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Keeneland September 2023 Sale Topper- Into Mischief x Nonna Mia Empire Maker) Sold for \$3,000,000 to Sonson, Woodford, West Point, LEB, Agent Consigned by Lane's End, Agent

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- With the US yearling sales about 80% done 4-time Champion Sire Into Mischief is North America's leading yearling sales sire, with 62 yearlings sold averaging \$746,854. Curlin is #2 by average (34/\$570,588). Tapit, Quality Road, Gun Runner, and Uncle Mo are also averaging \$350k+; Uncle Mo had 17 yearlings average \$735k in Keeneland Book 1. Authentic (82/\$302,548) and McKinzie (89/\$166,672) are the leading first-crop yearling sires.
- North American yearling sales through the end of September had grossed \$525-million, down just 1% from last year's record pace of \$531-million. The average was down just 1% also, from \$130,854 to \$129,887. The European sales were also steady until Europe's flagship sale, Tattersalls October 1, dropped 31-million guineas (-25%), from 126-million guineas in 2022 to 95-million guineas last week. However in 2021 the gross had been just 86-million guineas. Overall the North American and European yearling market totaled US\$847-million through the first week in October, versus \$875-million last year. This issue features 13 yearling sale graphs and tables in the Worldwide Sales Ticker.
- November Sale Preview. Lane's End's superstar Flightline has 19 mares catalogued in foal at the upcoming Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland November sales. Ashford stallions Golden Pal (45), Epicenter (39), and Jack Christopher (39) have the most mares catalogued in foal. Spendthrift's Cyberknife (34) and Gainesway's Olympiad (34) come next – all first-crop covering sires. Spendthrift's Yaupon (54), another first-crop sire, has the highest number of weanlings catalogued.
- Bill's Tweets.

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SECTION 1: YEARLING MARKET UPDATE

INTO MISCHIEF TOPS NORTH AMERICAN SIRES BY YEARLING AVERAGE

He's been Champion Sire four consecutive years and looks odds-on to make it five in a row in 2023 so it only makes sense that Into Mischief would finally climb to the top of the tree commercially as well, and he's done it this year: from 72 yearlings sent through the ring, 62 have sold for an average of \$746,854. Curlin is a clear second by average with 34 sold for an average of \$570,588. Four other sires averaged over \$350,000: Tapit (29 sold/averaged \$494,379); Quality Road (39/\$413,720); young superstar Gun Runner (51/\$406,666, from his fourth and therefore 'worst', or should we say 'least well-bred' crop); and Uncle Mo (62/\$366,258), who had a sensational average of \$735,000 for 17 yearlings sold in Keeneland Book 1.

A total of 24 North American sires with 9+ yearlings sold through the Fasig Maryland sale and Tattersalls October 1 in Newmarket the first week in October (so not including OBS or Fasig October later in the month) had averaged over \$150,000 at the 2023 yearling sales. Not unusually, about half (13 in this case) were older proven sires, the other half (11) younger proven or very promising first-crop yearling sires (first foals 2022, which we abbreviate F2022). Five of the six sires who averaged \$350,000+ fit into the 'older proven' category', which also included: #9 Speightstown (22/\$302,950); #12 War Front (11/\$273,636); #13 Medaglia d'Oro (28/\$264,178); #16 Candy Ride (33/\$223,060); #18 Munnings (75/\$213,786); #19 Twirling Candy (52/\$186,778); #20 Ghostzapper (30/\$182,983); and #21 Street Sense (34/\$172,245).

The research tells us that two or three sires on average per sire crop graduate to the top rung. Two sires with first foals 2017, so now their fifth crops of 2yo's are racing and sixth crops of yearlings have come to market star from their group: #8 Constitution (57/\$305,543) and #15 American Pharoah (49/\$234,359) rated among the top 24 North American yearling sires by average. The top F2018 sires (fourth crop of 2yo's, fifth crop of yearlings, so first crop after they had their first runners) are #7 Not This Time (51/\$308,754) and #17 Nyquist (60/\$215,170). #5 Gun Runner (41/\$406,666) is of course the top F2019 sire; #24 Practical Joke (68/\$168,920) is the other F2019 sire from this group as Arrogate's last crop of yearlings were unfortunately last year. The two F2020 sires (first 3yo's 2023) who averaged \$150,000+ are #11 Justify (56/\$295,793) and #14 Good Magic (31/\$249,387). #22 Omaha Beach (79/\$171,585) is the only F2021 sire represented, which is normal for sires with their first 2yo's. And among first-crop (F2022) sires Spendthrift's #10 Authentic (82/\$302,548) and Gainesway's #23 McKinzie (89/\$166,672) were the top two.

Interestingly four other F2020 sires with their first 3yo's and five other F2022 sires with their first yearlings were among the 19 sires which have averaged between \$100,000-\$150,000. The four F2020 sires are: City of Light (57/\$132,192), who has a few knocking on the door; Bolt d'Oro (47/\$126,574), who had dropped to \$15,000 in 2021; Florida phenom Girvin (9/\$120,222), who has now graduated to Airdrie in Kentucky; and Army Mule (19/\$113,905), who is very definitely marching through the ranks for Hill 'n' Dale, and Vinnie Viola's St. Elias Stable.

The five other six-figure average sires with their first yearlings: Three Chimneys' Volatile (73/\$137,561); Claiborne's War of Will (49/\$128,803); Ashford's Tiz the Law (52/\$110,576); Spendthrift's Vekoma (81/\$107,569); and Lane's End's Game Winner (59/\$105,203). They all have real chances but we were particularly impressed that War of Will's median (\$99,620) was closest to his average (77%), which indicates a horse is throwing a consistent type which the market is liking. He's not a horse who's been very hyped so it's a good sign that his median is just under 4x his stud fee. Volatile, too; he stood his first season of \$17,500, so his \$80.000 median is over 4 ½ times his stud fee.

SECTION 1: NORTH AMERICAN SIRES OF YEARLINGS- TOP 50 SIRES BY AVERAGE

Thru October 6, 2023- Fasig-Tipton July, Saratoga, NY-Bred, Maryland Sales; Goffs Orby, Goffs UK Premier & Silver; Arqana August; Keeneland September; Tatts Ire, Somerville, and October 1; Osarus.

