



THE MORGAN HORSE
BREEDING GUIDE

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

There has been much speculation about breeding activity since the economic downturn over the past decade. Here are the real statistics.

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2018 was an exciting year for the Morgan horse with a renewed enthusiasm. After watching a decline in the number of annual registrations since 2006, the AMHA Registry has experienced a growth in registrations for the last two years. In 2018, 25 percent more Morgan horses were

registered than in 2017. More important, as of December 31, 2018, AMHA registered 25 percent more foals born in 2018, than 2017 foals registered by December 31, 2017. Due to the registration fee structure change initiated in 2014, the number of older Morgan horses being registered has increased as well.

ABOVE: Akira Fantasize (Bazinga x SLLC In Vogue) (photo by Leslie Arnould). **NEXT PAGE:** "Foal" (Ingate's Eye Of The Tiger x Prada) (Photo by Olivia Dapolite).



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REGISTRATIONS	1,797	1,436	25.14%
TRANSFERS	3,024	2,786	8.54%
DNA KITS	1,745	1,615	8.05%
COAT COLOR TESTS	194	154	25.97%

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REGISTRATIONS	1,436	1,296	10.80%
TRANSFERS	2,786	2,791	-0.18%
DNA KITS	1,615	1,406	14.86%
COAT COLOR TESTS	154	190	-18.95%

YEAR-END STATISTIC	12/31/2017	12/31/2016	12/31/2015	12/31/2014	12/31/2013
REGISTRATIONS	1,436	1,296	1,270	1,360	1,368
TRANSFERS	2,786	2,791	2,706	3,207	2,894
DNA KITS	1,615	1,406	1,339	1,383	1,379
COAT COLOR TESTS	154	190	166	140	99





NOTE: Since Stallion Service Reports are not due until after press date, we will review the 2018 statistics.

STALLIONS/MARES BRED

As of April 11, 2018, Stallion Service Reports for 522 stallions had been processed. This compared with 510 Stallion Service Reports that had been processed at this time in 2017, representing an increase of approximately 2.35 percent. Last year, the registry saw an increase of approximately 2.2 percent from the prior year.

2,040 mares were reported bred, compared to 1,881 mares at that time in 2017. This represents an increase of approximately 8.45

percent. Last year the Registry saw an increase of approximately 15.6 percent from the prior year.

When comparing the percentage of mares bred with foals from 2011 through 2015, the average percentage of mares with resulting foals is approximately 62 percent. Last year, the average of mares bred with foals from 2010 through 2014 was approximately 60 percent.

FOAL CROP

Over the last five years, the average percentage of foals registered for the preceding year, at the time the reports were run, was 70.88 percent.

For instance, as of April 13, 2017 there were 858 registered Morgans foaled in 2016, compared with 1,141 registered Morgans foaled in 2016 registered as of April 11, 2018.

The percentages of foal crop registered for the preceding year for the last five years were:

FOAL CROP YEAR REPORTED PERCENT REPORTED

FOAL CROP	YEAR REPORTED	PERCENT REPORTED
2016	2017	75.19%
2015	2016	72.14%
2014	2015	71.39%
2013	2014	68.25%
2012	2013	67.45%

Using the average percent of 70.88 and the 2017 foal crop as of the report date of 936, we can estimate that the 2017 foal crop will be approximately 1,320. Last year, it was estimated that the 2016 foal crop would be approximately 1,266 and it is currently 1,141; the 2015 foal crop was estimated to be 1,154 and is currently 1,200.

FOAL CROP FORECAST AS OF APRIL 11, 2018

FOAL CROP	FORECAST	AS OF APRIL 11, 2018
2017	1,320	936
2016	1,266	1,141
2015	1,154	1,200
2014	1,115	1,203

FOALING YEAR TOTAL COUNT

FOALING YEAR	TOTAL COUNT
2018*	835
2017*	1,266
2016	1,233
2015	1,251
2014	1,241
2013	1,291
2012	1,485
2011	1,388
2010	1,614
2005	3,297
2000	3,227

NOTES:

*These numbers represent completed registrations as of 12/31/2018

*These numbers will increase as registration applications are received and completed.

*Many breeders do not register their foals until they are over one year old.

*For instance, as of 12/31/2013 the 2013 foal crop was 504 and the 2012 foal crop was 1,196.



COLOR

For those interested in color, the percentage of Morgan horses by color has remained fairly consistent over the years. There has been a slight increase in the number of black, bay, buckskin, cremello, and palomino horses being registered and a slight decrease in the number of chestnut horses being registered.

ALL REGISTERED MORGANS LIVING AND DECEASED BY BASE COLOR & BY SEX

Registered as of 12/31/2018

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
BAY	31,270	13,018	16,815	61,103	31.70%
BAY DUN*	5	4	6	15	0.01%
BLACK/DARK CHESTNUT	1,022	407	503	1,932	1.00%
BLACK	10,072	5,744	4,339	20,155	10.46%
BROWN	5,087	2,578	2,514	10,179	5.28%
BUCKSKIN	1,014	466	448	1,928	1.00%
CHESTNUT	47,392	19,618	24,828	91,838	47.64%
CHESTNUT DUN	3	0	2	5	0.00%
CRÉME	64	55	11	130	0.07%
CREMELLO**	63	50	20	133	0.07%
DUN	87	39	33	159	0.08%
GRAY	106	197	27	330	0.17%
GRULLA*	7	9	4	20	0.01%
PALOMINO	1,959	976	864	3,799	1.97%
PERLINO**	46	34	4	84	0.04%
SMOKY BLACK**	174	98	53	325	0.17%
SMOKY CREAM**	7	7	2	16	0.01%
BLANK***	254	356	5	615	0.32%
TOTAL	98,632	43,656	50,478	192,766	100.00%

NOTES:

* Bay Dun, Chestnut Dun, and Grulla added in 2004

** Cremello, Perlino, Smoky Black, and Smoky Cream added in 2006

*** Computerization of records from the 1800s did not always include coat color

In 2006 the AMHA Board passed a motion that there will be an expanded range of colors offered on the Registration Application.

Foal owners were requested to report base coat color and characteristics.



COLOR CHARACTERISTICS

ALL REGISTERED MORGANS LIVING AND DECEASED BY COLOR CHARACTERISTIC & BY SEX

Registered as of 12/31/2018

COLOR	MARES	STALLIONS	GELDINGS	TOTAL	PERCENT
DAPPLE	37	25	6	68	6.40%
DUN	154	107	41	302	28.44%
FLAXEN	168	84	72	324	30.51%
GRAY	70	41	30	141	13.28%
OVERO	2	0	0	2	0.19%
PINTO	4	2	1	7	0.66%
ROAN	3	1	0	4	0.38%
SABINO	64	41	22	127	11.96%
SPLASH	40	37	10	87	8.19%
TOTAL	542	338	182	1,062	100.00%



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- UPHA Classic & Challenge Club
- AMHA Medal Classes
- AHHS Youth Medallion
- Academy Classes
- Carriage Classes—any breed
- Western Pleasure Champ
- Youth of the Year
- Welcome Exhibitor Party
- Corn Roast & Silent Auction
- \$750 Costume Class
- Calcutta for Sweepstakes
- Hackney Pony Division
- Classic English Pleasure Champ

NOTE: These numbers do not represent individual horses, as a horse can have more than one color characteristic.



Thank you to all the Morgan breeders and the entire Morgan family. Without people buying Morgan horses, we may not have seen growth. We appreciate your support of AMHA and the Morgan horse and very much enjoy our interactions with you. Looking forward to another year of growth in 2019!

We may be a small breed; however we are a mighty breed with mighty people! ■



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