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January 31, 1997

The Honorable George W. Bush
Governor of the State of Texas
State Capitol, Room 200
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Bush:

Pursuant to Section 3.10 of the Texas Racing Act (Article 179e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), it is my pleasure to submit to you the 1996 Annual Report of the Texas Racing Commission.

The Commissioners and staff remain dedicated to providing effective, efficient regulation of the pari-mutuel industry for the citizens of Texas.

Very truly yours,

Larry J. Christopher
Chairman

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Dear Governor Bush:

As the chief administrator of the Texas Racing Commission, I respectfully submit the Commission's 1996 Annual Report.

Perhaps the most asked question of the Texas Racing Commission over the past years is "Why hasn't pari-mutuel racing been successful in Texas?" I believe the question is prompted by the simple fact that the amount of money wagered at the racetracks is less than what people thought would be wagered. Certainly, high expectations prompted racetrack owners to construct large, costly facilities that, in most cases, have proven to be impossible to pay for from the lower than anticipated wagering revenues. Consequently, racetrack operators have had to reorganize and to streamline operations while retooling the product offered to the wagering public. Despite the difficult start, the racetracks have displayed remarkable resiliency and have continued to offer pari-mutuel wagering in clean, safe, and comfortable surroundings.

Horse and greyhound racing in Texas is a combination of professional sports and legal wagering and, as such, the industry has been high profile and much publicized. Racing's "slow start" has been much ballyhooed and the industry has been described by many critics as a failure. However, when one examines the Texas Racing Act it is discovered that its purposes are:

> to encourage agriculture, the horse breeding industry, the horse training industry, the greyhound breeding industry, tourism, and employment opportunities in this state related to horse racing and greyhound racing and to provide the strict regulation and control of pari-mutuel wagering in connection with that racing.

When the pari-mutuel racing industry is measured by the standards of the purposes of the Act, then I am of the opinion that racing in Texas *has* been successful and, given the opportunity, will become even more so.

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The agribusiness of horse and greyhound breeding and of horse training has not been a failure. To the contrary, since 1990, over $21 million has been awarded to the owners and breeders of Texas-bred animals. In the same time period, owners of racing animals have earned over $182 million in purses, most of which has paid for the training of the horses and the greyhounds. Combined, over $203 million from racing activities has gone into the area of agriculture to support the breeding and training industries. Since 1990, Texas tourism has been served by attracting over 20 million patrons to the racetracks where an average of 2,960 people have been employed each year. During that time, over $133.3 million has been paid to racetrack employees. The employment and payroll figures do not include self-employed trainers, jockeys, veterinarians, and other non-racetrack employees. The racetracks have stimulated state and local economies by paying more than $38 million in taxes on real estate, liquor, and admissions as well as contributing just over $1 million to local charities. Racetracks have also paid $52.2 million in pari-mutuel tax to the General Revenue Fund on wagers of over $2.68 *billion*. With the long anticipated opening of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie in April, all of the stated purposes of the Texas Racing Act described in this paragraph will be enhanced even further.

The last stated purpose of the Act is the strict regulation and control of wagering on races conducted in this state. The Racing Commission, by all measures, has also been successful in safeguarding the integrity of pari-mutuel racing and has provided for the health, safety, and welfare of the public and of the participants in racing. The 1996 Annual Report is a description of the regulatory and administrative activities of the Commission over the past year. Through the leadership of the Commissioners and the integrity and dedication of the Commission staff, Texas is highly regarded in the racing industry for conducting safe and honest racing. As well, the Commission has become an industry leader in advancements in pari-mutuel regulatory technologies and in veterinary and enforcement programs.

Finally, although pari-mutuel racing has had profound positive effects on economic development, employment opportunities, and agribusiness, two essential elements of the racing industry, high purse levels and financially sound racetracks, are in real jeopardy. Purse levels in Texas are far below those in other states. It is imperative for purses to increase to keep pace with the ever rising costs of breeding and training race animals and to keep those race animals from leaving Texas to race elsewhere. The construction and operation of the racetracks has created the economic development from pari-mutuel racing. However, all currently operating racetracks are in very precarious financial circumstances. To combat the competition from the lottery and from casinos in bordering states, the industry will undoubtedly be seeking from the legislature more ways to present its product to a wider customer base.

Regardless of the outcome of the industry's legislative initiatives, the Racing Commission, with the tremendous assistance and cooperation of the Department of Public Safety and the State Comptroller's Office, will continue to effectively regulate the pari-mutuel industry.

Very truly yours,

David J. Freeman

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Executive Secretary

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RE: Article 179e, Sec. 3.10, V.T.C.S. - D.P.S. Report of Crime Trends

Dear Mr. Christopher:

The Texas Department of Public Safety has changed the name of the Criminal Intelligence Service (the service that assists the Texas Racing Commission in monitoring pari-muturel racing in Texas) to the Special Crimes Service. The name change was due to the multifaceted responsibilities which the Special Crimes Service provides. The new name better reflects the utility and diversity of the functions within the unit. The gathering of intelligence represented only a small portion of the services performed and the name, Criminal Intelligence Service, was no longer descriptive of the endeavors.

1996 CRIME TRENDS

The most notable trend in 1996 was an increase in anti-government rhetoric. So far, law enforcement has prevented a major incident of domestic terrorism in Texas. A small, but vocal, group of citizens seem more willing to openly question authority, especially that of the federal government. The future of domestic terrorism in Texas is certainly an issue facing law enforcement

The vast majority of Texans are demonstrating less patience with juvenile crime, crimes by violent parolees and threats of domestic terrorism. This unwillingness of our citizens to tolerate these areas of crime is the chief cause of a more effective and coordinated response by law enforcement.

Although violent crimes are paramount in the minds of Texas citizens, the criminal instruments of the future are computers, electronic wire services, cellular phones and any device dealing with electronic data. The technical expertise of law enforcement must rise

with that of the criminal element. Even in traditional crimes such as narcotics, gambling and frauds, we are increasingly discovering records of criminal activity (evidence) being maintained on the computer. Retrieval of such evidence in a usable medium is an ever-growing challenge. Yesterday's forgery artist is today's computer whiz.

ILLEGAL GAMBLING

The trend toward hi-tech crime is further evident in Texas gambling. Video poker and slot machines are proliferating in explosive proportions. Bookmakers are making extensive use of less traceable cellular telephones and encoded computer data. Texans are able to illegally access betting on horse and dog racing outside the state via the Internet; thereby circumventing the interests of our industry and the state of Texas. A plethora of illegal electronic betting venues are available to Texans who often believe them to be legal. In fact, betting on the results of a horse or dog race outside a licensed pari-mutuel faciltiy is a felony of the third degree in Texas.

Law enforcement is responding to these crime trend changes by recognizing the problems and upgrading training methods.

Sincerely,

Marshall Caskey

Marshall Caskey
Commander
Special Crimes
Texas Department of Public Safety

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Policy Making Body - the Commissioners

The Commission consists of eight members: six are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, and two are ex officio members, the Chair of the Public Safety Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The six non-salaried commissioners serve overlapping six-year terms.