	VOD		551.0	CT.	2023	2021	#	#	US	US
SIRE NAME	YOB	HIS SIRE	FFLS	ST	FEE	FEE	RING	SOLD	AVG	MED
INTO MISCHIEF	2005	HARLAN'S HOLIDAY	2010	KY	250,000	225,000	72	62	746,854	550,000
CURLIN	2004	SMART STRIKE	2010	KY	225,000	175,000	43	34	570,588	450,000
TAPIT	2001	PULPIT	2006	KY	185,000	185,000	36	29	494,379	475,000
QUALITY ROAD	2006	ELUSIVE QUALITY	2012	KY	200,000	150,000	45	39	413,720	400,000
GUN RUNNER	2013	CANDY RIDE	2019	KY	PVT	50,000	66	51	406,666	300,000
UNCLE MO	2008	INDIAN CHARLIE	2013	KY	150,000	175,000	73	62	366,258	255,000
NOT THIS TIME	2014	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	2018	KY	135,000	40,000	69	51	308,754	250,000
CONSTITUTION	2011	TAPIT	2017	KY	110,000	85,000	67	57	305,543	220,000
SPEIGHTSTOWN	1998	GONE WEST	2006	KY	80,000	90,000	32	22	302,590	300,000
AUTHENTIC	2017	INTO MISCHIEF	2022	KY	60,000	75,000	102	82	302,548	260,000
JUSTIFY	2015	SCAT DADDY	2020	KY	100,000	125,000	67	56	295,793	275,000
WAR FRONT	2002	DANZIG	2008	KY	100,000	150,000	18	11	273,636	225,000
MEDAGLIA D'ORO	1999	EL PRADO	2006	KY	100,000	150,000	41	28	264,178	177,500
GOOD MAGIC	2015	CURLIN	2020	KY	50,000	30,000	42	31	249,387	220,000
AMERICAN PHAROAH	2012	PIONEEROF THE NILE	2017	KY	60,000	100,000	65	49	234,359	182,845
CANDY RIDE	1999	RIDE THE RAILS	2006	KY	75,000	75,000	37	33	223,060	100,000
NYQUIST	2013	UNCLE MO	2018	КҮ	55,000	75,000	69	60	215.170	195,000
MUNNINGS	2006	SPEIGHTSTOWN	2012	KY	100,000	40,000	94	75	213,786	200,000
TWIRLING CANDY	2007	CANDY RIDE	2013	KY	60.000	40,000	66	52	186,778	105,000
GHOSTZAPPER	2000	AWESOME AGAIN	2007	KY	75,000	85,000	33	30	182,983	137,500
STREET SENSE		STREET CRY	2009	KY	75,000	60,000	43	34	172,245	162,500
OMAHA BEACH	2016	WAR FRONT	2021	КҮ	30,000	35,000	94	79	171,585	115,000
MCKINZIE	2015	STREET SENSE	2022	КҮ	30,000	30,000	117	89	166,672	100,000
PRACTICAL JOKE		INTO MISCHIEF	2019	КҮ	25,000	22,500	83	68	161,920	120,000
VOLATILE	2016		2022	КҮ	12,500	17,500	84	73	137,561	80,000
LIAM'S MAP	2010	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	2017	KY	40,000	30,000	78	63	133,039	100,000
CITY OF LIGHT	2011	QUALITY ROAD	2020	КҮ	60,000	40,000	64	57	132,192	80,000
VIOLENCE	2014	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	2015	КҮ	40,000	25,000	53	43	131,918	100,000
MACLEAN'S MUSIC	2008	DISTORTED HUMOR	2013	КҮ	50,000	20,000	110	87	129,895	100,000
DISTORTED HUMOR	1993	FORTY NINER		RETIRED	-	PVT	5	4	129,250	81,000
WAR OF WILL	2016	WAR FRONT	2022	KY	25,000	25,000	62	49	128,803	99,620
BOLT D'ORO	2015	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	2022	КҮ	35,000	15,000	62	47	126,574	90,000
GIRVIN	2013	TALE OF EKATI	2020	KY	20,000	6,000	10	9	120,222	40,000
HARD SPUN	2014		2020	KY	35,000	35,000	59	48	119,543	75,000
ENGLISH CHANNEL		SMART STRIKE	2009	DEAD	-	27,500	5	5	116,600	85,000
BROKEN VOW	1997		2003	DEAD	-	20,000	2	2	115,000	115,000
ARMY MULE		FRIESAN FIRE	2003	KY	12,500	7,500	25	19	113,000	85,000
MORE THAN READY	1997		2020	DEAD	-	,	43	34		,
TIZ THE LAW			2002	KY	- 30,000	65,000 40,000	43 57	52	113,030 110,576	85,000
VEKOMA		CONSTITUTION				,			,	56,000 60,000
	2017	CANDY RIDE CANDY RIDE	2022	KY	15,000 30,000	20,000	97	81	107,569 105,203	,
GAME WINNER			2022	KY	,	30,000	74	59	,	70,000
BLAME		ARCH	2012	KY	25,000	30,000	29	23	103,956	52,000
KITTEN'S JOY		EL PRADO	2007	DEAD	-	60,000	31	30	102,539	37,500
		HAT TRICK	2022	FL	5,000	5,000	6	5	99,000	80,000
COMPLEXITY		MACLEAN'S MUSIC	2022	KY	12,500	12,500	86	61	97,655	67,000
MALIBU MOON		A.P. INDY	2001	DEAD	-	35,000	31	28	97,535	55,000
SOLOMINI		CURLIN	2021	NY	6,500	5,000	8	4	93,750	87,500
MR. BIG	2003		2012	CA	-	4,500	4	3	93,333	75,000
GUNNEVERA	2014		2022	FL	-	6,000	3	3	91,833	11,500
FLATTER	1999	A.P. INDY	2005	DEAD	-	35,000	27	17	91,235	50,000

For a complete roster of all 349 North American sires with yearlings sold at 2023 sales, please click here

SECTION 2: WORLDWIDE SALES TICKER

WORLDWIDE SALES TICKER: NORTH AMERICAN & EUROPEAN YEARLING SALES

Here's a fair bit of data to digest about the 2023 North American and European yearling sales through the end of Tattersalls October Book 1 October 5. We have four tables covering the Keeneland September Sale – Book 1, Week 1 (Books 1 & 2), Week 2 (Books 3-6), and All (the whole sale); then a table covering all North American yearling sales through the Fasig Maryland sale. Then there are seven tables covering European sales beginning with the Arqana V2 sale in August through Tattersalls October 1, and a final table summarizing the European yearling sales to date – 13 tables in all.

