

## SADDLEBRED INDIANA, JANUARY 1, 2002

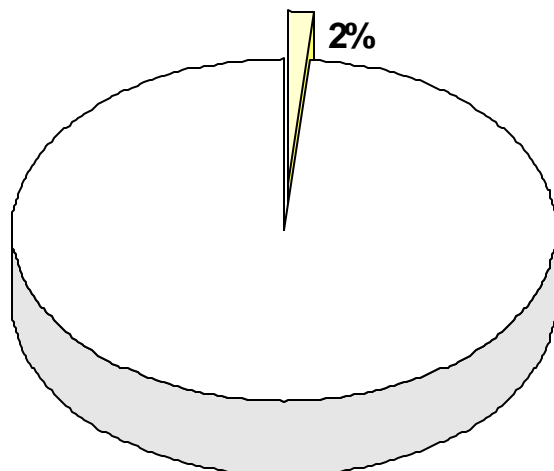
The American Saddlebred horse, (American Saddlebred Horse Association - <http://www.asha.net/>), can trace its roots to the natural gaited Galloway and Hobby horses which came to North America from the British Isles. These hardy little horses thrived and grew in the new environment, and through selective breeding the Narraganset Pacer was developed along the eastern seaboard. The Narragansets were crossed with Thoroughbreds imported to America in the early 1700s, and by the time of the Revolutionary War, a horse called simply "the American horse" was a recognized type.

These horses had the size and beauty of the Thoroughbred, but retained the ability to learn the easy-riding gaits. These animals were used for riding, to pull carriages, and for other work. They were prized for a pleasant temperament, eagerness, strength, and stamina. There was continual crossing with Thoroughbreds, along with other breeds including Arabian and Morgan. Thus, when the first horse shows were held in Kentucky and Virginia in the early 1800's, American Saddlebreds were frequently judged the winners because of their beauty, style, and utility.

Today, the American Saddlebred is best known for being the "Peacock of the Show Ring", high stepping and elegant, as he performs his five gaits: walk, trot, canter, slow gait, and rack. The slow gait and rack were developed from the easy-riding gait traits the Saddlebred had inherited. The slow gait is a highly-collected gait with each of the four feet striking the ground separately. It is executed slowly but with distinct precision, full of style and brilliant restraint. In the rack, each foot meets the ground at equal, separate intervals. It gives a smooth ride while the horse performs in a slightly uninhibited manner, with great animation, speed, and correct form.

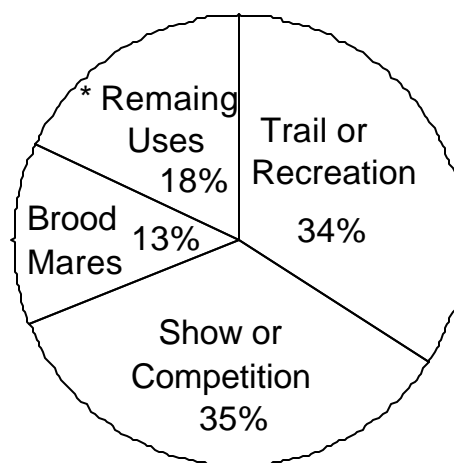
Saddlebred January 1, 2002		
Inventory	2,600	
Percent of Total Equine	2%	
Total Value	\$20,514,000	
Average Value Per Head	\$7,890	
Median Value Per Head	\$3,400	
Number of Operations	1,020	
Percent of Operations	3%	
Primary Use:	Number	Percent
Brood Mares	340	13%
* Stallions	80	3%
* Racing	10	---
Show/Competition	910	35%
Trail/Recreation	890	34%
* Work	100	4%
* Other Use	270	11%

**Saddlebred**  
Percent of Indiana Inventory



Total Indiana Equine Inventory = 160,000 head

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Percent of Primary Use



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