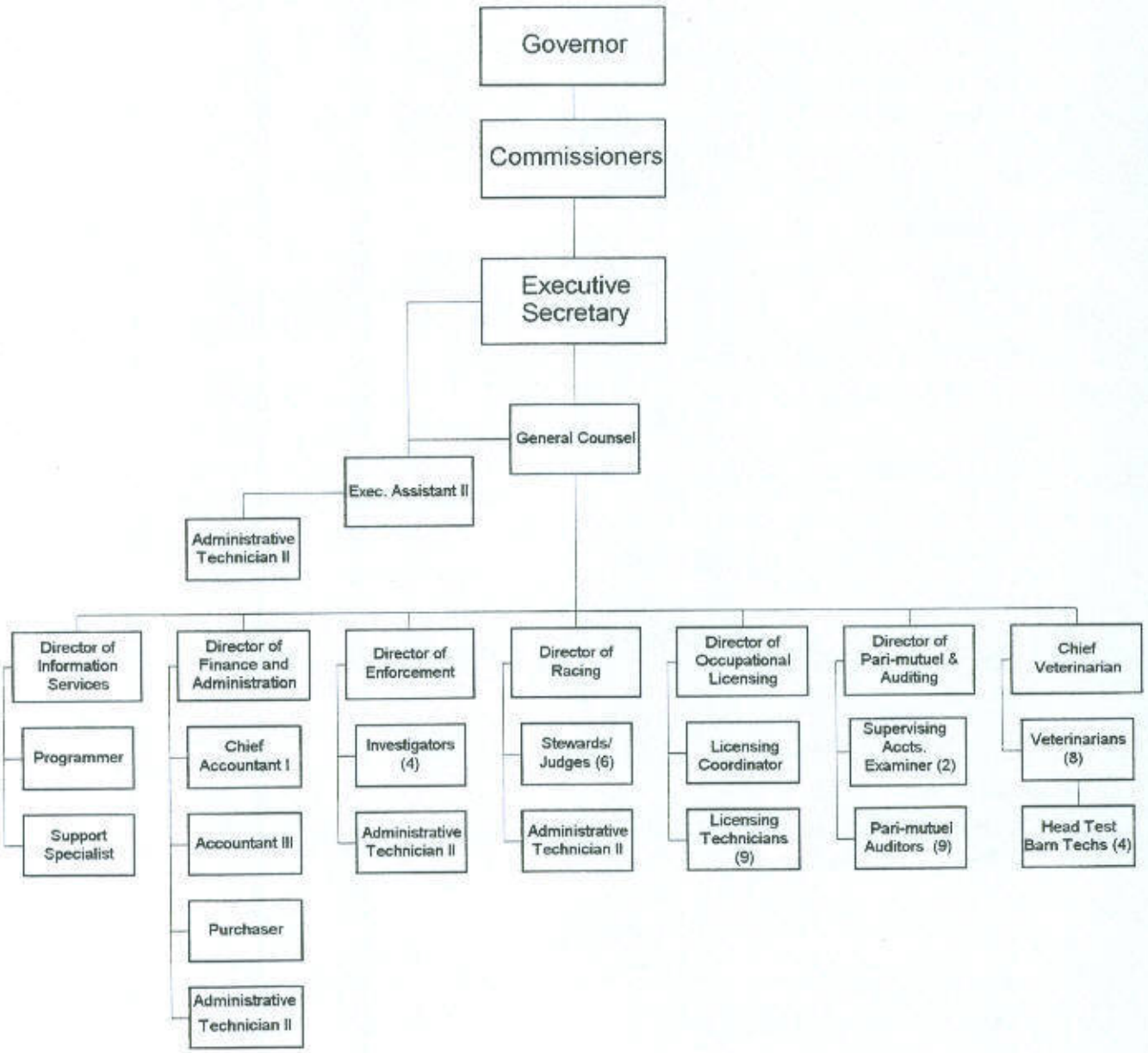
Of the six appointed Commissioners, two must be veterinarians, one specializing in the treatment of small animals, and one in the treatment of large animals. Of the four members who are not veterinarians, two must have knowledge or experience related to greyhound racing and two must have knowledge or experience related to horse racing. The Governor designates the chair. The eight members elect the vice-chair for a term of two years.

On matters of general application to both greyhound and horse racing, the Commission acts as a single body. For purposes of rule making and licensing, or for any action relating exclusively to horse racing or exclusively to greyhound racing, the Commission acts as separate sections.

Six Commission meetings were held in 1996.

Commissioners	*Section*	*Hometown*	*Term Expires*
Larry J. Christopher, Chair	Greyhound	Crockett	2/1/01
Lukin T. Gilliland, Jr., Vice-Chair	Horse	San Antonio	2/1/99
James L. Schulze, D.V.M.	Horse	Conroe	2/1/01
Deorsey E. McGruder, Jr., D.V.M.	Greyhound	Dallas	2/1/99
Pat Pangburn	Greyhound	Irving	2/1/97
Anne Dunigan Wilson	Horse	Dallas	2/1/97
Ex-Officio Members:			
James B. Francis, Jr. Chair, Public Safety Commission	Both	Dallas	N/A
John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts	Both	Austin	N/A

Organizational Chart
as of 12/31/96



Regulatory Functions & Activities

EXECUTIVE DIVISION

The Executive Division includes the Executive Secretary, General Counsel and staff. As head of the agency, the Executive Secretary supervises the agency's activities as a whole. This division is also responsible for recommending race date allocations, assessing administrative penalties against racetrack licensees, and prosecuting appeals from decisions made by the Board of Stewards/Judges at the operating racetracks.

During 1996, the division

- coordinated conduct of six Commission meetings.
- prepared and filed 70 rules submissions with the Texas Register.
- handled 11 appeals from Stewards' rulings, including two full hearings.
- coordinated the development of a formal racetrack inspection program, including drafting forms and manual.
- coordinated the drafting and production of the Strategic Plan.
- drafted a Drivers' Handbook and revised the Personnel Manual.
- assisted in design and preparation of the Texas Racing Act and Rules of Racing for inclusion on the web page.
- streamlined the simulcast approval process.
- developed a more cost/labor effective method of simulcast revenue purse calculations.
- drafted a policy and procedure for providing public access to electronic records.

During 1996, the Sunset Advisory Commission continued its comprehensive review of the Commission which began in 1994. The Sunset Advisory Commission updated its review of the Texas Racing Commission and adopted its original recommendations which were proposed during the 74th Legislature.

The 75th Legislature which convened on January 14, 1997, will consider the following summarized Sunset recommendations:

1. Increase public membership on the Commission and remove requirements for the Commission to operate through separate sections representing horse and greyhound racing.

2. Focus Commission activities on regulation of the industry, not promotion. Ensure that the Commission considers the effect of Commission actions on the industry.

3. Improve Commission's racetrack inspection and enforcement activities.

4. Improve Commission oversight of organizations receiving funds through the Texas Racing Act.

5. Improve the integrity and safety of racing by making the top regulatory officials at each track directly responsible to the state.

6. Recover costs of criminal history reports. Ensure that criminal history reports are forwarded from the Department of Public Safety to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

7. Continue the Commission for six years.

8. Clarify language related to criminal offenses in the Texas Racing Act.

In 1997, the Executive Division will be responsible for ensuring all mandates included in the Sunset Legislation are satisfied.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Finance Division manages the budget, accounting, purchasing, personnel, and other administrative functions of the Commission.

During 1996, the division

- coordinated the office move in January.
- prepared and distributed Safety and Health Manual.
- assisted in preparation of Strategic Plan.
- submitted Annual Financial Report one month early.
- conducted an annual staff meeting in Austin to disseminate personnel and policy issues.

INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The purpose of the Information Services Division is to procure and support all hardware and software necessary for the day-to-day activities of the Commission. The division is also responsible for the development and maintenance of the agency's network and database.

During 1996, the division

- sold the Commission's on-line systems to the Virginia Racing Commission, resulting in $50,000 revenue to state.
- designed the Commission's web page. **Address: http://txrc6.txrc.state.tx.us/**
- handled 189 hardware or software related problems, developed or modified over 600 programs/reports and responded to 58 open record requests
- worked towards re-engineering the database to conform to new Graphical User Interface (GUI), mouse driven standards.
- began testing and modifying all programs to conform to year 2000 requirements.
- completed the Disaster Recovery Plan.

ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Commission's investigators administer and coordinate the enforcement of the Commission's Rules and the Texas Racing Act. Investigations were conducted on animal drug positives, criminal histories returned on license applicants, illegal wagering, use and possession of contraband, drug abuse and narcotics trafficking, embezzlement, and other illicit activities that could affect the integrity of pari-mutuel racing.

Human drug testing has become an integral part of regulating the racing industry. Licensees who are suspected of using illegal drugs while performing their duties are tested. If a licensee tests positive for any illicit drug, the licensee faces a suspension and is required to seek professional help. In 1996, 65 human drug tests were conducted with 32 resulting positives.

During 1996, the division

- conducted a total of 607 investigations into suspected rule and law violations.
- reviewed 531 serious criminal history reports which were received from the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on current and former licensees.
- reviewed 1,254 minor criminal history reports for licensing compliance.

RACING DIVISION

The division includes Commission Stewards and Racing Judges. The Racing Division is responsible for supervising races being conducted. In addition, Stewards/Judges are authorized to suspend licenses for up to one

year and to assess fines of up to $5,000 if warranted.

In 1996, the division

- developed and implemented a comprehensive Race Track Inspection program per the Sunset Commission's recommendation.
- assisted in developing a 1997 race date schedule.
- assisted in development of cost/labor effective method of simulcast purse calculations.
- evaluated and revised Rules of Racing.
- Stewards/Judges at greyhound and horse racetracks handed down a total of 1,022 rulings. Of that number, 778 resulted in fines, 240 resulted in suspensions, and 45 resulted in the licensee being restored to good standing.

PARI-MUTUEL & AUDITING DIVISION

The mission of the Pari-mutuel & Auditing Division is to protect the interest of the wagering public and assure the collection and distribution of, funds as mandated by the Texas Racing Act. To achieve this, tests of the pari-mutuel totalisator computer programs are performed for compliance with the Texas Rules of Racing. On site field pari-mutuel auditors verify daily handle, audit racetrack accounts, and perform procedural audits for compliance with the Rules of Racing. Supervising Accounts Examiners perform random inspections of pari-mutuel wagering facilities and review audit work performed by the on site field auditors.

Totalisator tests simulate wagering pools and payouts to include dead heats, scratches, and refunds. Purse trust accounts are scrutinized on a weekly basis for accruals and disbursements. Simulcast contracts are reviewed. Depository reports are also audited on a daily basis.

In 1996, the division

- developed a new method of calculating purse revenues from simulcasting.
- assisted in forecasting handle and purse revenues.
- standardized the auditors' daily functions at each racetrack.
- restructured to include two mid-level supervisors to oversee audit activities at racetracks.
- maintained database of pari-mutuel wagering dollars.
- shifted simulcast contract audits and distribution audits to the field to increase accuracy.
- implemented a weekly "open purse" and Texas-bred Stakes Race purse audit schedule.
- revised Rules of Racing to reflect technological changes.
- continued to work with the Texas Pari-mutuel Advisory Committee to identify problem areas and offer solutions based on the collective group's experience. The committee is composed of racetrack personnel, private technology representatives and regulatory personnel.
- worked with Racing Division, breed associations and racetracks to develop and implement Accredited Texas-bred owners awards to be paid at the racetrack through the horsemen's bookkeeper.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING DIVISION

The Occupational Licensing Division is responsible for issuing occupational licenses and registrations to all persons involved in pari-mutuel greyhound and horse racing.

This division works closely with the Enforcement Division and the Stewards/Judges. Licensing staff at each racetrack help to maintain the integrity of the industry by insuring that all participants are licensed and are in good standing.

In 1996, the division

- issued 16,566 occupational licenses.
- collected $941,018 in licensing fees.
- revised procedures to increase productivity of licensing staff at racetracks.
- updated the Licensing Procedures Manual.
- changed the Renewal by Mail process to reduce the number of mailings.
- simplified the annual renewal process for owners and trainers by mailing individualized packets.

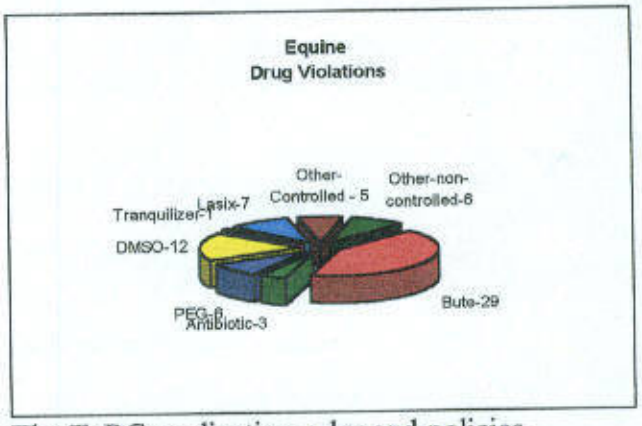
VETERINARY SERVICE DIVISION

The twofold mission of the Veterinary Service Division is to protect the health and welfare of the racing animals and to safeguard the interests of the wagering public. To achieve this, before every race, all animals are examined by a Commission Veterinarian for racing soundness. Veterinary Service Technicians and Veterinarians keep a list of animals that must be medically re-evaluated before returning to competition.

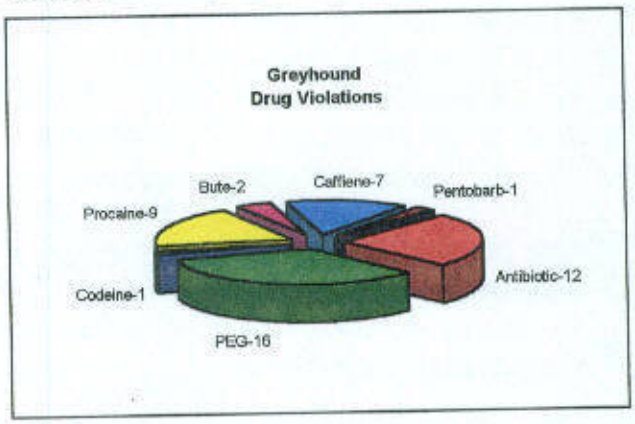
As a result of this comprehensive pre-race examination program, Texas racing has one of the lowest rates of catastrophic injury in the country: 0.071% of starters in horse races, and 0.137% of starters in greyhound races.

A drug testing program is conducted in concert with the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A & M University (TVMDL). These tests are designed to detect substances that could give an animal an unfair advantage in a race or that could mask pain.

There were 17,019 greyhound specimens and 7,770 horse specimens submitted to TVMDL for testing. The drug testing program protects the integrity of racing as demonstrated by a 0.052% (horse) and 0.024% (greyhound) case incidence of class one and class two drug positives in 1996.



