Name	510	Trainer, Quarter Horse	35
Owner/Trainer, Thoroughbred	424	Farrier	22
Owner/Trainer/Driver	293	Jockey Agent	22
Pari-Mutuel Clerk	281	Gate Crew	19
Trainer, Thoroughbred	258	Pony Rider	17
Owner/Trainer, Standardbred	216	Vet. Helper	16
Track Security	211	Valet	13
Vendor Employee	190	Asst. Trainer, Standardbred	10
Owner, Quarter Horse	171	Veterinarian	10
Jockey	128	Authorized Agent, Standardbred	9
Trainer, Standardbred	98	Owner/Driver	9
Driver/Trainer	83	Authorized Agent, Thoroughbred	8
Commission Staff	83	Other	7
Asst. Trainer, Thoroughbred	83	Apprentice Jockey	3
Exercise Rider	75	Asst. Trainer, Quarter Horse	5
Vendor/Contractor	47		

## Total Licenses Issued in 2007: 8,850



# Equine Drug Testing

Pari-mutuel horse racing can succeed as a legitimate major league sport only if its races are perceived by the wagering public to be honest, competitive contests, free from manipulation by man or drugs. The Commission's drug detection program is one of the nation's most comprehensive and its laboratory, one of the most respected in the racing industry.

Breed	Race Dates	Urine	Blood	Positive Tests
Standardbred	139	1692	2188	6
Thoroughbred	109	1976	2250	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>3668</b>	<b>4438</b>	<b>14</b>

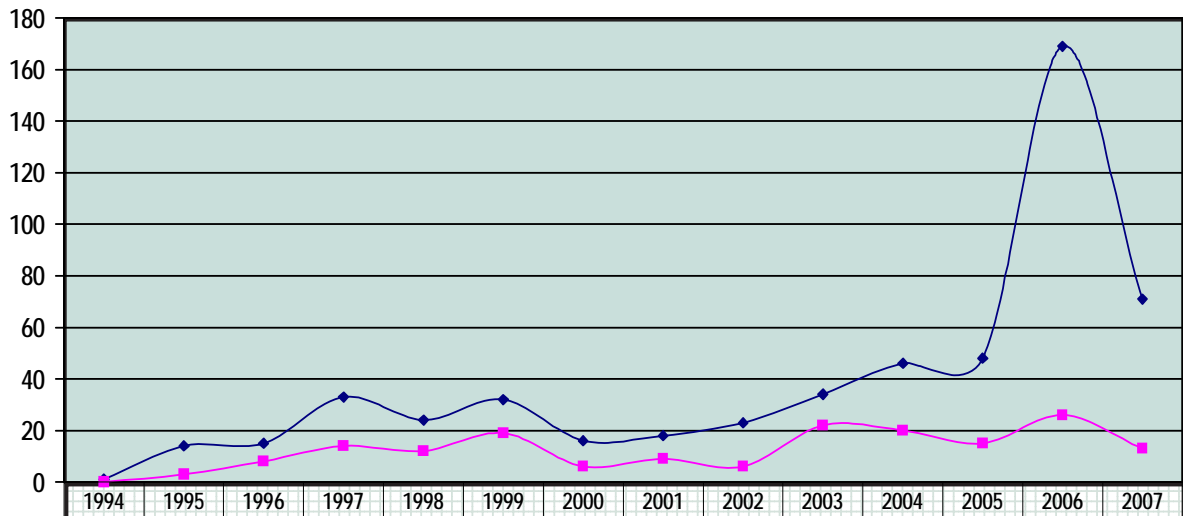
Truesdail Laboratory in Tustin, California, serves as the primary testing laboratory for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. Truesdail Laboratory has been a leader in racing chemistry and drug-related research for over 50 years. For each positive test, the

offending horse was disqualified and placed last. In accordance with the pari-mutuel statute, all purse money earned is ordered returned and redistributed.

