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## Stallion Season Auction set for January 19

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) will conduct its annual Stallion Season Auction from Monday, Jan. 19, to Sunday, Jan. 26.

The online auction will be hosted on the Thoroughbred bidding platform at [www.thoroughbred.com](http://www.thoroughbred.com). All participants must register with Thoroughbred prior to bidding. The platform offers an automatic bidding option that allows participants to set a maximum amount they are willing to pay for a season. Thoroughbred will then bid on the buyer's behalf until either the maximum

amount is reached, or the buyer becomes the highest bidder. The auction page on Thoroughbred will feature the conditions for each season.

All proceeds from the auction will go to TBANJ, which uses the funds to promote the Thoroughbred breeding industry in New Jersey. Stallion seasons will be added until the auction begins Jan. 19, and a complete list of available seasons will be posted at [www.njbreds.com](http://www.njbreds.com).

For additional information, please contact the TBANJ office at 732-542-8880.

## TBANJ hires Bill Caruso as Governmental Affairs representative

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) has retained Bill Caruso of Archer Public Affairs to serve as the organization's Governmental Affairs representative, bringing one of the state's most experienced political strategists to provide guidance and representation.

Caruso joins TBANJ with a résumé that spans nearly two decades at the highest levels of state and federal government. Prior to joining Archer Public Affairs, he served for almost five years as Executive Director of the New Jersey Assembly Majority Office in Trenton. In that role, Caruso was responsible for developing and implementing the Assembly majority's policy agenda and acted as the top aide to the

Speaker. He served as lead staff negotiator on all major policy matters and coordinated closely with the Governor's Office, Senate leadership, and state departments.

Caruso managed a staff of roughly 30 policy researchers, communications personnel, and administrative assistants, overseeing the day-to-day operations of one of the Legislature's most influential offices. During his tenure, he played a central role in guiding numerous high-profile legislative initiatives, including landmark pension and health benefits reforms.

Before his work in the Assembly, Caruso spent more than 11 years as Chief of Staff to U.S. Rep. Rob Andrews, a Camden County Democrat. In Washington and New Jersey, he



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directed all aspects of the congressman's policy development and public relations efforts, with particular focus on economic development, education, and defense issues. He supervised a staff of approximately 20 across both offices and also served as Andrews' campaign manager for more than a decade.

Caruso's background also includes

service as Democratic legal and public relations advisor to the 2011 New Jersey Apportionment Commission, the body responsible for redrawing the state's 40 legislative districts after the 2010 census.

"Bill Caruso has been at the center of some of the most consequential policy discussions in New Jersey," the association said in a statement.

"His expertise and relationships will be invaluable as we work to support the long-term viability of Thoroughbred breeding in our state," said Michael Campbell, Executive Director of TBANJ. "We look forward to partnering with Bill as we continue advancing solutions that support the future of New Jersey's equine industry."

## Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey meets with Secretary of Agriculture to discuss growth of the state's breeding industry

The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey (TBANJ) recently met with New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Edward Wengryn and representatives from the New Jersey Farm Bureau to discuss the current state and future advancement of the Thoroughbred breeding industry in the Garden State.

The meetings were convened to strengthen collaboration between the organizations and to identify practical pathways for supporting New Jersey's Thoroughbred breeders. Discussions focused on the importance of the breeding industry within the state's agricultural landscape, as well as the

shared goal of ensuring long-term sustainability for equine farms and related agricultural operations.

Secretary Wengryn and Farm Bureau representatives expressed interest in working alongside the TBANJ to bolster breeding activity and enhance the economic and agricultural impact of the state's equine sector.

As a result of the productive meetings, the TBANJ Board of Trustees will prepare and submit a series of proposals aimed at increasing the New Jersey-bred foal crop. Expanding foal production is viewed as a key step in supporting local agriculture, preserving farmland,

and maintaining the viability of equine-related businesses across the state.

The proposals will outline potential initiatives designed to attract and retain breeders, encourage investment in New Jersey-bred Thoroughbreds, and highlight the broader agricultural value created by a thriving equine industry.

The TBANJ looks forward to continued collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture and the New Jersey Farm Bureau as the organizations work together to support breeders, strengthen rural communities, and advance the future of New Jersey agriculture.

## 2026 Racing Days

**The New Jersey Racing Commission on November 19, 2025, approved a 2026 Thoroughbred schedule of 50 dates at Monmouth Park (May 9-September 13) and nine for an all-turf meet at the Meadowlands (September 18-October 16).**



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# 2026 RACING CALENDAR



= 50 Racing Days - Monmouth Park  
 = 9 Racing Days - Meadowlands Racetrack  
 60 Total Racing Days

= 1 Racing Day - Far Hills

## MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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## THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

### Membership Application

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#### Member Information

NAME _____		SS#/FEDERAL I.D.# _____
ADDRESS _____		CITY _____
STATE _____	ZIP _____	COUNTY _____
TELEPHONE: _____		E-MAIL: _____

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#### Membership Categories

- ☐ Breeder      A breeder member shall be a person who owns the required interest in a broodmare or registered stallion domiciled in New Jersey; who submits an application for membership, and pays the membership dues. A breeder member shall have voting rights.
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- ☐ Associate      An associate member is a person who is interested in owning, breeding, or racing horses in the State of New Jersey or in fostering economic activity through the breeding, ownership and/or racing of horses in the State of New Jersey. An associate member will not have voting rights.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Membership Dues

A check or money order for \$100.00 must accompany this form. Spouses are encouraged to join the **TBANJ** under joint membership status. This fee would total \$150.00 per couple. Each spouse must fill out a separate form to accompany the payment. Membership will be effective upon receipt and will be in force each calendar year and must be renewed annually.

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