

# Kentucky Equine Research Feeds the Champions

**Andalusians.** At Selwood Park Stable in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, Gareth Selwood breeds, trains, and shows some of the best Andalusians and half-Andalusians in North America. Standing such stallions as Desperado C (World Cup Champion Three-Gaited Amateur and National Reserve Champion Formal Horse in 2005), Legado (National Champion Third Level Dressage Horse), and Despierto (ranked the top Andalusian-Lusitano sire by AHSA/USA Equestrian in 2005, 2003 and 2001, and sire of all three 2005 IALHA National Champion Futurity Half Andalusians), Selwood Park horses bring home top awards year after year from the International Andalusian Lusitano Horse Association show. For his many contributions to these Baroque horses in North America, Selwood was named 2004 Andalusian/Lusitano Breeder of the Year and 2005 Andalusian/Lusitano USEF Breeder of the Year. Selwood feeds a custom mix provided by Kentucky Equine Research Team Member **Cooperative Plus Incorporated (CPI)** to keep his stallions, mares, and show horses in winning condition.


**Quarter Horse Breeding.** Vessels Stallion Farm in Bonsall, California stands the stallion First Down Dash, third-leading Quarter Horse sire based on money earned by offspring in 2005. Of the 100 stallions on the list, more than a third are offspring of First Down Dash or his sire, Dash for Cash. First Down Dash produced 185 horses that raced during the year, tallying 144 victories among them. At the recent sale of running American Quarter Horse yearlings at Ruidoso, First Down Dash sired seven of the top 11 sale horses including the three bringing the highest sale prices. **Associated Feed**, a Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Team Member in California, supplies feed to Vessels Stallion Farm.

**Endurance.** At the recent FEI World Junior Endurance Riding Championships in Bahrain, the riders from Australia finished the six-and-a-half hour race in first place, ten minutes ahead of the reserve-champion French team and 14 minutes ahead of the third-place Brazilian squad. Team members have also performed well in other important endurance events such as the Tevis Cup, Capricorn Cup, and the FEI Ivory Rock Ride. **Kentucky Equine Research Australasia** sponsors the winning team, providing Equi-Jewel, Elevate, Endura-Max Plus Paste Electrolyte, and Hemabuild to help the

equine athletes perform well and recover after strenuous exercise.

**Eventing.** Phillip Dutton, Karen O'Connor, and Kim Severson continue near the top of their game. Last fall, Dutton was the leading rider in the U.S. and also topped the list in FEI world rankings. He finished in second place with The Foreman and tenth place with Amazing Odyssey at Burghley, one of the toughest courses in the world. He followed those successes with a third-place finish on Hannigan and a fifth-place ranking on Connaught at the Fair Hill CCI\*\*\* event. Dutton finished the year as the United States Eventing Association (USEA) leading overall rider with 1205 points, more than twice the total of the second-place rider, and three of his mounts were on the top ten overall horse list. O'Connor rode to high placings in three different divisions at the American Eventing Championship, claiming the top spot with Mandiba (training) and third-place honors with Upstage (advanced) and Mr. Ripley (preliminary). She followed this performance with a top-ten ride on Upstage at the Fair Hill CCI\*\*\* event. She was ranked fourth on the USEA overall rider list and second among overall lady riders, while Upstage was listed as the seventh-ranked overall horse. Severson, who claimed another Rolex Kentucky championship in 2005, led the overall lady riders, and Winsome Adante was rated the second overall horse. Dutton, O'Connor, and Severson are sponsored by **KER** and its Team Member **Pennfield Feeds**.

**Thoroughbred Racing.** Many top trainers choose Farmers Feed Mill products to fuel the racehorses under their care. In 2005, Hallway clients brought horses to the winner's circle in 233 graded stakes races including the Kentucky Derby, Derby Trial, Del Mar Oaks, Toronto Cup, Queen's Plate Stakes, Crown Royal American Turf Stakes, and numerous Breeders' Cup contests. Earnings in these races totaled \$35,527,301. Six of the top ten money-earning horses of 2005 were propelled by Hallway Feeds, and five of the top ten money-earning trainers chose **Hallway Feeds** to meet the nutritional needs of their champion charges.

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates these outstanding horses, trainers, and riders, and wishes them continued success. 



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