The table below represents a further breakdown, by breed, of the name and types of drugs reported by the laboratory.

Number of Violations		ARCI	
Standardbred	Thoroughbred	Drug Classification	Type
4	6	Bute (Overage)	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
2		Banamine (Class 4)	analgesic
	1	3-Hydroxydetomidine (Class 3)	tranquilizer
	1	2-(1-hydroxyethyl)promazine (Class 3)	tranquilizer

# Human Drug Testing



◆ Samples Tested	1	14	15	33	24	32	16	18	23	34	46	48	169	71
■ Positive Results	0	3	8	14	12	19	6	9	6	22	20	15	26	13

# Breed Development

## Overview

Pursuant to IC 4-31-11, breed development funds have been established to promote the breeding of horses while stimulating the agri-business sector of the state's economy. Standardbred, Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse breed development advisory committees make recommendations to the Commission regarding the distribution of these monies.

The Breed Development Fund was established by the Indiana pari-mutuel statute and is administered by Governor-appointed members of the Breed Development committees and boards. The Fund consists of breakage

(the difference in the rounding off of pari-mutuel pay-offs), outs (all uncashed tickets), and the riverboat admissions tax allocation. The Indiana Horse Racing Commission receives 65 cents for every admission on an Indiana riverboat. Twenty (20) percent of the 65 cents goes into the Breed Development Fund. The Breed Development Fund is divided forty-eight (48) percent to the Indiana Thoroughbred Breed Development Fund and forty-eight (48) percent to the Standardbred Breed Development Fund and four (4) percent to the Quarter Horse Breed Development Fund.

## Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse Programs

The mission of the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse Development Advisory Committees is to register thoroughbred and Quarter Horses for the Indiana bred program and provide incentives and awards to three important elements of the Indiana racing industry: the owner, the breeder and the stallion owner. The intent of these incentives and awards is to promote investment of capital into the Indiana economy (via breeding, racing and related agri-business) and maximize the positive

impact to the state's economy. The incentives reward risk, and the awards reward success on the racetrack...through winning!

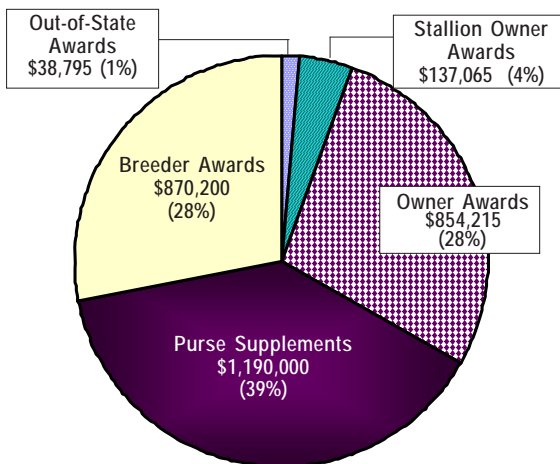


Jacki Brown, Director  
Thoroughbred & Quarter Horse  
Breed Development

By visiting the commission website ([www.in.gov/hrc](http://www.in.gov/hrc)), information can be obtained regarding eligibility requirements for racing awards such as those described in the chart below. There are detailed instructions on how to register a foal/horse, what applications to use and what type of deadlines apply.

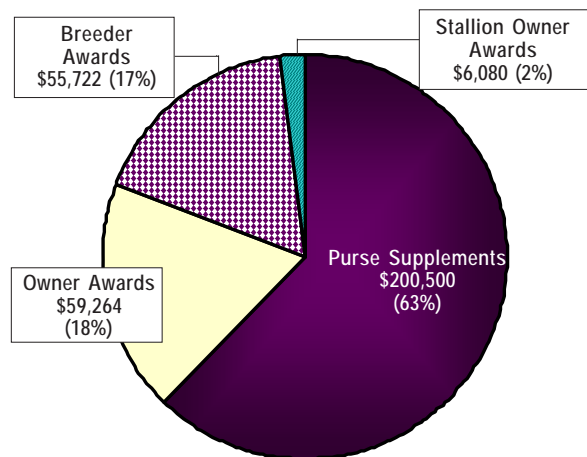
### 2007 Thoroughbred Award Distribution