At this stage of the sales season last year - with OBS coming up and Fasig-Tipton's 4-day October sale the end of the month - 4,065 yearlings (68.4% of the 5,939 catalogued) had grossed \$531,921,800 on the way to a record auction year. In the corresponding sales this year there were 6,240 yearlings catalogued - a gain of 301, or 5% of which 4,049 sold (16 fewer than last year), for a gross of \$525,913,640. Both the gross and the average (\$129,887 this year versus \$130,854 last year) dropped by just 1%, though the percentage sold from the catalogues slipped 3.5% to 64.9% in the sales covered this year. With the caveat that an extra seven of every 200 catalogued didn't get sold the American market looks reasonably steady, really at all levels, compared to last year's record prices.

The European market was also reasonably steady up until Europe's number one sale, Tattersalls October 1, the week after the Arc. The gross, which had shot up by 47% last year from 86-million guineas in 2021 to a record 126-million guineas in 2022, had a serious trimming, losing back over 31-million guineas and ending up at 95,395,000 gns – a 25% drop from 2022. The average dropped 18%, from a record 298,752 gns in 2022 to 243,977 gns this year, and the clearance rate from the catalogue (% sold/catalogued) dropped 3.6%, from 77.1% last year to 73.5% this year. Why the huge drop at Europe's flagship sale? Probably several factors, one of which may be the individuals matched the catalogue pages in record numbers last year, whereas not so much this year – in other words the 2022 sale may well have had a record number of top individuals with top pedigrees. That seemed to be the view of a few Judges anyhow.

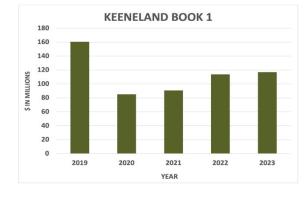
It's also useful to look at the October 1 sale in the context of the last few years. This year's figures really most resembled 2019, when 397 yearlings grossed 102,429,000 gns and averaged 258,008 gns. Compared to that sale the 2023 edition was off 7% in gross and 5% in average. The sale grossed 82-million in 2020, the Covid year, and 86-million in 2021 when the market may have still been suffering from a kind of Covid hangover. So the 40-million guinea jump in 2022 would have still been huge, but more like 20% when compared to 2019.

When we add it all up and convert back to US\$ the combined North American and European market through October 1 had grossed roughly \$847,490,000 this year, versus \$875,912,000 in 2022 – a drop of 3%. But the loss at October 1 was around US\$40-million which means the overall yearling market was actually up by US\$12-million going into October 1.

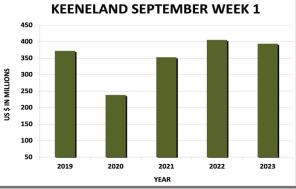
Still to come: Tattersalls October 2-4 this week, plus Arqana October next week as well as OBS and Fasig October in the US. October 2 grossed 60-million gns and averaged 96,000 gns last year: Arqana October grossed €26-million; and Fasig October grossed \$55-million. These are middle-tier markets so we'll know a lot more about the level of demand at that tier after those sales.

WORLDWIDE SALES TICKER

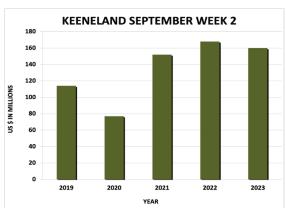
NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN YEARLINGS THROUGH OCTOBER 8, 2023



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS \$	AVG \$	
2023	383	302	221	21.1%	73.2%	57.7%	116,925,000	529,072	2* sessions
2022	367	282	220	23.2%	78.0%	59.9%	113,660,000	516,636	2* sessions
2021	404	316	208	21.8%	65.8%	51.5%	90,622,000	435,683	2* sessions
2020	448	346	209	22.8%	60.4%	46.7%	85,215,000	407,727	2* sessions
2019	569	460	340	19.2%	73.9%	59.8%	160,463,000	471,950	3* sessions



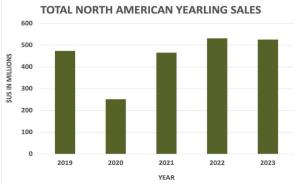
YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS \$	AVG \$	
2023	1,128	893	637	20.8%	71.3%	56.5%	234,300,000	367,818	*4 sessions
2022	1,130	898	669	20.5%	74.5%	59.2%	236,990,000	354,245	*4 sessions
2021	1,097	888	620	19.1%	69.8%	56.5%	200,419,000	323,256	*4 sessions
2020	1,218	975	589	20.0%	60.4%	48.4%	160,583,000	272,637	*4 sessions
2019	1,299	1,093	785	15.9%	71.8%	60.4%	258,048,000	328,724	*5 sessions



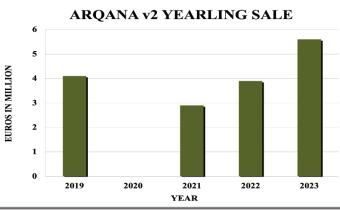
YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS \$	AVG \$
2023	3,087	2,559	2,117	17.1%	82.7%	68.6%	159,827,900	75,497
2022	3,023	2,584	2,178	14.5%	84.3%	72.0%	168,505,700	77,367
2021	2,935	2,411	2,052	17.9%	85.1%	69.9%	152,404,000	74,271
2020	3,054	2,343	1,892	23.3%	80.8%	62.0%	77,871,300	41,158
2019	3,345	2,669	2,189	20.2%	82.0%	65.4%	114,300,400	52,216



