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Ontario Horse Racing Industry Performance Results [Fiscal Year 2017-18 Q3]

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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE GROUP (PMEG)

BACKGROUND

The Performance Management Excellence Group or “PMEG” is a horse racing industry working group, established and led by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) with representation from Ontario Racing and government agencies, that is committed to building a sustainable horse racing industry by providing up-to-date facts and information related to the horse racing sector in Ontario.

OVERARCHING GOAL

Contributing to the efficient and effective management of funding through a systematic and integrated approach to performance management.

Members:

Ontario Lottery & Gaming Corporation (OLG)

Ministry of Finance (MOF)

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA)

Ontario Racing (OR)

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO)

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS DEFINED


#	Name	Definition	Unit of Measure	Data Source
1	Gross Bet on Ontario Races	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total gross wagering on Ontario races 	M\$	Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency
2	Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of wagering tickets sold live at all racetracks across Ontario 	Count	Racetracks
3	Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average sales price of Ontario yearlings sold at all Thoroughbred and Standardbred yearling sales (Ontario and abroad) <p><i>Note: Quarter horse yearling sales are conducted privately and, therefore, excluded from this metric.</i></p>	\$/yearling	Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society; Standardbred Canada; Ontario Racing
4	Average Field Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average number of starters (not unique) per race in Ontario 	Starters/Race	Equibase Company LLC; Standardbred Canada; Ontario Racing
5	Total # of Unique Starters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total # of unique horses starting a race in Ontario 	Count	Equibase Company LLC; Standardbred Canada; Ontario Racing

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY [FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 Q3]

- In the first nine months of Fiscal Year 2017-18 (April 1 – December 31, 2017), gross wagering on Ontario races increased by 4.4% relative to the same period the prior year, largely driven by growth in the Thoroughbred handle originating from the United States.
- The volume of betting tickets sold live, at racetracks across Ontario, declined slightly compared to the previous year (-0.7%), driven by decreases for Thoroughbreds (-2.6%) and Quarter Horses (-1.1%) largely offset by an increase for Standardbreds (+2.7%). When normalizing for the number of races, the count of tickets per race increased by 1.5%
- The Ontario horse racing industry continues to experience a horse supply shortage, as demonstrated by a reduced number of unique starters across all breeds relative to Fiscal Year 2016-17. Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds contributed to the bulk of this unfavourable variance.
- To minimize the impact resulting from a reduced horse supply, the number of races declined to maintain average field sizes to levels consistent with the previous year. These adjustments helped partially offset the horse shortage effect, with year-to-date average field sizes down for all breeds (-1.0%) but to a lesser extent than the number of unique starters (-4.0%).

PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD [INDUSTRY]

Ontario Horse Racing Industry Performance Dashboard – Fiscal Year 2017-18 Year to Date (Apr 1 - Dec 31, 2017)

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		Year to Date	
		Actual	Prior Year
		Change (%) ²	

More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	870.4	833.6	4.4%
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	7,962,920	8,019,328	-0.7%
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.		
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.9	8.0	-1.0%
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	6,595	6,867	-4.0%


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Change vs. Previous Year Colour Status Legend				
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Gross Bet	<-5%	≥-5% up to <+1.2%	≥+1.2% up to <+5%	≥+5%
Total Count of Tickets Sold	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%
Avg Ontario Yearling Price	<-10%	≥-10% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+10%	≥+10%
Unique Starters	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%
Actual Value Colour Status Legend				
	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4
Average Field Size	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4

PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD [THOROUGHBRED]

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	Actual	Prior Year	Change (%) ²

More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	530.2	500.7	5.9%
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	4,939,332	5,071,924	-2.6%
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.		
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	8.0	8.1	-1.0%
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	2,374	2,479	-4.2%


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Total Count of Tickets Sold	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%	Not Applicable
Avg Ontario Yearling Price	<-10%	≥-10% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+10%	≥+10%	Not Applicable
Unique Starters	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%	Not Applicable
Actual Value Colour Status Legend					
	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4	Not Applicable
Average Field Size	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4	Not Applicable

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More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	338.5	331.1	2.2%
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	2,939,011	2,861,895	2.7%
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.		
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.9	8.0	-1.0%
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	3,936	4,101	-4.0%


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Gross Bet	<-5%	≥-5% up to <+1.2%	≥+1.2% up to <+5%	≥+5%	Not Applicable
Total Count of Tickets Sold	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%	Not Applicable
Avg Ontario Yearling Price	<-10%	≥-10% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+10%	≥+10%	Not Applicable
Unique Starters	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%	Not Applicable
Actual Value Colour Status Legend					
	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4	Not Applicable
Average Field Size	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4	Not Applicable

PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD [QUARTER HORSE]

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		Actual	Prior Year

More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	1.7	1.7	-1.4%
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	84,577	85,509	-1.1%
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.		
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.2	7.4	-2.5%
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	285	287	-0.7%


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Gross Bet	<-5%	≥-5% up to <+1.2%	≥+1.2% up to <+5%	≥+5%
Total Count of Tickets Sold	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%
Avg Ontario Yearling Price	<-10%	≥-10% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+10%	≥+10%
Unique Starters	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%
Actual Value Colour Status Legend				
	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4
Average Field Size	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4

PERFORMANCE TREND DASHBOARD [INDUSTRY]

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More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	262.8	348.0	259.5		870.4
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	2,321,856	3,461,676	2,179,388		7,962,920
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.				
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.9	7.7	8.2		7.9
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	4,302	5,101	4,208		6,595


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Avg Ontario Yearling Price	<-10%	≥-10% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+10%	≥+10%	Not Applicable
Unique Starters	<-2.5%	≥-2.5% up to <0%	≥0% up to <+2.5%	≥+2.5%	Not Applicable
Actual Value Colour Status Legend					
Average Field Size	<7.5	≥7.5 up to <8.0	≥8.0 up to <8.4	≥8.4	Not Applicable

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More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	147.1	230.2	153.0		530.2
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	1,424,223	2,226,067	1,289,042		4,939,332
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.				
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.7	7.7	8.8		8.0
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	1,439	1,866	1,609		2,374


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More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	115.4	116.9	106.2		338.5
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	872,406	1,186,918	879,687		2,939,011
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.				
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.9	7.8	8.1		7.9
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	2,663	2,965	2,409		3,936


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Gross Bet					
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More self-sufficient sector that sustains jobs

Gross Bet on Ontario Races (M\$)	0.4	0.9	0.4		1.7
Total Count of Tickets Sold at Racetracks (Count)	25,227	48,691	10,659		84,577
Average Ontario Yearling Sales Price (\$/Yearling) ¹	Data collected annually and not currently available.				
Average Field Size (# of Starters per Race)	7.4	7.1	7.1		7.2
Total # of Unique Starters (Count)	200	270	190		285

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