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### **TOBA NAMES 28 STATE BREEDERS OF THE YEAR, ONE CANADIAN BREEDER**

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association (TOBA) recently announced its annual list of recipients of its state breeder of the year awards. The winners will be honored at an awards ceremony on Thursday, September 10 at Keeneland Racecourse in Lexington, Ky. The state breeders of the year are selected by their representative Thoroughbred association and honored nationally by TOBA. The state breeders of the year are:

Alabama – Bobby Pruitt, Flying P Ranch

Arizona – Dennis Weir

California - Rich and Gaby Sulpizio, Magali Farms

Canada – Albert Brewster, Cool Spring Farm

Florida – Frank Stronach, Adena Springs South

Georgia - Karen & Dewey White, White Fox Farm

Illinois - Christine and Barry Janks, Carson Springs Farm

Indiana - Michael & Penny Lauer, Two Creeks Farm

Iowa - Sandra Rasmussen, River Ridge Ranch

Kansas - Jim McCoy, Orion Stable

Kentucky - Juddmonte Farm

Louisiana - Jack Dickerson

Maryland - Dr. & Mrs. R. Thomas Bowman, Dance Forth Farm

Massachusetts - Tim Kirby, Smokey Valley Farm

Michigan - James & Marcia Arnold and Deb Miley, Arnold Farm

Minnesota - Camelia Casby

Mississippi - Stewart Madison

New Jersey - Dr. Robert Harris, Golden Dome Stable  
New Mexico - Sam Stevens  
New York - Becky Thomas, Sequel Stallions NY  
North Carolina - Reggie Beeson, Sophian Farm  
Ohio - Ronald Fields  
Oklahoma - Dr. & Mrs. Warren Center, Mighty Acres Farm/Center Hill Farm  
Oregon - Dr. & Mrs. Mylon & Sharon Buck  
South Carolina - Othniel Wienges  
Texas - James Kenney and Jann Jones  
Virginia - Edward Evans, Spring Hill Farm  
Washington - Howard Belvoir  
West Virginia - Charles "Buck" Woodson, Jr., Buckstud

Two of these 29 winners will be selected as National Breeder of the Year and National Small Breeder of the Year at TOBA's National Awards Dinner on Friday, September 11 at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington, Ky. In addition to the national breeder awards, the National Awards Dinner honors four Regional Owners of the Year, a National Owner of the Year and The Racing Game's New Owner of the Year. The event features a stallion show, silent auction and entertainment by Nashville recording artist Danielle Peck. For tickets and information, please call TOBA at (888) 606-8622 or (859) 276-2291.

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TOBA, based in Lexington, Ky., was formed in 1961 and is a national trade organization of leading Thoroughbred horse breeders and owners. TOBA's mission is to "*improve the economics, integrity and pleasure of the sport on behalf of Thoroughbred owners and breeders.*" Projects managed by TOBA include the American Graded Stakes Committee, The Racing Game, Sales Integrity Program and Claiming Crown. Thoroughbred Charities of America (TCA) is the charitable arm of TOBA. TOBA is the owner of The Blood-Horse Inc., and is represented on the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association as a founding member.