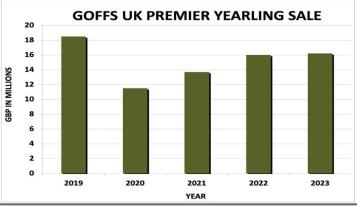
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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS \$	AVG \$
2023	4,215	3,452	2,754	18.1%	79.8%	65.3%	394,127,900	143,111
2022	4,153	3,482	2,847	16.2%	81.8%	68.6%	405,495,700	142,429
2021	4,032	3,299	2,672	18.2%	81.0%	66.3%	352,823,000	132,045
2020	4,272	3,318	2,481	22.3%	74.8%	58.1%	238,454,300	96,112
2019	4,644	3,762	2,974	19.0%	79.1%	64.0%	372,348,400	125,201



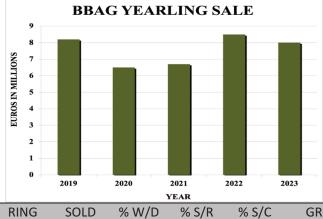
YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS \$	AVG \$
2023	6,240	5,188	4,049	16.9%	78.0%	64.9%	525,913,640	129,887
2022	5,939	5,003	4,065	15.8%	81.3%	68.4%	531,921,800	130,854
2021	5,904	4,912	3,935	16.8%	80.1%	66.6%	465,796,400	118,373
2020	5,253	4,133	3,108	21.3%	75.2%	59.2%	251,718,000	80,990
2019	6,368	5,201	3,996	18.3%	76.8%	62.8%	473,879,700	118,589



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS €	AVG €	
2023	174	167	144	4.0%	86.2%	82.8%	5,625,000	39,063	
2022	313	275	202	12.1%	73.5%	64.5%	3,873,000	19,173	*SEPT SALE
2021	145	129	96	11.0%	74.4%	66.2%	2,917,500	30,391	
2020	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	
2019	147	139	111	5.4%	79.9%	75.5%	4,096,000	36,901	

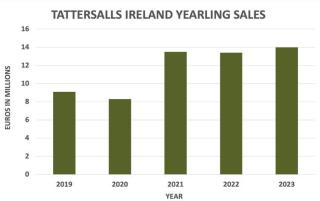


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2023	450	414	354	8.0%	85.5%	78.7%	16,232,000	45,853
2022	430	404	361	6.0%	89.4%	84.0%	15,952,500	44,190
2021	490	366	326	25.3%	89.1%	66.5%	13,731,000	42,120
2020	423	403	339	4.7%	84.1%	80.1%	11,528,500	34,007
2019	469	448	398	4.5%	88.8%	84.9%	18,498,000	46,477

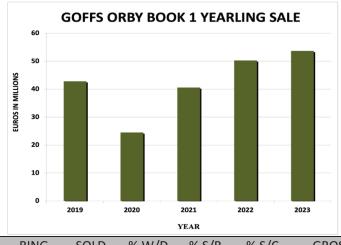


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2023	235	218	163	7.2%	74.8%	69.4%	8,071,500	49,518
2022	224	204	159	8.9%	77.9%	71.0%	8,457,500	53,192
2021	223	195	155	12.6%	79.5%	69.5%	6,735,500	43,455
2020	257	236	156	8.2%	66.1%	60.7%	6,460,500	41,413
2019	247	196	145	20.6%	74.0%	58.7%	8,200,000	56,552

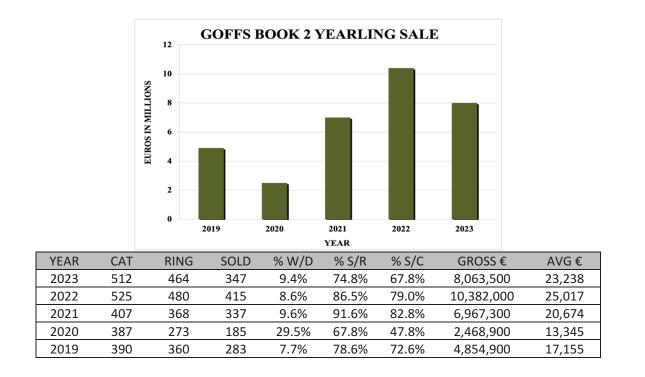
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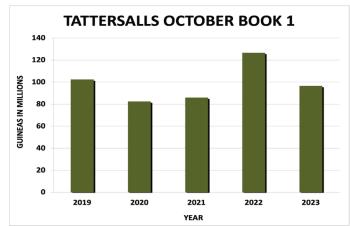


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YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS €	AVG €
2023	762	705	592	7.5%	84.0%	77.7%	14,068,100	23,764
2022	610	570	505	6.6%	88.6%	82.8%	13,384,500	26,504
2021	590	539	472	8.6%	87.6%	80.0%	13,456,151	28,509
2020	630	477	389	24.3%	81.6%	61.7%	8,330,348	21,415
2019	733	688	564	6.1%	82.0%	76.9%	10,506,900	18,629

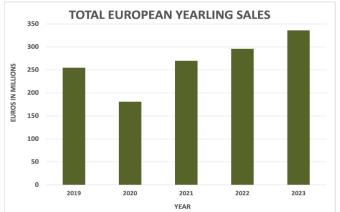


YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS €	AVG €
2023	545	497	438	8.8%	88.1%	80.4%	53,770,500	122,764
2022	515	467	414	9.3%	88.7%	80.4%	50,204,500	121,267
2021	444	409	372	7.9%	91.0%	83.8%	40,581,500	109,090
2020	474	389	311	17.9%	79.9%	65.6%	24,473,359	78,692
2019	472	428	363	9.3%	84.8%	76.9%	42,797,500	117,899





YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS gns	AVG gns
2023	532	470	391	11.7%	83.2%	73.5%	95,395,000	243,977
2022	550	489	424	11.1%	86.7%	77.1%	126,671,000	298,752
2021	502	452	375	10.0%	83.0%	74.7%	86,369,000	230,317
2020	548	466	369	15.0%	79.2%	67.3%	82,385,000	223,266
2019	552	483	397	12.5%	82.2%	71.9%	102,429,000	258,008