The TxRC medication rules and policies have become the standard of excellence in the United States as other jurisdictions move to adopt Lasix regulations based on Texas' success.



In 1996, the division

- worked closely with the Texas Veterinary Medical Association, the Department of Public Safety, and the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to clarify and standardize

labeling requirements for all prescription medications at the racetracks.

- completed detailed procedure manual for all tasks performed by head technicians to allow for increased mobility of staff and a uniform interface with the Veterinary service for all racetrack customers.
- initiated a preceptor program to offer unparalleled opportunity to senior students at Texas A & M's College of Veterinary Medicine to develop clinical examination skills and experience with medication regulation.
- provided expertise and training, at no cost the the State of Texas, for the following: the nationally televised American Quarter Horse Association's Challenge Cup Races; two nationally accredited continuing education classes for racing officials; and the Puerto Rico Racing Sport Administration as it overhauled its medication regulations and strategies.

Equine Research

The 72nd Legislature passed a major revision of the Texas Racing Act in 1991 which included dedicating a portion of wagers made at horse tracks to fund the Equine Research Account. The legislation also created the Equine Research Advisory Committee as an adjunct to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to review research proposals, recommend grant awards, and host an annual conference on equine research.

Research projects in the fields of Agricultural Economics, Animal Science and Large Animal Medicine were submitted to the Equine Research Committee for grant consideration.

In 1996, $96,600 was credited to the Equine Research Fund from pari-mutuel racing. The following three studies were granted funds in 1996:

- "Cohort Study of Musculoskeletal Injuries in Racing Thoroughbred Horses: Risk Assessment and Risk Management Based on Findings of Pre-Race Physical Examination" by Dr. Noah Cohen.
- "DNA Markers for Genetic Typing in Horses" by Dr. Loren Skow.
- "Effects of a Commonly Used Progestagen on Behavior and Reproductive Function of Stallions" by Dr. Dixon Varner.

Texas-bred Incentive Programs

Two of the purposes of the Texas Racing Act are to encourage agriculture and to encourage the horse and greyhound breeding industries in the state. The Texas-bred Incentive Program supports these goals by providing purse supplements and monetary awards to breeders and owners of Texas-bred greyhounds and horses.

GREYHOUND

Funding for the Texas-bred Greyhound Incentive Program is derived from 50% of the total breakage and 1% of simulcast multiple two and multiple three wagering pools from greyhound racetracks. Of that portion, 25% is dedicated to stakes races and the remaining 25% is paid to the Commission for use by the state greyhound breed registry for disbursement to the owners of Texas-bred greyhounds.

Once a month these funds are distributed by dividing the monthly total available for awards by the number of winning Texas-bred greyhounds for that month.

HORSE

Each owner, breeder and respective stallion owner of a Texas-bred horse that finishes first, second or third in any race other than a Texas-bred stakes race receives an incentive award.

The awards are funded from breakage from all pari-mutuel pools and from 1% of all multiple two and multiple three wagering pools. These monies are distributed on a 40/40/20% split, respectively, among the owners, breeders, and stallion owners of the accredited Texas-bred horse.

Horses finishing in an accredited Texas-bred stakes race receive an incentive award as a purse supplement according to the pay-out conditions of the race.

The Texas-bred stakes race supplement is funded from 9.8% of the breakage from all pari-mutuel pools. This money is retained by the racetracks for distribution through the horsemen's bookkeeper.

The Texas Racing Act names the official breed registries which are responsible for determining the qualifications for Texas-bred accreditation, maintaining the eligibility lists and distributing the monetary awards.

1/1/96 - 12/31/96 DISTRIBUTIONS

Texas Thoroughbred Association	$3,161,782
Texas Quarter Horse Association	1,255,801
Texas Greyhound Association	524,083
Texas-bred Stakes Race Purse Supplements	220,436
Texas Arabian Breeders Association	69,117
Texas Appaloosa Horse Club	650
Texas Paint Horse Breeders Association	997
TOTAL	$5,232,866

Schedule of Funds Received
9/1/95 - 8/31/96

REVENUES:	General Revenue Fund (001)
Racetrack Licenses - Horses	
Class 1 Tracks	$145,000[1]
Class 2 Tracks	40,000
Class 3 Tracks	0[2]
Training Tracks	7,500
Total Racetrack Licenses - Horses	$192,500
Racetrack Licenses - Greyhounds	$980,000[3]
Outstanding Tickets	$771,840
Race Day Fees:	
Horses - Live	$182,975
Horses - Simulcast	244,075
Greyhounds - Live	328,900
Greyhounds - Simulcast	22,500
Total Race Day Fees	$778,450
Occupational Licenses	$941,018
Breakage:	
Horses	$5,056,816
Greyhounds	841,839
Total Breakage	$5,898,655[4]
Track Official's Fees	$632,571
Other	$95,419[5]
Legislative Appropriation for Worker's Compensation & Unemployment Expense	$39,798
TOTAL REVENUE	$10,330,251

[1] Includes Lone Star Park's original licensing fee of $100,000 which had been held in suspense pending outcome of lawsuit.
[2] Gillespie County Fair & Festivals 1996 licensing fee of $3,500 was paid in prior fiscal year.
[3] Includes Gulf Greyhound Park's original licensing fee of $880,000 which had been held in suspense pending outcome of lawsuit.
[4] Breakage revenue includes all money deposited by the racetracks pursuant to V.T.C.S. Art. 179e, Sec. 6.08 (d), (h), and (l), Sec. 6.09 (d) and Sec. 6.091 (a) (2) - (4).
[5] Other revenue includes reimbursements from racetracks for dedicated phone lines and revenue from the Virginia Racing Commission for purchase of TxRC database programs.

Schedule of Funds Expended
9/1/95 - 8/31/96

	General Revenue Fund (001)
EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries & Wages	$2,162,622
Payroll Related Costs	551,710
Professional Fees and Services	84,349
Travel	153,416
Materials & Supplies	92,127
Communications & Utilities	105,091
Repairs & Maintenance	46,214
Rentals & Leases	125,499
Printing & Reproduction	18,097
Other Expenditures	38,684
Capital Outlay	38,826
Distributions to Breed Registries	4,789,258
Claims and Judgments	15,874
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$8,221,767
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	$2,108,484
TRANSFERS IN (OUT):	
General Revenue Fund	($675,000)
Equine Research	(92,096)
Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	(776,746)
Savings Measurement Account	(35,804)
Texas Incentive & Productivity Commission	5,000
TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	($1,574,646)
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES & TRANSFERS	$533,838

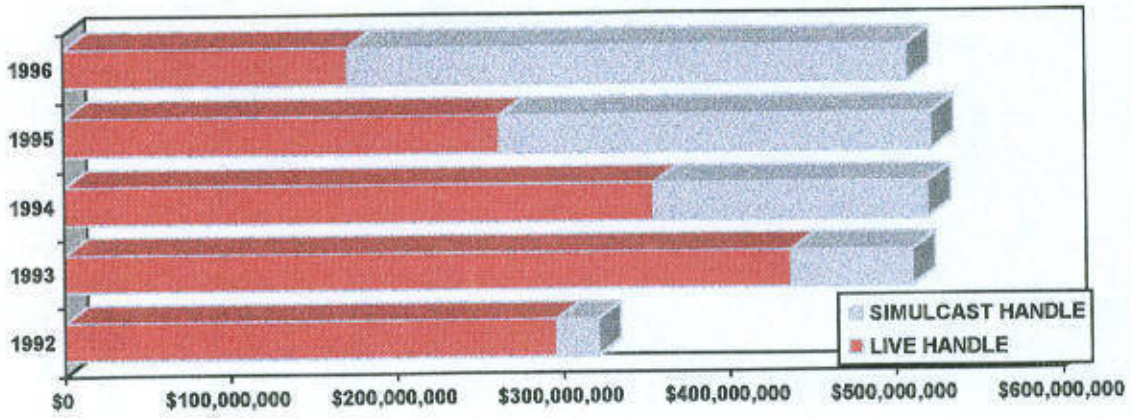
RACETRACK STATISTICS - 1/1/96 - 12/31/96 (UNAUDITED)

A racetrack may offer simulcast races as an extra wagering opportunity on a live race day. A racetrack may also offer simulcast races during a live race meeting on days when no live races are being conducted (dark day simulcasting), and during a period of days or weeks between live race meetings (simulcast only).

