



# VIRGINIA

# EQUINE

The 2006 Equine Survey indicated there were 215,000 horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules in Virginia on November 1, 2006, up 26 percent from the 170,000 on hand June 1, 2001.

Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds were the two leading breeds in Virginia at 49,000 and 30,900 head, respectively. The two largest equine counties were Loudoun and Fauquier at 15,500 and 14,800 head, respectively.

There were 41,000 equine operations throughout the Commonwealth in 2006, up 41 percent from 2001. Most of the operations were located in the Central and Northern parts of the state.

The total value of all equine on November 1, 2006 was \$1.65 billion, up 13 percent from June 1, 2001. Average value per equine decreased 10 percent to \$7,697 per equine. Equine located in the Northern and Central Districts accounted for nearly 74 percent of the total value of all equine.

Virginia equine operations spent \$783 million during 2006 caring for equine, compared to \$505 million during 2001. Feed and bedding was the largest expense category at \$99.6 million. Equipment purchases and capital improvements followed at \$92.0 million and \$72.6 million, respectively. Equine expenses covering upkeep-related items accounted for 77 percent of all expenses.

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## 2006 Virginia Equine Survey Report

### Equine Expenditures and Percent of Total, 2001 & 2006

Expense Category	Expenditure Total		Percent of Total		Average Value Per Operation		Average Value Per Equine	
	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006
<b>Purchases and Upkeep:</b>								
Feed and Bedding	\$55,185,000	\$99,648,000	10.9%	12.7%	\$1,903	\$2,430	\$325	\$463
Equipment Purchases	\$60,878,000	\$92,007,000	12.1%	11.8%	\$2,099	\$2,244	\$358	\$428
Equine Purchases	\$50,391,000	\$63,638,000	10.0%	8.1%	\$1,738	\$1,552	\$296	\$296
Veterinarian / Health	\$32,694,000	\$61,405,000	6.5%	7.8%	\$1,127	\$1,498	\$192	\$286
Boarding	\$31,771,000	\$42,462,000	6.3%	5.4%	\$1,096	\$1,036	\$187	\$197
Training Fees	\$29,787,000	\$41,641,000	5.9%	5.3%	\$1,027	\$1,016	\$175	\$194
Farrier	\$19,972,000	\$38,239,000	4.0%	4.9%	\$689	\$933	\$117	\$178
Taxes	\$14,569,000	\$36,201,000	2.9%	4.6%	\$502	\$883	\$86	\$168
Maintenance Repair Expenses	\$22,809,000	\$34,370,000	4.5%	4.4%	\$787	\$838	\$134	\$160
Breeding Fees	\$22,252,000	\$24,763,000	4.4%	3.2%	\$767	\$604	\$131	\$115
Insurance Premiums	\$11,443,000	\$17,737,000	2.3%	2.3%	\$395	\$433	\$67	\$82
Tack	\$11,171,000	\$15,032,000	2.2%	1.9%	\$385	\$367	\$66	\$70
Utilities	\$8,899,000	\$11,927,000	1.8%	1.5%	\$307	\$291	\$52	\$55
Rent and Lease Expenses	\$6,964,000	\$11,676,000	1.4%	1.5%	\$240	\$285	\$41	\$54
Grooming Supplies	\$5,792,000	\$10,484,000	1.1%	1.3%	\$200	\$256	\$34	\$49
<b>Total Purchases and Upkeep Expenses</b>	<b>\$384,577,000</b>	<b>\$601,230,000</b>	<b>76.2%</b>	<b>76.8%</b>	<b>\$13,261</b>	<b>\$14,664</b>	<b>\$2,262</b>	<b>\$2,796</b>
<b>Equine Related Activities:</b>								
Travel and Lodging	\$11,417,000	\$20,603,000	2.3%	2.6%	\$394	\$503	\$67	\$96
Advertisement Expenses	\$3,573,000	\$4,195,000	0.7%	0.5%	\$123	\$102	\$21	\$20
Professional Fees	\$3,406,000	\$3,761,000	0.7%	0.5%	\$117	\$92	\$20	\$17
Other Miscellaneous Equine Related Expenses	\$8,730,000	\$6,407,000	1.7%	0.8%	\$301	\$156	\$51	\$30
<b>Total Equine Related Activity Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,126,000</b>	<b>\$34,966,000</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>\$935</b>	<b>\$853</b>	<b>\$160</b>	<b>\$163</b>
<b>Labor and Capital Improvement Expenses:</b>								
Capital Improvements	\$35,679,000	\$72,574,000	7.1%	9.3%	\$1,230	\$1,770	\$210	\$338
Paid Labor	\$51,805,000	\$66,475,000	10.3%	8.5%	\$1,786	\$1,621	\$305	\$309
Other Contracted Labor Expenses	\$5,599,000	\$7,703,000	1.1%	1.0%	\$193	\$188	\$33	\$36
<b>Total Labor and Capital Improvement Expenses</b>	<b>\$93,083,000</b>	<b>\$146,752,000</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>\$3,210</b>	<b>\$3,579</b>	<b>\$548</b>	<b>\$683</b>
<b>Total of All Expenses</b>	<b>\$504,786,000</b>	<b>\$782,948,000</b>			<b>\$17,406</b>	<b>\$19,096</b>	<b>\$2,969</b>	<b>\$3,642</b>



