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Draft horses have long fascinated many people. Many associate the term "draft horse" with the famous Budweiser Clydesdales, seen all over America. However, the history of the draft horse goes back many centuries.

The term "draft" applies to the ability of a horse to pull heavy loads.

The first draft horse breeds came out of the Ice Age period, and were known to exist at the time of the Roman Empire.

During the Medieval Period, draft horses were used as mounts for knights due to their

ability to carry an armor-clad knight into battle.

Up until the beginning of the 20th century, draft horses served many purposes for man, including plowing fields, logging, hauling ore from mines, and carrying families across the Plains.

The gasoline engine doomed the draft horse for many of these purposes.

Their population declined in the early part of the last century. However, in recent years, due to an increased interest in preserving the environment, some people have turned to the draft horse for farming and logging.

The recreational purposes of the draft horse have increased also. Many fairs and horse shows popularize the draft horse through showmanship classes and pulling classes.

The draft horse-pulling contest is a major attraction every year at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Draft horses come in many styles.

Some of the most popular breeds include the Clydesdale, Percheron, Belgian, and Shire. These intimidating animals can tip the scales from 2,000 pounds and up, and stand 17 hands or higher (1 hand equals 4 inches) at the withers.

Nevertheless, in spite of their size, they can be amazingly docile. Draft horses can be seen at many places around the country.

The Kentucky Horse Park, outside of Lexington, stables an assortment of breeds, and of course, the most famous is the Budweiser Stable of Clydesdales in St. Louis, Missouri.

If you cannot get to those places, keep on the lookout in your neighborhood for the next fair. There is sure to be a draft horse there somewhere.

Pennsylvania Equine Survey Summarized

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breeds were reported in the general equine survey (horses not used for racing). The two breed totals, when including the non-racing population are 21,132 for Standardbred and 21,117 for Thoroughbreds.

Numbers, Economic Value By County, District

The horse industry represents a highly diverse industry that supports a wide variety of activities in all 67 counties.

Top Five Counties by Total Equine Population:

1. Lancaster - 20,396 head
2. Chester - 15,504 head
3. York - 12,089 head
4. Washington - 8,572 head
5. Berks - 6,241 head

Together, the state's southeastern and capital regions account for more than forty percent of Pennsylvania's equid population.

Equine Operations

There are an estimated 38,000 households that own equine in the state of Pennsylvania, with a total of 190,000 people who participate in an equine activity. An additional 20 percent (7,600) of households within the state participate in an equine activity, but do not own a horse. An estimated 31,000 operations housed Pennsylvania's 216,000 equine in 2002.

Twenty percent of the farms/stables from the general equine survey reported being commercial operations (for profit), while 80 percent considered their equine operation for personal use. Racehorse operations reported 82 percent

are commercial and 18 percent were for personal use.

General Equine Operations

The majority of operations, over 63 percent, were reported to be involved with personal, recreational or pleasure riding and/or driving (trail riding, youth and showing). (Owners were permitted to list more than one discipline to describe their operation.)

The second largest group was working horses at nearly 9.3 percent. These horses earn their living working on farms plowing fields and pulling carriages.

Eight percent of facilities are involved in boarding and caring for other owners horses; 5.6 percent reported operating an equine breeding facility; 3 per-

cent were riding/lesson s t a b l e s (teaching riding lessons, rent equine, etc.); 2.3 percent were training facilities; 0.9 percent were show/events facilities; 0.35 percent were racing stables (not reported in the "Racehorse Survey"); 0.3 percent were lay-up or equine therapy facilities; 0.17 percent were report-

ed as guest farms for Bed and Breakfast operations involved in tourism and 7 percent were listed as other.

This group listed their facilities as retirement homes for horses, horse rescues, mounted police units, therapeutic riding facilities etc.