TRACKS	TOTAL HANDLE/ *AVG. HANDLE*	TOTAL ATTEND/ *AVG. ATTEND*	PER CAPITA	STATE'S SHARE	BREAK OUT OF TOTAL HANDLE			
					# LIVE *PERF*	TOTAL LIVE/ *AVG. LIVE*	#S'CAST *PERF*	TOTAL S'CAST/ *AVG. S'CAST*
CORPUS CHRISTI -Live w/S'cast	$23,287,895	257,094	$90.58	$375,524	381	$14,264,546	381	$9,023,349
	$61,123	*675*				*$37,440*		*$23,683*
Simulcast Performance Only	$4,558,295	39,404	$115.68	$45,583	0	$0	335	$4,558,295
	$13,607	*118*						*$13,607*
CORPUS CHRISTI-TOTAL	**$27,846,190**	**296,498**	**$93.91**	**$421,107**	**381**	**$14,264,546**	**716**	**$13,581,644**
GULF-Live w/S'cast	$122,349,955	978,313	$125.06	$2,293,764	526	$103,513,229	497	$18,836,726
	$232,604	*1,860*				*$196,793*		*$37,901*
Simulcast Performance Only	$1,852,322	7,978	$232.18	$18,523	0	$0	45	$1,852,322
	$41,163	*177*						*$41,163*
GULF-TOTAL	**$124,202,277**	**986,291**	**$125.93**	**$2,312,287**	**526**	**$103,513,229**	**542**	**$20,689,048**
TOTAL GREYHOUND TRACKS	**$152,048,467**	**1,282,789**	**$118.53**	**$2,733,395**	**907**	**$117,777,775**	**1,258**	**$34,270,692**
LONE STAR PARK - TOTAL	**$102,031,200**	**399,844**	**$255.18**	**$1,020,312**	**0**	**$0**	**212**	**$102,031,200**
Simulcast Meet 4/27 - 12/31	*$481,279*	*1,886*						*$481,279*
MANOR DOWNS	$3,093,045	8,821	$350.65	$30,930	0	$0	44	$3,093,045
Simulcast Meet 1/3-3/1	*$70,296*	*200*						*$70,296*
Live w/S'cast	$6,759,579	41,721	$162.02	$67,596	34	$3,677,179	34	$3,082,400
QH Meet 3/2-5/27	*$198,811*	*1,227*				*$108,152*		*$90,659*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$1,548,115	4,162	$371.96	$15,481	0	$0	28	$1,548,115
during QH Meet	*$55,290*	*149*						*$55,290*
Simulcast Meet	$9,640,665	28,932	$333.22	$96,407	0	$0	154	$9,640,665
5/28-12/31	*$62,602*	*188*						*$62,602*
MANOR DOWNS - TOTAL	**$21,041,404**	**83,636**	**$251.83**	**$210,414**	**34**	**$3,677,179**	**260**	**$17,364,225**
RETAMA PARK	$22,812,057	90,923	$250.89	$228,121	0	$0	158	$22,812,057
Simulcast Meet 1/1-6/7	*$144,380*	*575*						*$144,380*
Live w/S'cast	$22,175,390	197,204	$112.45	$221,754	66	$11,726,301	66	$10,449,089
T Meet 6/8 - 9/29	*$335,991*	*2,988*				*$177,671*		*$158,320*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$4,084,665	17,511	$233.26	$40,847	0	$0	48	$4,084,665
during T Meet began 6/8	*$85,097*	*365*						*$85,097*
Simulcast Only between Meet	$1,190,584	5,119	$232.58	$11,906	0	$0	11	$1,190,584
9/30 - 10/10	*$108,235*	*465*						*$108,235*
Live w/S'cast	$6,643,214	45,180	$147.04	$66,432	22	$2,759,298	22	$3,883,916
QH Meet 10/11 - 12/1	*$301,964*	*2,054*				*$125,423*		*$176,542*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$2,419,688	9,549	$253.40	$24,197	0	$0	29	$2,419,688
during QH Meet began 10/11	*$83,438*	*329*						*$83,438*
Simulcast Meet	$2,986,087	11,632	$256.71	$29,861	0	$0	28	$2,986,087
12/2 - 12/31	*$106,646*	*415*						*$106,646*
RETAMA PARK - TOTAL	**$62,311,685**	**377,118**	**$165.23**	**$623,117**	**88**	**$14,485,599**	**362**	**$47,826,086**