YEAR	CAT	RING	SOLD	% W/D	% S/R	% S/C	GROSS €	AVG €
2023	4,837	4,453	3,695	7.9%	83.0%	76.4%	303,375,603	82,104
2022	4,553	4,166	3,567	8.5%	85.6%	78.3%	324,520,833	90,979
2021	4,319	3,853	3,245	10.8%	84.2%	75.1%	264,534,042	81,521
2020	3,349	2,721	2,138	18.8%	78.6%	63.8%	186,086,616	87,038
2019	4,361	3,992	3,254	8.5%	81.5%	74.6%	267,498,446	82,206

SECTION 3: KENTUCKY NOVEMBER SALES PREVIEW



Golden Pal, leading stallion by number of covered mares cataloged at Kentucky November sales Photo courtesy Coolmore

NEWCOMERS DOMINATE KENTUCKY NOVEMBER CATALOGUES AS USUAL

There are 3,837 assigned hip numbers in the Kentucky November sales though a handful of those do not have a horse assigned yet and are 'wildcards' a/k/a late to last-minute entries. This is a 5% drop from the 4,024 hip numbers catalogued last year, though Fasig-Tipton November is down 23% in number catalogued, from 320 last year to 246 this year, while Keeneland is down just 3%, from 3,704 to 3.591. There will be ten days of sales this year, kicking off at Fasig-Tipton November 7, the Tuesday after the Breeders' Cup, followed by nine days over five books at Keeneland.

There will be lots of stars selling, especially at Fasig and in Keeneland's one-day Book 1 the following day, and undoubtedly one of the highlights of the sales' 10-day run will be the 19 mares catalogued in foal to the unbeaten 2022 Horse of the Year, Flightline. Seven mares are catalogued in foal to him at Fasig-Tipton, followed by eight in Keeneland Book 1 and a further four in Keeneland Book 2.

Ten stallions have 30+ mares catalogued in foal to them over the sales period, and not entirely surprisingly the top five are all sires who stood their first seasons this year. Three Coolmore/Ashford sires have the highest representation: two-time Breeders' Cup winner Golden Pal, by the alreadysuccessful sire of sires Uncle Mo, has 45 mares catalogued in foal (and his dam, the rocket Lady Shipman, is herself catalogued at Fasig-Tipton, in foal to Flightline); G1 Travers winner and Champion 3yo Epicenter, by Not This Time, has 39 mares catalogued in foal, as does the ultra-speedy Jack Christopher, by Munnings. Spendthrift's Cyberknife (Gun Runner) and Gainesway's Olympiad (Speightstown) have 34 each. The other five sires with 30+ mares catalogued in foal are: Hill 'n' Dale's F2023 Charlatan (32), who also has 33 weanlings catalogued from his first crop, including 10 in Keeneland Book 1; F2019 Practical Joke (32); F2013 Uncle Mo (32); F2022 McKinzie (31); and F2020 Army Mule (30). Taking Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland Book 1 together, F2020 Justify has 16 mares catalogued in foal (of 24 catalogued total) in the first two days; Flightline 15 (of 19 total, the others in Keeneland Book 2); Uncle Mo 12 (of 32 total); Into Mischief 11 (of 12); Not This Time 10 (of 19); and F2024 Life Is Good (8, of 16 total).



Charlatan is represented as the covering sire of 32 mares and also has 33 weanlings catalogued at the Keeneland November sales Photo courtesy Hill'n'Dale

Eight of the 14 sires with 30+ weanlings catalogued are F2023 sires with their first crops now coming to the sales. Spendthrift's Yaupon, a top sprinter by Uncle Mo who won six of his eight starts at three and four including the G1 Forego, has no fewer than 54 weanlings catalogued. WinStar's Independence Hall, the G2 Fayette S. winner from Constitution's first crop, has 39 catalogued; Claiborne's Silver State, the 2021 G1 Met Mile winner by Hard Spun, has 38; and Taylor Made's Tacitus, a three-time G2 winner by Tapit who placed in five G1's for Juddmonte, has 35 catalogued.

One of the crop's two leaders by weanling average will be Hill 'n' Dale's Charlatan, like F2024 Olympiad by Speightstown; he won four of his five career starts, including the G1 Arkansas Derby and G1 Malibu and was only beaten when second to Mishriff in the 2021 \$20-million Saudi Cup in his final career start. As mentioned above he has 33 weanlings catalogued, of which 10 are in Keeneland Book 1. The other F2023 leader by weanling average should be Essential Quality, unbeaten Champion 2yo colt in 2020 and winner of the G1 Belmont and G1 Travers in 2021; he has 14 weanlings catalogued, five in Keeneland Book 1. The other three F2023 sires with 30+ weanlings are: Airdrie's lightly-raced but very fast son of Liam's Map, Beau Liam (32 catalogued); Taylor Made's 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go (31), by Paynter; and Spendthrift's 2021 G1 Santa Anita Derby winner Rock Your World (30), by Candy Ride. Also with 30+ weanlings catalogued: F2022 McKinzie (39); F2021 Omaha Beach (36); F2021 Mitole, F2019 Practical Joke, and F2020 Good Magic (34 each); and F2022 Vekoma (30).



Independence Hall, sire of 39 weanlings catalogued for Kentucky November sales Photo courtesy Winstar

In 2022 the two Kentucky November mixed sales grossed \$311-million; in 2021 the combined gross was \$307-million, in both years Fasig-Tipton's opening-day November Sale (formerly Night of the Stars but still referred to as that among some industry pros) accounted for about a third of the total gross. So the plus-or-minus for this year's sales is \$300-million total, of which \$100-million +/- will be at Fasig.