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### Equine Inventory by District and Breed, 2001 & 2006

Breed or Category	Northern		Western		Central		Eastern		Southwestern		Southern		Southeastern		State Total	
	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006	2001	2006
American Saddlebred	1,500	700	800	900	800	1,800	*	*	2,600	2,200	600	900	*	700	6,800	7,300
Appaloosa	1,800	2,100	500	700	1,700	2,300	*	1,100	1,000	800	*	1,800	500	600	6,000	9,400
Arabian and Anglo Arabian	3,200	3,000	1,100	1,500	3,200	4,400	500	600	1,400	1,000	700	900	1,900	1,800	12,000	13,200
Belgian	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	800	1,900	*	*	*	*	1,900	3,000
Hanoverian	700	800	*	*	*	900	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,300	2,200
Miniature Horses	500	1,000	500	900	1,000	1,600	*	*	700	900	*	*	*	1,000	3,400	5,800
Morgan	900	900	*	*	500	500	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	700	2,600	2,800
Paint/Pinto	1,700	2,600	500	700	1,200	2,300	*	1,700	1,500	2,300	*	*	*	900	6,000	10,900
Paso Fino	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	600	1,400
Percheron	*	500	*	*	*	1,200	*	*	500	500	*	*	*	*	1,900	2,700
Quarter Horse	8,300	11,300	3,500	3,800	7,000	11,600	1,400	3,500	7,800	12,100	1,900	2,700	2,600	4,000	32,500	49,000
Standardbred	1,300	1,100	*	*	*	700	*	*	500	1,500	*	*	500	*	3,000	4,000
Tennessee Walker	1,700	4,900	1,100	1,100	1,400	2,300	*	600	3,100	4,000	1,200	1,000	800	1,600	9,700	15,500
Thoroughbred	21,600	18,600	1,600	1,400	8,300	7,400	1,900	1,000	1,100	900	500	*	1,300	1,200	36,300	30,900
Mules/Donkeys	1,000	2,300	*	1,700	1,000	4,100	*	*	900	2,500	*	2,000	*	600	3,900	13,400
Ponies	4,200	5,300	800	700	2,800	4,400	500	700	1,200	1,100	*	600	700	1,000	10,500	13,800
Other Equine 1/	11,200	15,600	2,500	1,800	7,600	6,500	3,300	900	4,600	2,300	700	900	1,700	1,700	31,600	29,700
<b>State Total</b>	<b>60,500</b>	<b>71,500</b>	<b>14,300</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>37,900</b>	<b>52,500</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>11,200</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>12,300</b>	<b>11,800</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>170,000</b>	<b>215,000</b>

1/ Other includes all other light breeds, crossbreeds, warmbloods, race breeds, or draft breeds that were not published separately and all other mixed breeds. \* Breeds with less than 500 head in a district are unpublished but included in the "District and State Total".



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