TRACKS	TOTAL HANDLE/ *AVG. HANDLE*	TOTAL ATTEND/ *AVG. ATTEND*	PER CAPITA	STATE'S SHARE	# LIVE *PERF*	TOTAL LIVE/ *AVG. LIVE*	#S'CAST *PERF*	TOTAL S'CAST/ *AVG. S'CAST*
SAM HOUSTON Live w/S'cast	$3,337,168	20,153	$165.59	$33,372	7	$1,373,338	7	$1,963,830
T Meet 1/1-1/14	*$476,738*	*2,879*				*$196,191*		*$280,547*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$972,248	3,213	$302.60	$9,722	0	$0	7	$972,248
during T Meet began 1/1	*$138,893*	*459*						*$138,893*
Simulcast Meet	$10,717,225	39,668	$270.17	$107,172	0	$0	46	$10,717,225
1/15 - 2/29	*$232,983*	*862*						*$232,983*
Live w/S'cast	$31,177,416	213,623	$145.95	$311,774	57	$11,954,275	57	$19,223,141
T Meet 3/1 - 6/7	*$546,972*	*3,748*				*$209,724*		*$337,248*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$5,768,756	23,343	$247.13	$57,688	0	$0	42	$5,768.756
during T Meet began 3/1	*$137,351*	*556*						*$137,351*
Simulcasting	$6,255,345	23,717	$263.75	$62,553	0	$0	26	$6,255,345
between Meets 6/8 - 7/3	*$240,590*	*912*						$240,590
Live w/S'cast	$17,758,748	150,883	$117.70	$177,587	38	$5,200,275	38	$12,558,473
QH Meet 7/4 - 9/22	*$467,335*	*3,971*				*$136,849*		*$330,486*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$7,572,072	28,683	$263.99	$75,721	0	$0	43	$7,572,072
during QH Meet began 7/4	*$176,095*	*667*						*$176,095*
Simulcasting	$1,973,182	7,470	$264.15	$19,732	0	$0	10	$1,973,182
between Meets 9/23-10/2	*$197,318*	*747*						$197,318
Live w/S'cast	$20,852,166	144,387	$144.42	$208,522	44	$7,091,635	44	$13,760,531
T Meet 10/3 - 12/15	*$473,913*	*3,282*				$161,174		$312,739
Dark Day Simulcasting	$4,674,977	17,789	$262.80	$46,750	0	$0	30	$4,674,977
during T Meet began 10/3	*$155,833*	*593*						$155,833
Simulcasting	$3,143,955	11,310	$277.98	$31,440	0	$0	15	$3,143,955
between Meets 12/18 - 12/31	*$209,597*	*754*						*$209,597*
SAM HOUSTON - TOTAL	**$114,203,258**	**684,239**	**$166.90**	**$1,142,033**	**146**	**$25,619,523**	**365**	**$88,583,735**
TRINITY MEADOWS	$11,593,340	41,047	$282.44	$115,933	22	$3,338,270	22	$8,255,070
Mixed Meet 1/5 - 2/25	*$526,970*	*1,866*				$151,740		*$375,230*
Dark Day Simulcasting	$5,212,389	12,532	$415.93	$52,124	0	$0	34	$5,212,389
during M Meet began 1/5	*$153,306*	*369*						*$153,306*
Simulcast Meet	$18,689,567	42,422	$440.56	$186,896	0	$0	62	$18,689,567
2/26 - 5/1	*$301,445*	*684*						*$301,445*
Live w/S'cast	$15,987,691	84,308	$189.63	$159,877	57	$5,387,715	57	$10,599,976
Mixed Meet 5/2 - 8/6	*$280,486*	*1,479*				$94,521		$185,964
Dark Day Simulcasting	$2,639,888	6,404	$412.22	$26,399	0	$0	40	$2,639,888
during M Meet began 5/2	*$65,997*	*160*						*$65,997*
TRINITY MEADOWS-TOTAL	**$54,122,875**	**186,713**	**$289.87**	**$541,229**	**79**	**$8,725,985**	**215**	**$45,396,890**
GILLESPIE COUNTY-TOTAL	**$1,512,356**	**22,363**	**$67.63**	**$15,124**	**10**	**$1,512,356**	**0**	**$0**
Live Handle - Mixed Meet	*$151,236*	*2,236*				*$151,236*		
TOTAL HORSE TRACKS	**$355,222,778**	**1,753,913**	**$202.53**	**$3,552,228**	**357**	**$54,020,642**	**1,414**	**$301,202,136**
TOTAL GREYHOUND	**$152,048,467**	**1,282,789**	**$118.53**	**$2,733,395**	**907**	**$117,777,775**	**1,258**	**$34,270,692**
TOTAL HORSE	**$355,222,778**	**1,753,913**	**$202.53**	**$3,552,228**	**357**	**$54,020,642**	**1,414**	**$301,202,136**
TOTAL	**$507,271,245**	**3,036,702**	**$167.05**	**$6,285,622**	**1,264**	**$171,798,417**	**2,672**	**$335,472,828**

1992-1996: 5 YEARS OF PARI-MUTUEL RACING HORSE & GREYHOUND TRACKS COMBINED

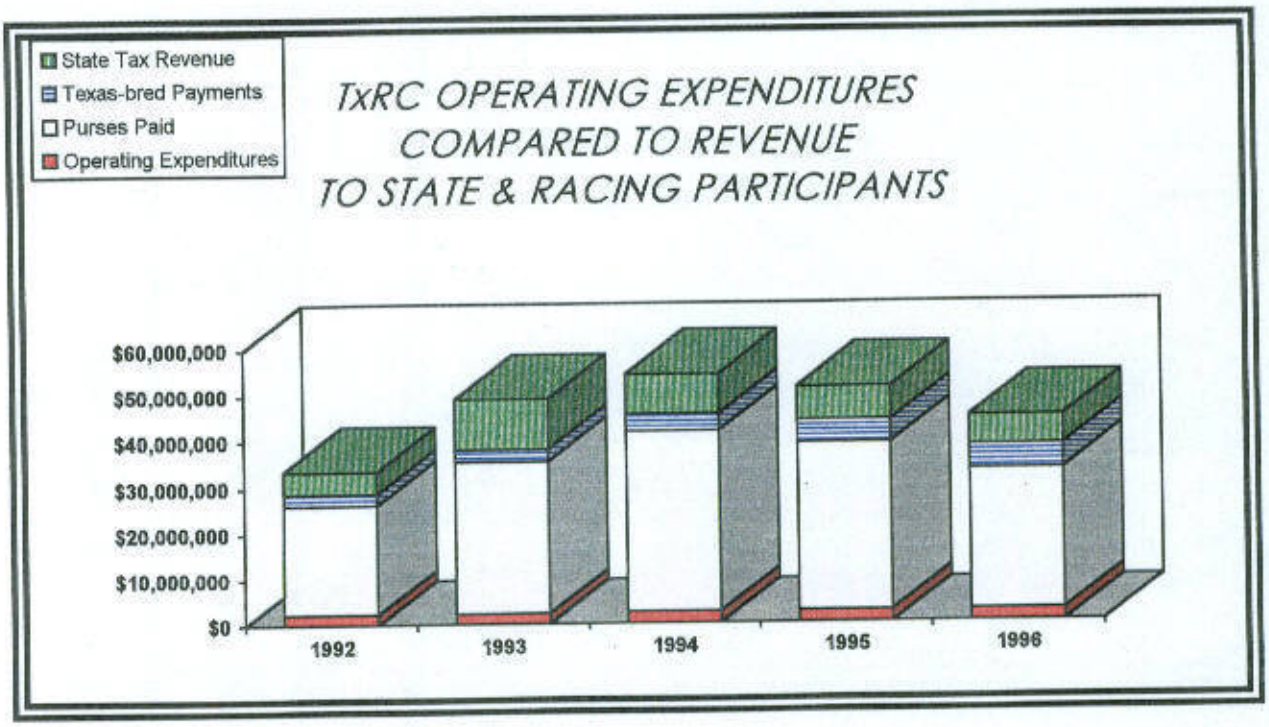


1992-1996
Horse and Greyhound Tracks Combined

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
HANDLE:					
Live	$296,107,332	$437,444,294	$354,817,092	$262,654,405	$171,798,417
Simulcast	$24,673,726	$72,501,554	$164,621,820	$258,840,661	$335,472,828
TOTAL	$320,781,058	$509,945,848	$519,438,912	$521,495,066	$507,271,245
RACE DAYS					
Live	1,340	1,689	1,846	1,686	1,264
Simulcast	292	760	2,077	2,726	2,672
PURSES PAID	$23,928,460	$33,231,422	$39,402,952	$36,544,986	$30,575,571
ATTENDANCE	2,733,950	3,853,785	3,772,317	3,534,208	3,036,702

FIVE YEAR STATISTICAL COMPARISON OF ACTIVITY & REVENUE VS. COMMISSION EXPENDITURES

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
# of Tracks	7	7	8	9	8
Handle	$320,781,058	$509,945,848	$519,438,912	$521,495,066	$507,271,245
Attendance	2,733,959	3,853,785	3,772,317	3,534,208	3,036,702
Purses Paid	$23,928,460	$33,231,423	$39,402,953	$36,544,986	$30,575,571
Texas-bred Payments	$2,500,610	$2,678,486	$3,730,191	$4,839,303	$5,232,866
State Tax	$4,758,083	$10,864,563	$8,633,684	$7,386,299	$6,285,622
FY Operating Expenditures	$2,241,812	$2,221,964	$2,489,382	$2,577,291	$2,563,368