Yaupon, leading stallion by number of weanlings catalogued at Kentucky November sales Photo courtesy Spendthrift / Louise Reinegal

38 SIRES WITH 15+ WEANLINGS CATALOGUED, KENTUCKY NOVEMBER SALES

						2023	2023	APEX						
SIRE NAME	FFLS	HIS SIRE	STANDS	2023	2022	YRLG	YRLG	А	#	#	#	FT	KEE	KEE
		THE OTHE	0.11.120	FEE	FEE	#	AVG	RNR	CAT.	COLTS	FILLIES	NOV	NOV	BK1
YAUPON	2023	UNCLE MO	КҮ	30.000	30,000	SOLD	(USD)	INDEX	54	31	23	8	46	4
INDEPENDENCE HALL		CONSTITUTION	KY	10,000	10,000	-	_	-	39	26	13	1	38	-
MCKINZIE		STREET SENSE	KY	30.000	30,000	89	166,672	-	39	22	17	3	36	-
SILVER STATE	-	HARD SPUN	KY	20,000	20,000		100,072	_	38	25	13	0	38	3
OMAHA BEACH		WAR FRONT	KY	30,000	30,000	79	171,585		36	19	17	2	34	1
TACITUS		TAPIT	KY	10,000	10,000	-	-	_	35	15	17	3	32	-
MITOLE		ESKENDEREYA	KY	15,000	15,000	45	50,874	-	35	21	14	4	31	1
GOOD MAGIC	-	CURLIN	KY	50,000	30,000	31	249,387	3.02	34	18	14	5	29	1
PRACTICAL JOKE		INTO MISCHIEF	KY	25,000	35,000	68	161,920	1.81	34	18	16	4	30	1
CHARLATAN		SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	,	,	-	101,920	- 1.01	33	16	10	4	26	10
				50,000	50,000		-					-		-
BEAU LIAM			KY	6,000	6,000	-	-	-	32	15	17	1	31	-
KNICKS GO		PAYNTER	KY	15,000	30,000	-	-	-	31	17	14	3	28	-
ROCK YOUR WORLD		CANDY RIDE	KY	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	30	13	17	1	29	-
VEKOMA	-	CANDY RIDE	KY	15,000	17,500	81	107,569	-	30	13	17	2	28	-
MENDELSSOHN		SCAT DADDY	KY	25,000	35,000	53	58,575	0.72	28	13	15	0	28	-
NOT THIS TIME		GIANT'S CAUSEWAY	KY	135,000	45,000	51	308,754	2.99	27	17	10	6	21	8
MACLEAN'S MUSIC		DISTORTED HUMOR	KY	50,000	50,000	87	129,895	1.36	27	17	10	3	24	1
MAXIMUS MISCHIEF	-	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	7,500	7,500	37	50,859	-	26	14	12	2	24	1
TIZ THE LAW	-	CONSTITUTION	KY	30,000	35,000	52	110,576	-	25	12	13	3	22	-
BOLT D'ORO	2020	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	KY	35,000	20,000	47	126,574	2.45	23	9	14	4	19	1
KNOWN AGENDA		CURLIN	KY	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	22	13	9	0	22	-
INSTAGRAND	2022	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	7,500	7,500	40	55,394	-	22	12	10	0	22	-
VOLATILE	2022	VIOLENCE	KY	12,500	15,000	73	137,561	-	22	15	7	1	21	-
MAXFIELD	2023	STREET SENSE	ARG	40,000	40,000	-	-	-	21	14	7	5	16	1
JUSTIFY	2020	SCAT DADDY	KY	100,000	100,000	56	295,793	3.24	21	11	10	5	16	8
AUTHENTIC	2022	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	60,000	70,000	82	302,548	-	20	9	11	3	17	2
VINO ROSSO	2021	CURLIN	KY	15,000	20,000	49	69,079	-	20	10	10	0	20	-
AUDIBLE	2021	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	25,000	22,500	43	54,360	-	19	10	9	0	19	-
ARMY MULE	2020	FRIESAN FIRE	KY	12,500	7,500	19	113,905	2.27	19	9	10	2	17	-
VIOLENCE	2015	MEDAGLIA D'ORO	KY	40,000	25,000	43	131,918	1.10	19	13	6	4	15	1
MUNNINGS	2012	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	100,000	85,000	75	213,786	2.23	19	6	13	7	12	1
COMPLEXITY	2022	MACLEAN'S MUSIC	KY	12,500	12,500	61	97,655	-	18	10	8	0	18	-
CONNECT	2019	CURLIN	KY	25,000	25,000	18	65,444	1.46	18	12	6	0	18	-
GAME WINNER	2022	CANDY RIDE	KY	30,000	30,000	59	105,203	-	17	12	5	2	15	1
UPSTART	2018	FLATTER	KY	30,000	10,000	18	45,111	1.31	17	9	8	0	17	-
MIDSHIPMAN	2012	UNBRIDLED'S SONG	KY	20,000	10,000	28	37,283	1.21	17	8	9	1	16	-
LEXITONIAN		SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	7,500	10,000	-	-	-	16	7	9	1	15	-
UNCLE MO	2013	INDIAN CHARLIE	KY	150,000	160,000	62	366,258	2.96	16	10	6	4	12	4

For a complete roster of all 156 sires with weanlings catalogued at the Kentucky November sales, please click here