Total Distributed: \$3,090,275



### 2007 Quarter Horse Award Distribution

Total Distributed: \$321,566



# Breed Development

## Standardbred Program

The Standardbred Breed Development Program concluded its 2007 year by continuing to offer a lucrative program for Indiana sired horses at Hoosier Park, Indiana Downs, and Indiana's County and State Fairs. This program provided racing opportunities and incentives for Indiana Sired horses through the Indiana Sired Late Closing Events, Indiana Sires Stakes, Genesis Series, Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Program, Overnight Race Supplements and Indiana Sired Bonus and Breeder's Awards. The success of the Indiana Sired Program during 2007 has resulted in over 8.6 million dollars paid in purses at Indiana's pari-mutuel tracks to Indiana Sired horses, through breed development funds and track purse supplements. This is an increase of over 3.8% from 2006. In addition, Indiana's county fairs and State Fair, a main-



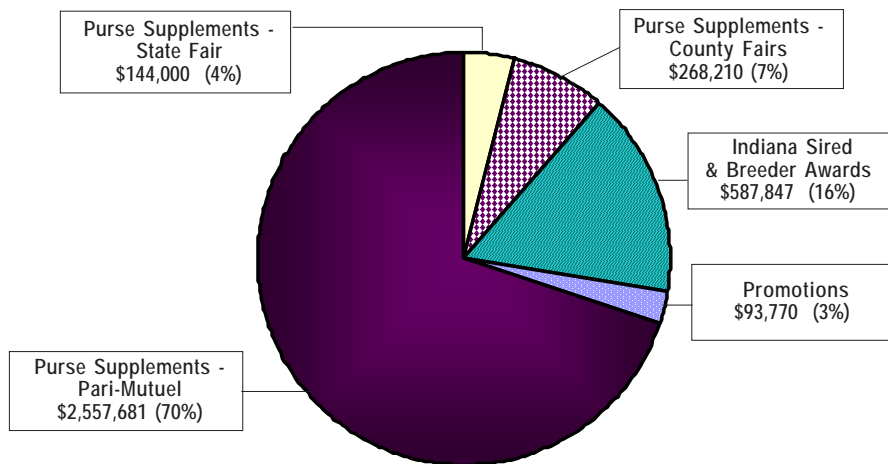
**Jessica Barnes**  
**Director of Standardbred Racing & Breed Development**

stay in the history of Indiana horse racing, hosted 29 days of racing and 275 races during the Indiana Sired Fair Circuit Program. Overall, over 9.9 million dollars in purses and awards were paid to owners and breeders of Indiana Sired horses racing in the State of Indiana during 2007.

As a result of these efforts, the Indiana Standardbred Breed Development Program continues to develop and promote a high quality Standardbred industry in the State of Indiana, which in turn, continues to foster more agri-business growth for the State. Please visit the commission website ([www.in.gov/hrc](http://www.in.gov/hrc)) to obtain information regarding the Indiana Sired Program, nomination requirements, necessary applications, historical information, deadlines and more.