Corpus Christi Greyhound Race Track

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	PERFORMANCES LIVE	PERFORMANCES S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$14,246,546	$13,581,644	$27,846,190	381	716	$1,170,734	296,498
1995	$21,275,867	$12,641,983	$33,917,850	446	667	$1,533,539	363,741
1994	$32,135,826	$8,248,773	$40,384,599	456	465	$1,778,615	454,623
1993	$44,721,484	$0	$44,721,484	456	0	$2,180,470	549,429
1992	$63,905,556	$16,227	$63,921,783	455	1	$3,139,226	775,648

Inaugural Meet: 11/15/90

Size of Track: 1,347 feet; 22 feet wide

Total Seating Capacity: 2,500

Total # of Employees - 1996: 253

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $745,353

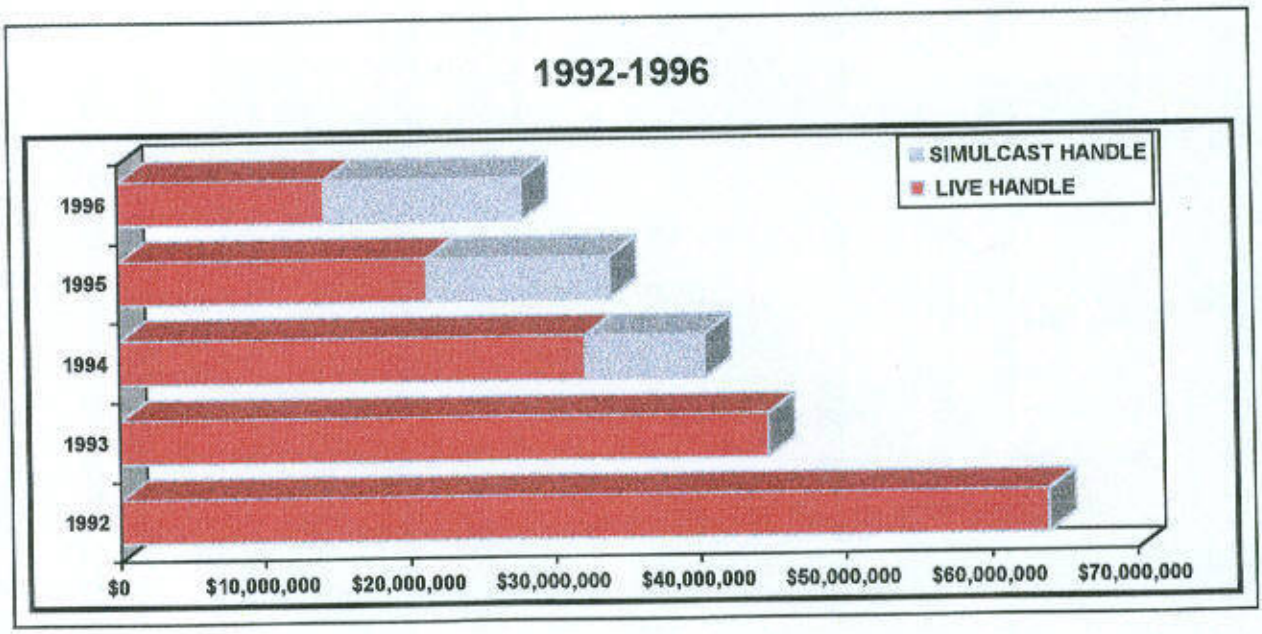
Kennel Capacity: 1,080

Attendance Record: 6,242 on 11/23/90

Wagering Record: $355,166 on 2/28/92

Total Payroll - 1996: $1,579,290

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $8,965



Gulf Greyhound Park

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	PERFORMANCES LIVE	PERFORMANCES S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$103,513,229	$20,689,048	$124,202,277	526	542	$6,739,890	986,291
1995	$144,680,710	$4,976,278	$149,656,988	527	181	$8,102,927	1,185,318
1994	$198,237,141	$7,448	$198,244,589	524	1	$9,912,207	1,482,336
1993	$268,382,614	$0	$268,382,614	494	0	$13,419,313	2,069,888
1992	$36,972,037	$0	$36,972,037	65	0	$1,848,601	339,544

Inaugural Meet: 11/10/92

Size of Track: 1/4 mile; 22 feet wide

Total Seating Capacity: 8,862

Total # of Employees - 1996: 750

Total Taxes Paid- 1996: $4,260,118

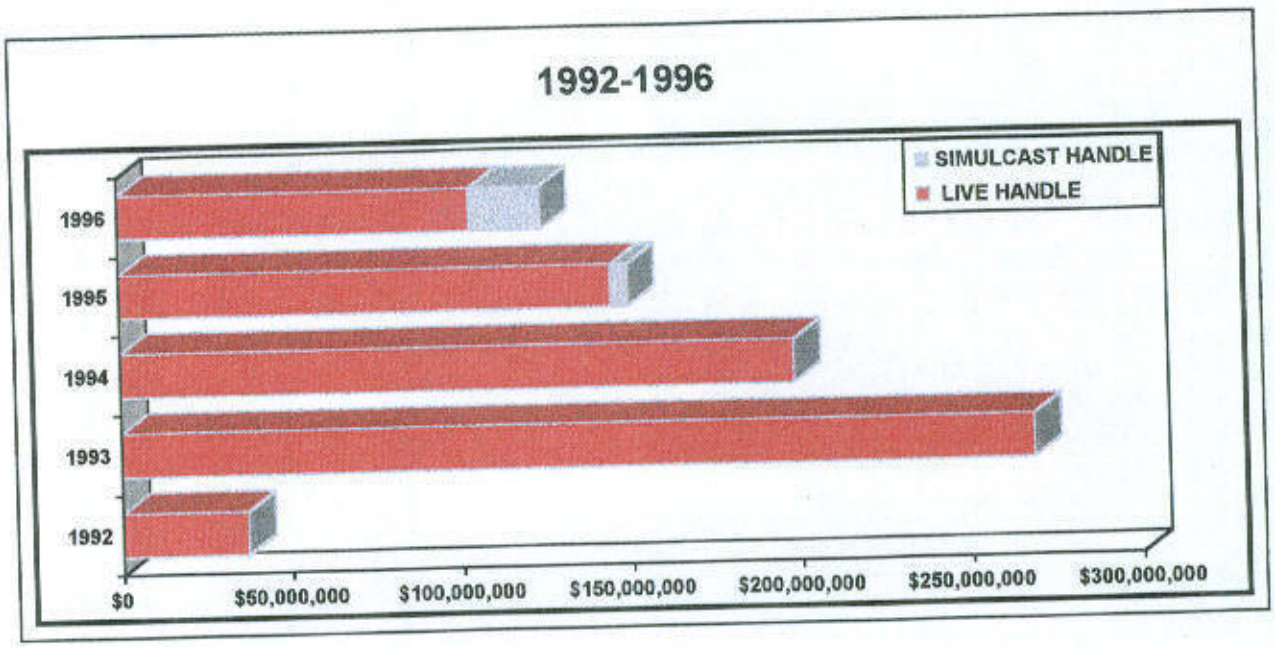
Kennel Capacity: 1,080

Attendance Record: 17,070 on 1/22/94

Wagering Record: $1,427,219 on 7/5/93

Total Payroll - 1996: $8,034,580

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $128,747



Gillespie County Fair & Festivals - Class 3

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$1,512,356	$0	$1,512,356	10	0	$404,344	22,363
1995	$1,554,667	$0	$1,554,667	11	0	$437,730	23,958
1994	$1,699,711	$0	$1,699,711	12	0	$493,917	27,201
1993	$2,066,862	$0	$2,066,862	12	0	$496,987	29,077
1992	$1,868,998	$0	$1,868,998	10	0	$360,257	22,163

