

The Statistical Growth & Development of the CWHBA

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First Registrations occurred in 1993 since this time the organization has experienced a 262% increase in membership. Registration numbers in 13 years have increased from 89 to 5071 an increase of 4965 registrations. 2005 stats indicate that the membership owns 8.8 registered horses per member certainly an indication of strong breeding activity.

Stud Book entries which represent warmblood horses from the CWHBA registry, warmblood horses from other registries, and TB's, Arabs and mares of other breeds have increased from 103 to 2360 a total increase of 2257 horses. Eliminating the 238 stallions that have been entered this leaves an entered mare population of 2122 entered mares. Of this population of entered mares 873 are CWHBA warmblood mares of 50% or greater warmblood breeding produced from the stallions in the book, leaving an entered mare population of warmblood and other breeds of 1249 mares. Of the CWHBA mares as of 2004 stats: we had 171 mares entered in the 4th generation Main Mare book indicating % warmblood of 7/8's or greater, an increase of 156 4th generation mares in 13 years that are old enough to be inspected at 3, and have been presented to an inspection. Similar increases are experienced in all the ascending % books which indicate that the membership is continuing to select and breed warmblood daughters, looking to increase the % warm-

blood in their mare herd.

Transfers are a strong indication of economic activity. Since 1993 the CWHBA organization has transferred 7173 horses, taken at an average value of \$12,365 (this value is the average of the 05 Elite Warmblood sale in Ont and the Fall Classic Breeders Sale in Ab) this transfer rates indicates a value of \$88,694,145. since the start of the organization. The 600 plus transfers in 2005 at the average \$12,365 generated \$9,483,955. Export sales have continued in growth since 1993 as well. From a beginning of 2 export sales the organization has now sold 414 export horses, which represents 8.2% of the registered CWHBA population. Growth in Export sales has been between 10-20% per year.

Comparing prices received and pedigree of horses from the Fall Classic Breeders Sale, in 1997 10% of the horses consigned were second generation warmblood or more (they had to be 50% warmblood or an approved TB or AA mare bred to a warmblood stallion to be accepted in the sale) the average price was \$4680. In 2006 67% of the horses consigned were second generation warmblood or more and the average price was \$8589. This indicates major activity from breeders continuing to breed more warmblood in their programs and indicates that the buying public is prepared to pay 46% more for horses with greater warmblood content.