### 2007 Standardbred Award Distribution

Total Distributed: \$3,651,508



### 2007 Breed Development Fund Revenues

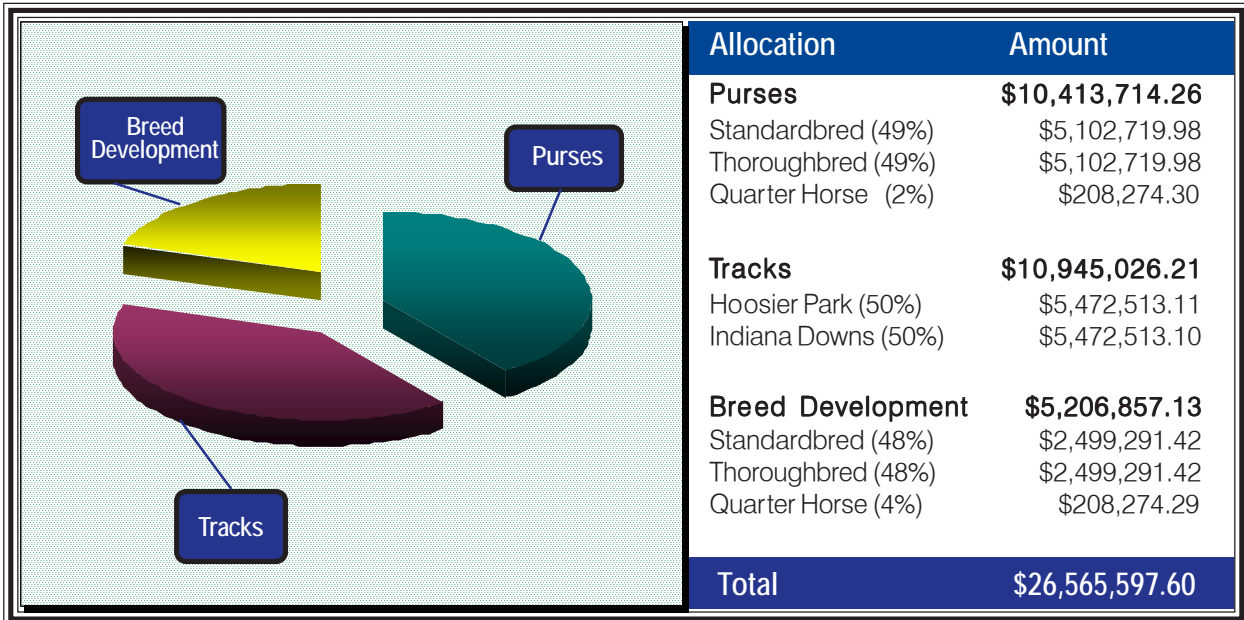
Breed	Breakage	Outstanding Tickets *	Riverboat Revenue	Total
Standardbred	453,558.24	418,491.29	2,499,291.42	3,371,340.95
Thoroughbred	453,558.24	418,491.28	2,499,291.42	3,371,340.94
Quarter Horse	37,796.52	34,874.27	208,274.29	280,945.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$944,913.00</b>	<b>\$871,856.84</b>	<b>\$5,206,857.13</b>	<b>\$7,023,626.97</b>

\* Outstanding ticket revenue is based on tickets purchased in 2006 which expired in 2007.

