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Standardbred breeders buck trend – numbers are up!

The NZ Standardbred Breeders' Association (NZSBA) is encouraged by last season's breeding figures released to it by Harness Racing New Zealand (HRNZ). The figures show an encouraging 2% increase in mares served this season (2009/10)

Although only a slight increase, it shows that our industry has a solid core of support and generally is in good shape with breeders are continuing to put their mares in foal. Not surprisingly there has been strong support for the better priced stallions with several of the newcomers in the \$3000 and below range well patronised. This bodes well for a brighter future ahead.

The number of stallions used was up one to 90 from the previous season. Seventeen new sires were available this season.

Flashing Red's "free" service was well taken up by breeders with the stallion serving 116 mares.

Some of the new boys did well with Gotta Go Collect (150), Gotta Go Cullen (39), Pay Me Christian (39), Ohoka Arizona (95) and Santana Blue Chip (84).

Reductions in mares served was seen with Bettor's Delight (158 served this season), Christian Cullen (115) and Live or Die (139).

The breeding statistics are available for download from the NZSBA website – www.harnessracing.co.nz or contact Kiely for a copy on 03 3417093.

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