47 COVERING SIRES WITH 15+ MARES CATALOGUED, KENTUCKY NOVEMBER SALES

SIRE NAME	FFLS	HIS SIRE	STANDS	2023 FEE	2022 FEE	2023 YRLG # SOLD	2023 YRLG AVG (USD)	APEX A RNR INDEX		FT NOV		KEE BK 1	KEE BK 2	KEE BK 3-5
GOLDEN PAL	2024		KY	30,000	-	-	-	-	45		45	2	20	23
EPICENTER	2024	NOT THIS TIME	KY	45,000	-	-	-	-	39	1	38	3	26	9
JACK CHRISTOPHER	2024	MUNNINGS	KY	45,000	-	-	-	-	39		39	2	21	16
CYBERKNIFE	2024	GUN RUNNER	KY	30,000	-	-	-	-	34		34	1	11	22
OLYMPIAD	2024	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	35,000	-	-	-	-	34	1	33	4	17	12
CHARLATAN	2023	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	50,000	50,000	-	-	-	32		32	5	15	12
PRACTICAL JOKE	2019	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	25,000	35,000	68	161,920	1.81	32		32	0	3	29
UNCLE MO	2013	INDIAN CHARLIE	KY	150,000	160,000	62	366,258	2.96	32	3	29	9	20	0
MCKINZIE	2022	STREET SENSE	KY	30,000	30,000	89	166,672	-	31	1	30	0	5	25
ARMY MULE	2020	FRIESAN FIRE	KY	12,500	7,500	19	113,905	2.27	30		30	0	1	29
NASHVILLE	2024	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	15,000	-	-	-	-	29	1	28	0	2	26
VEKOMA	2022	CANDY RIDE	KY	15,000	17,500	81	107,569	-	29	1	28	0	4	24
GOOD MAGIC	2020	CURLIN	KY	50,000	30,000	31	249,387	3.02	28	1	27	3	18	6
MITOLE	2021	ESKENDEREYA	KY	15,000	15,000	45	50,874	-	26		26	0	2	24
JACKIE'S WARRIOR	2024	MACLEAN'S MUSIC	KY	50,000	-	-	-	-	25	2	23	3	16	4
MO DONEGAL	2024	UNCLE MO	KY	20,000	-	-	-	-	25		25	0	2	23
JUSTIFY	2020	SCAT DADDY	KY	100,000	100,000	56	295,793	3.24	24	2	22	14	8	0
YAUPON	2023	UNCLE MO	KY	30,000	30,000	-	-	-	24		24	0	4	20
GAME WINNER	2022	CANDY RIDE	KY	30,000	30,000	59	105,203	-	23		23	0	3	20
OMAHA BEACH	2021		KY	30,000	30,000	79	171,585	_	23	1	22	0	6	16
CORNICHE	-	QUALITY ROAD	KY	30,000	-	-	-	-	22	-	22	0	4	18
GIRVIN	2024	TALE OF EKATI	KY	20,000	6,000	9	120,222	3.30	22		22	0	3	19
MYSTIC GUIDE	2024	GHOSTZAPPER	KY	15,000	-	-	-	-	22	1	21	0	1	20
MACLEAN'S MUSIC	2014	DISTORTED HUMOR	KY	50,000	50,000	87	129,895	1.36	21	-	21	1	5	15
	2020	KITTEN'S JOY	KY	20,000	15,000	20	89,916	2.47	21		21	0	2	19
SPEAKER'S CORNER	2020	STREET SENSE	KY	20,000	13,000	20	-	2.47	20		20	0	1	19
EARLY VOTING	2024	GUN RUNNER	KY	25,000	_				19		19	0	1	18
FLIGHTLINE	2024	TAPIT	KY	200,000	-	-	_	_	19	8	11	7	4	0
NOT THIS TIME	2024	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY		,	-	51	-	2.99	19	5	14	5	9	0
			KY	135,000	45,000	-	308,754		-	5			-	-
HARD SPUN	2009	DANZIG	KY	35,000	35,000	47	117,365	1.57	18		18	0	6	12
MANDALOUN	2024	INTO MISCHIEF	KY	25,000	-	-	-	-	18	1	18	1	2	15
NYQUIST		UNCLE MO	KY	55,000	55,000	60	215,170	1.99	17	1	16	1	12	3
PINEHURST		TWIRLING CANDY	KY	7,500	-	-	-	-	17		17	0	1	16
		CURLIN	KY	15,000	20,000	49	69,079	-	17		17	0	2	15
		WAR FRONT	KY	25,000	25,000	49	128,803	-	17		17	0	1	16
		INTO MISCHIEF	KY	7,500	-	-	-	-	16		16	0	0	16
INDEPENDENCE HALL		CONSTITUTION	KY	10,000	10,000	-	-	-	16		16	0	0	16
LIAM'S MAP	2017		KY	40,000	40,000	63	133,039	1.91	16		16	0	8	8
		INTO MISCHIEF	KY	100,000	-	-	-	-	16	2	14	6	8	0
AUTHENTIC		INTO MISCHIEF	KY	60,000	70,000	82	302,548	0.00	15		15	2	7	6
GREATEST HONOUR		TAPIT	KY	7,500	-	-	-	0.00	15		15	0	0	15
IDOL	2024	CURLIN	KY	10,000	-	-	-	0.00	15		15	0	1	14
MUNNINGS	2012	SPEIGHTSTOWN	KY	100,000	85,000	75	213,786	2.23	15	1	14	1	13	0
SHARP AZTECA	2020	FREUD	KY	15,000	5,000	8	22,375	0.64	15		15	0	0	15
SILVER STATE	2023	HARD SPUN	KY	20,000	20,000	21	196,555	0.00	15		15	0	1	14
														-
UPSTART	2018	FLATTER	KY	30,000	10,000	18	45,111	1.31	15		15	0	3	12

For a complete roster of all 173 covering sires with mares catalogued at the Kentucky November sales, please click here

SECTION 4: BILL'S TWEETS

 Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Oct 5
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 Top sires by average 7+ sold @Tattersalls1766 Oct 1: 1 Frankel 18/avg
 617,778 gns; 2 Dubawi 11/540,000; 3 Lope de Vega 25/344,800; 4

 Kingman 16/332,625; 5 Wootton Bassett 31/310,161; 6 Blue Point
 11/293,636; 7 Ghaiyyath 9/264,667; 8 Sea The Stars 23/256,304; 9 Siyouni

 7/252,857.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Oct 5

Gross down by 31m gns from 126,671,000 to 95,395,000 (-25%) @Tattersalls1766 Oct 1, average -18% from 298,752 gns to 243,977; median -10% from 200,000 to 180,000. # 7-figure ylgs 16 '22, 7 '23. For context: gross '19-102m, '20-82m, '21-86m, '22-126m, '23-95m.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Oct 4

After Hard to Justify's win in today's G2 Miss Grillo @coolmorestud sire Justify moves to #1 spot among NA 2yo sires. She is his 4th 2yo GSW this year and he has 7x 3yo GSW for 11 NA/EU GSW total.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Oct 4

7 sires 5+ sold now averaging 300k gns+ @Tattersalls1766 Oct 1: 1 Frankel 10/640; 2 Dubawi 10/514; 3 Lope de Vega 17/374; 4 Kingman 13/369; 5 Wootton Bassett 18/343; 6 Blue Point 9/313; 7 Ghaiyyath 7/309 @JuddmonteFarms @DarleyStallions @BallylinchStud @coolmorestud



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Oct 4

Better day Wed @Tattersalls1766 Oct 1 (265,664 gns avg). After 2 days 258 sold/355 cat (72.7% vs 77.3% '22), gross 66,237,000 (-19%), avg 256,733 (-11%). But '22 Wed avgd 344k as sale shot up. 3-day totals: 2019-102m; 2020-82m; 2021-86m; 2022-126m. '23 looks like '19 (258k avg).



