

Success Stories

Kentucky Equine Research feeds the champions


Cob Show Horses. Cobs are compact, well-muscled horses of medium height. They are broadly classed as lightweight and heavyweight based upon their ability to carry riders of various sizes. At the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society Show at Balmoral, where cobs in both divisions are shown under saddle, Michael and Audrey Smyth's cob Sock Et Set was selected as champion in the heavyweight class and then earned the grand champion designation for the entire cob show. The honor followed three years in which Sock Et Set was reserve champion at the same show, the biggest agricultural and equestrian event in Northern Ireland. **Bluegrass Horse Feeds, a Kentucky Equine Research (KER) Team Member,** manufactures a feed that strikes his owner as being just right for this perennial winner. According to Audrey Smyth, "Sock Et Set has always been fed on Bluegrass Cool'N'Condition. It's great stuff. He is so super-cool, handsome, loving, and playful. And he loves his food."

Thoroughbred Racing. Besting a field of fifteen contenders, Snow Fairy won the Investec Oaks at England's Epsom Downs in a close race. The filly came from last place, weaving her way through the pack and then squeezing along the rail to upset second-place finisher Meeznah by a neck. Winning time for the 12-furlong turf race was 2:35.77. **Saracen Feeds, a KER Team Member,** is the feed producer of choice for Ed Dunlop, trainer of Snow Fairy, as well as for Meeznah's trainer David Lanigan. The fourth horse across the finish line, Rumoush, also trains and races on Saracen products chosen by her trainer Marcus Tregoning.

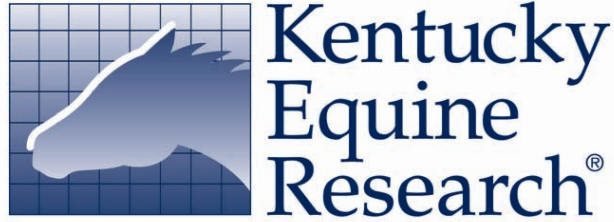
Thoroughbred Breeding. Magali Farms in Santa Ynez, California was recently honored as Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Associa-

tion State Breeder of the Year for California. The award was presented in late 2009 based on figures from the previous breeding year. In addition to breeding, the facility's services include boarding, breaking, caring for lay-ups, training, and sales preparation of young horses. The 238-acre farm is home to over 400 horses including six stallions. Decarchy was the top first-crop sire in California in 2007 and the leading second-crop sire in 2008. Lit de Justice has produced 43 stakes horses among offspring that won more than \$19 million. The newest stallion in the lineup is Ten Most Wanted, whose first California-bred foals are in the 2010 crop. **Associated Feed, a KER Team Member** in Turlock, California, is the feed supplier trusted by Magali Farms to keep its breeding stock in superior condition.

American Saddlebreds. At the 2010 Saddlebred Summit & Youth Conference, Merrill Murray was honored with an individual award. He received a diamond ring from the American Saddlebred Horse Association to honor his Five-Gaited World's Grand Champion win at the Kentucky State Fair in 2009. Murray has won the title on three occasions with three different horses, most recently with Courageous Lord. The horse's winning performance was fueled by KER-formulated feed sold by **KER Team Member Woodford Feed,** located in Versailles, Kentucky.

Kentucky Equine Research congratulates these talented horses, riders, trainers, and breeders and wishes them continued success in the future. 





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