



QUARTER HORSE INDIANA, JANUARY 1, 2002

The American Quarter Horse is the first breed of horse native to what is now the United States. A melting of various breeds brought to the English colonies in the 1600's, the Quarter Horse evolved to fill the colonists' passion for short-distance racing. One-on-one match races were run down village streets, country lanes or level pastures. These heavily muscled, compact horses could run a short distance over a straightaway faster than any other horse, and the fastest were called Celebrated American Quarter Running Horses. Over the years, there were different variations of names, but in 1940 a registry was formed to preserve the breed which officially became the American Quarter Horse.

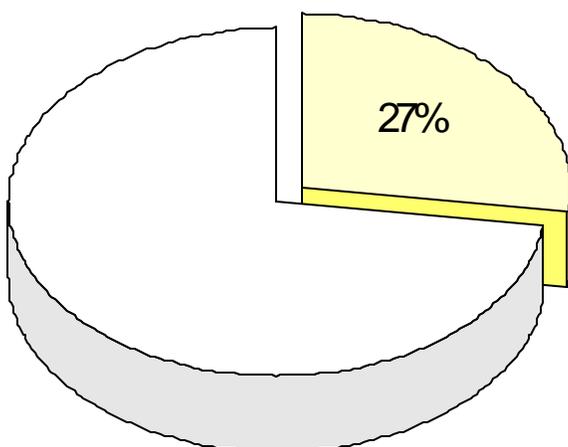
During its history, the breed also became well known for its cow sense (the ability to outmaneuver cattle) and calm disposition. Today, the heavy muscling and sprinter's speed remain characteristic traits, but like so many things modern the breed has been specialized to excel at particular events. There are American Quarter Horses competing in every discipline imaginable, from traditional rodeo events such as roping and barrel racing to the refined English classes of dressage and show jumping. Although competition options are nearly unlimited, the number one interest of American Quarter Horse owners remains riding for recreation.

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Inventory		43,700
Percent of Total Equine		27%
Total Value		\$183,103,000
Average Value Per Head		\$4,190
Median Value Per Head		\$2,500
Number of Operations		15,750
Percent of Operations		46%
Primary Use:	Number	Percent
Brood Mares	6,000	14%
* Stallions	1,160	3%
* Racing	380	1%
Show/Competition	10,190	23%
Trail/Recreation	22,060	50%
* Work	480	1%
* Other Use	3,430	8%

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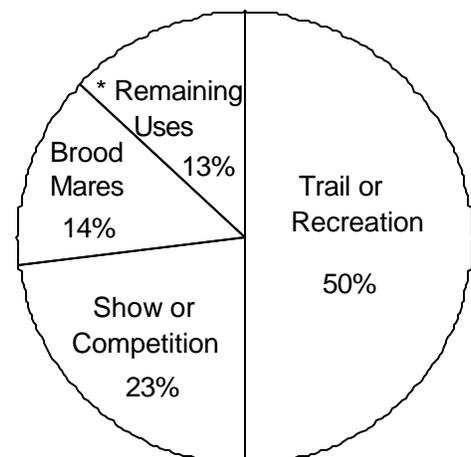
American Quarter Horses are found in all 50 states, throughout Canada and Mexico and in more than 70 other countries. More than 332,000 people belong to the American Quarter Horse Association (<http://www.aqha.com/>) which offers membership services and benefits along with serving as the official breed registry and record keeper. The American Quarter Horse Association is the largest breed registry in the world and the American Quarter Horse Congress is the largest breed show in the world.

Quarter Horse
Percent of Indiana Inventory



Total Indiana Equine Inventory = 160,000 head

Quarter Horse
Percent of Primary Use



Total Inventory = 43,700 Head