Racing Facilities

Almost half of the racehorse breed owners, 46 percent, consider their operations to be racing stables/barns (on and off-track facilities). Second most common were breeding farms (21 percent), followed by training barns (10 percent); boarding facilities (7.5 percent); lay-up/equine therapy facilities (4.4 percent); sale preparations (1.8 percent) and other (10 percent).

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8291 Lancaster Avenue, Bethel, Bethel Twp., Berks County, Penna.

LOCATED: 1/2 Mile South of the Village of Bethel, along Route 501.

REAL ESTATE: Consists of a 31 acre general farm, 2 story bank barn, 2 1/2 story brick 2-family home and a second dwelling is a frame cottage. Zoned Rural. 1300 feet of road frontage along Rt. 501 and 700 feet of road frontage along the Rehersburg Road.

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1) By Order of the Secured Creditors of PREMIER PARTY RENTAL (Formerly TAYLOR) GEN'L, LANDSCAPE & MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR'S EQUIP & REAL ESTATE TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th @ 10:30 A.M.

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Offered: Wed. August 20 at 12:00 Noon

310 S.: 2,700+ SF Bldg., 11,600+ SF land.
314 S.: 5,800+ SF Bldg., 23,518+ SF land. **R.E. Terms:** Both parcels sold subj. to conf., 10% @ knockdown, 10% Upon conf. w/in 24 hrs. Settlement in 45 days. No B.P. on R.E. Equip. **Terms:** 10% B.P., 25% Dep. at Knockdown in Cash or Treas. Ck. Bal. at conclusion in Cash or Treas. Ck. **Inspection:** Mon., Aug. 18, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

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Highlands Corp. Ctr., 735 Fox Chase #101, Coatesville, PA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, AT 10:00 A.M.

Mach'y: Group 7 Rip Optimization System. Saws: M-J & Diehl Rip Wadkin & DoAll Vert. band. HOLZ-HER Vert. panel. Casadei & Oliver table. (4) Ind'l., Precision & N & a Upcuts. DeWalt rad. arms. **Planers:** Newman 18" dbl. surface, Oliver 30" Straitoplane, Baxter 36" & Newman 20". **Moulders:** (4) Wadkin GA220 5U 7-hd., K23 5 Hd., XR-7026 7-Hd., HS & GA 6-Hd. **Shapers:** Wadkin, DFDA-4, Jiachiachi, Bauerle, Crescent & Porter. 7 asst. 3-4 roll feeders. **Jointers:** Porter 24" & 16" & (2) Delta 8". **Sanders:** Seco wide belt. (2) LASM osc. edge belt. **Tenoners:** Airbone 2, Dominion, F&E, Power & American sgl. end., **Mortisers:** (2) Wadkin, Oliver & F&E Hollow chisel, Maka slot. **Boring:** Ritter 23 spdl. & Scheer vert. hinge. **Grinder:** Cresswood 60 HP w/vib. conv. **Finishing:** L&L Glu-All frequency gluer. Radius band clamp. Handy case & Taylor rotary. Virginia 16' spray booth w/Kremlin pump. **Misc.:** (2) Wadkin profile grinders. Manning 17" lathe. **Support:** (4) Dust collectors to 50 HP & 17000 CFM w/dischARGE system. Sullair 100HP air comp. w/dryer. 100+ clamps. 50+ moulder hds. 4000+ knife profiles, saw blades, tooling, etc. Fixtures & templates. **Mat'l Handling:** (2) Hyster 12000 & 5000 lb. fork lifts. (6) Scissor lifts to 6000 LB cap. power conveyors w/pushers & roller feeds. Iron carts & 100+ stock trucks, carts, etc. **Wood:** 100K B.F. asst. imported & domestic hardwoods. Asst. sheets. Moulding.

Inspection: Tuesday, August 26, 9 AM to 3 PM. **Terms:** NO B.P. 25% Deposit at Knockdown in Cash or Treas. Ck. Bal. at conclusion in Cash or Treas. Ck. Bus. Ck. accepted w/bank letter of guarantee. Live on-line bidding.

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