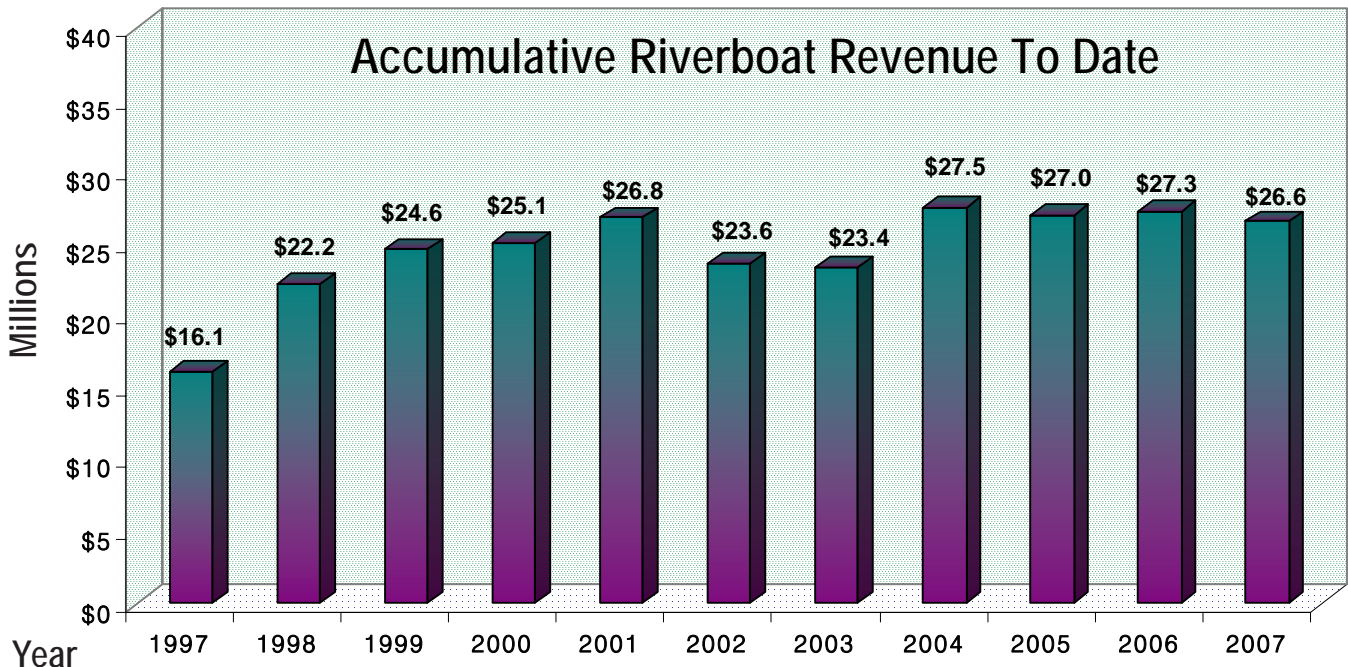
# Riverboat Revenue

The statute permitting riverboat gaming in Indiana earmarks sixty-five (65) cents of the three dollar admission tax to the pari-mutuel horse racing industry. These funds are distributed to various segments of the racing industry in accordance with Commission rule 71 IAC 12-2-15.

## 2007 Riverboat Revenue Allocation to Racing From Admission Tax (65 cents)



**Distribution Formula:** Pursuant to 71 IAC 12-2-15, riverboat revenue was allotted 40% to purses, 40% to the tracks and 20% to breed development funds. Beginning April 2006, approximately 2% of the Riverboat revenue was utilized to implement Integrity '06.



**Total Riverboat Money Received (1995-2007): \$ 276,853,992**

# Indiana Horse Racing Commission

## 2008 Race Dates listed by Track Location

(Green days denote Quarter Horse races also held)

### 2008 RACE DATES FOR HOOSIER PARK

STANDARD BRED - April 5 - July 12 (71 Days) - Post Time Wed - Sun 6:45 p.m. (tan dates)

APRIL							MAY							JUNE							JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	* Dan Patch				1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24*	22	23	24	25	26	27	28*	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					* Hoosier Cup	27	28	29	30	31		

THOROUGHBRED - August 29 - Nov 23 (63 Days) Post Time Wed - Sun 6:45 p.m. (blue dates)

AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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\*Labor Day Post = 6:55 p.m.

\*Indiana Oaks & Indiana Derby

### 2008 RACE DATES FOR INDIANA DOWNS

THOROUGHBRED - April 25 - July 8 (53 Days) Post Time: Mon - Wed 4:55 p.m. FRI & SAT 6:55 p.m. (blue dates)

APRIL							MAY							JUNE							JULY						
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30						27	28	29	30	31		

STANDARD BRED - July 16 - Nov 8 (80 days) Post Time: Mon - Wed 4:55 p.m. Fri & Sat 6:55 p.m. (tan dates)

AUGUST							SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER							NOVEMBER						
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\*July 17 & 24 Post time will be 4:55 p.m.

## Indianapolis Office

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Indianapolis, IN 46204  
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## Field Offices

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