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Oct 3

11 sires 3+ sold @Tattersalls1766 today: 1 Dubawi 5/avg 598k gns; 2 Ghaiyyath 3/532; 3 Frankel 4/525; 4 Kingman 8/346; 5 Sea The Stars 6/345; 6 Lope de Vega 8/293; 7 Wootton Bassett 10/260; 8 Night of Thunder 8/260; 9 No Nay Never 7/234; 10 Too Darn Hot 9/220; 11 Mehmas 6/213.

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Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Oct 3

Interesting @Tattersalls1766 Oct Book 1 opening day: 124 sold/177 catalogued (70%; 76% '22), gross 30,638,000 gns, avg 247,081 gns. Compared to 1st day '22 gross -4%, avg +7%. But day 2 '22 avgd 344,063, day 3- 320,092. Compared to whole record '22 sale today's average -17%.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Oct 1

Meanwhile in Australia- 2 G3's for (unraced) 2yo's Sat- G3 Gimcrack won by 2f Manaal, by 1st-crop

@NewgateFarm Tassort; G3 Breeder's Plate to 2c Espionage (Zoustar), 1-2-3 for @GaiWaterhouse1 /Bott who won 4 stakes incl 2 G1's on the day @EmiratesPark @Tweenhills @widdenstud



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Oct 1

Prix de l'Arc: impressive winner from the 1st crop by Cracksman, son of Frankel. 2nd by Frankel. 3rd by Frankel. Voila. @DarleyStallions @JuddmonteFarms



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Oct 1

2 very impressive 2yo performances this weekend: Vandeek (by Havana Grey) in the Middle Park at Newmarket & Opera Singer (by Justify, 3rd G1 winner) in the Boussac. And a G1 winner for Blue Point, Rosallion in the Lagardare @WhitsburyManor @coolmorestud @DarleyStallions



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 28

Simon Marsh @WatershipStud is doing cartwheels as we speak as colts by @DarleyStallions Too Darn Hot run 1-2 in the G3 Tattersalls S. @NewmarketRace. That's 4 GSW now for the sire 👍 👍 🦕



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 23

Array's win in the G2 Mill Reef means @coolmorestud No Nay Never now has 19 G1/G2 winners (4 G1, 15 G2). The normal percentage of G1/G2 winners who win their 1st G1/G2 as 2yo's is 20%; No Nay Never's now 89% (17/19). He's in the Into Mischief/Storm Cat/Danzig class as a 2yo sire.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Sep 23

G2 winner for Study of Man as Deepone leads all the way to win the Beresford S. @curraghrace! @Lanwades @electraniarchos



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim \cdot Sep 19

Greatly saddened to hear of the passing of Governor Brere Jones yesterday. He was a great citizen of Kentucky and the world and really did

yesterday. He was a great citizen of Kentucky and the world and really did make us better people and the world a slightly better place. Our condolences to his family @AirdrieStud. A light has gone out.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 14

Correction: 637/1111 (57.3%) sold 2023, clearance rate from catalogue down 2.5% from 2022 Week 1.

Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 14

After Week 1 @keenelandsales September: 681 sold/1111 catalogued (61.3%), gross \$234,300,000, average \$367,318, \$30 @ \$1m+. Last year 669/1119 (59.8%), gross \$236,940, average \$354,245, 30 @ \$1m+. Gross -1%, average +4%; very similar to 2022.



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Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 14

Leading sires 10+ sold Week 1 @keeneland September: 1 Into Mischief 40 sold/avg \$753,830; 2 Uncle Mo 45/\$489,857; 3 Tapit 20/\$488,600; 4 Curlin 23/\$480,870; 5 Gun Runner 30/\$449,500 @spendthriftfarm @coolmoreamerica @Gainesway @HillnDaleFarm @Three_Chimneys; 23% sold, 37%

gross



Bill Oppenheim \odot billoppenheim \cdot Sep 13

After 3 sessions @keenelandsales September, including post-ring private sales: 459 sold/744 catalogued (61.7%, -2% from '22), gross \$187,919,000 (+ 3/10 of 1%), average \$409,410 (+4%)- steady with '22 records. Special shout-out to @runnymedefarmky who have sold 3 \$1m+ yearlings.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 11

At Book 1, Day 1 of @keenelandsales September Sale, 3 sires - Into Mischief, Uncle Mo (huge day), & Authentic combined had 41 sold (36% of those sold) for \$27,250,00 - 49% of the gross. That's half the gross from 3 sires @spendthriftfarm @coolmoreamerica.



Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Sep 11

At Monday's opening session of the @keenelandsales September Sale 114 head (59.7% of those catalogued) brought \$56,040,00, avg \$491,579 (-5% from 2022 record avg for all Book 1). Very solid start though 60% sold/cat means 40% didn't.





Bill Oppenheim @billoppenheim · Aug 29

Sires with 1st 2yo's @GoffsUK Doncaster today: Blue Point 2/avg £145,000 (2 tomorrow); Ten Sovereigns 3/£85,667 (0) @DarleyStallions @coolmorestud



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Doncaster 1st day @GoffsUK: Dark Angel 3/avg £106,667 (6 tomorrow); Havana Grey 6/£78,333 (7); Mehmas 11/£72,545 (8); Kodiac 12/£55,750 (7); Kodi Bear 6/£47,500 (2); Showcasing 5/£45,000 (3) @YeomanstownStud @WhitsburyManor @HoStud @RathbarryStud



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Some 1st-crop sires @GoffsUK Doncaster 1st day: Earthlight 5/avg £84,000 (3 tomorrow); Kameko 2/£78,500 (2); Mohaather 6/£51,500 (3); Sergei Prokofiev 5/£50,000 (9) @DarleyStallions @Tweenhills @ShadwellStud @WhitsburyManor.



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Remarkable statistic. ~20% of all G1 or G2 winners win their first G1/G2 as 2yo's. @coolmorestud No Nay Never has 4 G1W+ 13 G2W so 17 total; 14 of them (82%) have won their first G1/G2 at 2 - roughly 4x the benchmark. No wonder he was EU leading sire of 2yo's in '22 & again '23.



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G3 double for @coolmorestud Justify @curraghrace today, takes him to 15 BTW, 10 Group/Graded, 2 G1W. Boom.