Inaugural Meet: 5/26/90

Size of Track: 5/8 MILE; 80 feet wide

Total Seating Capacity: 3,200

Total # of Employees - 1996: 145

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $48,256

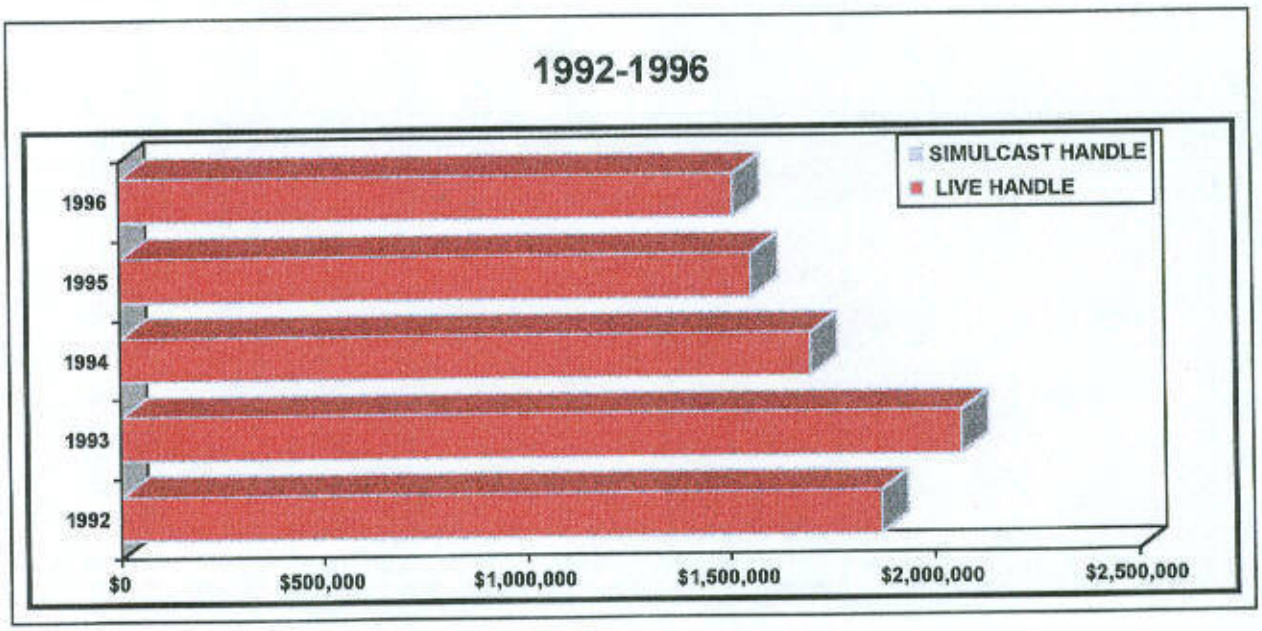
Total Stall Space: 200

Attendance Record: 7,574 on 7/4/90

Wagering Record: $352,854 on 7/4/90

Total Payroll - 1996: $103,724

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $2,450



Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie - Class 1

Lone Star Park opened the Simulcast Pavilion on May 3, 1996. Construction of the seven-level, 280,000 square foot grandstand continues for the inaugural meet to begin on April 17, 1997.

Under an agreement with the Texas Horsemen's Partnership, the official representative of horse owners and trainers, the portion of money earned at Lone Star Park for purses from intrastate simulcasting reverted to the host Texas track. Retama Park received $381,707, Sam Houston Race Park received $487,827 and Trinity Meadows received $63,710. Trinity Meadows received an additional $223,210 from Lone Star Park's portion of money earned for purses from interstate simulcasting.

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$0	$102,031,200	$102,031,200	0	212	$0	399,844

Inaugural Simulcast Meet: 5/3/95

Total Pavilion Seating Capacity: 3.200

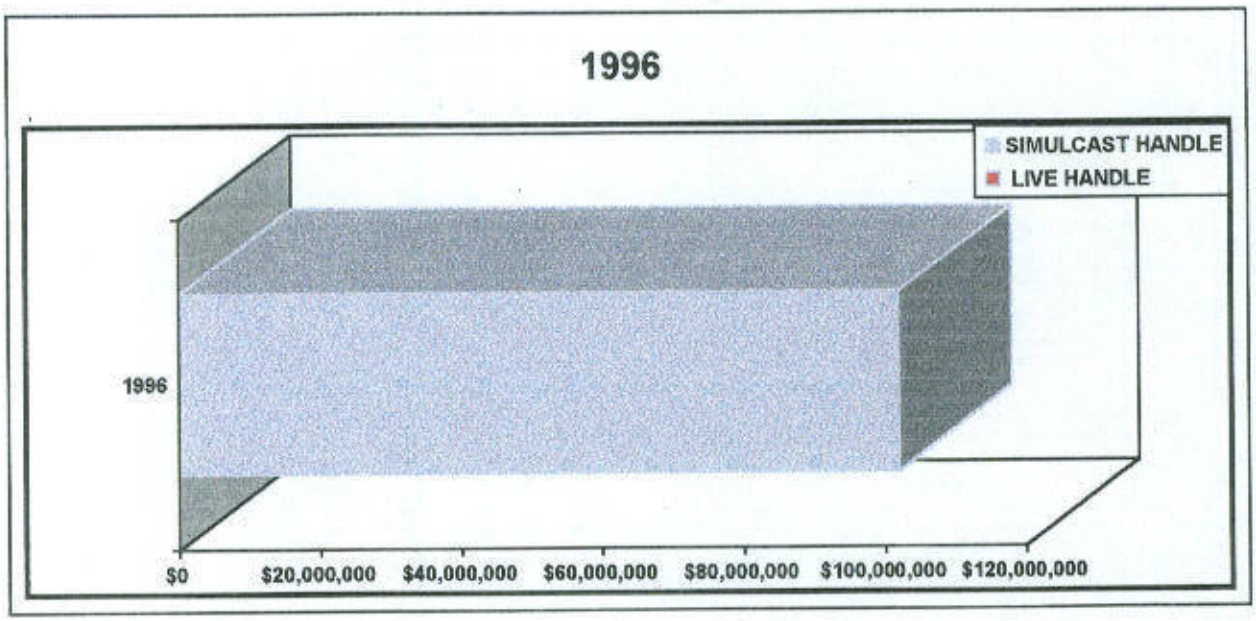
Total # of Employees - 1996: 331

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $1,570,186

Attendance Record: 4,821 on 10/26/96

Wagering Record: $1,357,129 on 10/26/96

Total Payroll - 1996: $2,932,537



Manor Downs- Class 2

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$3,677,179	$17,364,225	$21,041,404	34	260	$2,482,489	83,636
1995	$3,616,705	$19,207,588	$22,824,293	31	261	$2,268,000	92,001
1994	$3,466,252	$18,957,918	$22,424,170	31	254	$1,194,251	85,269
1993	$7,329,573	$9,129,160	$16,458,733	58	159	$1,754,863	97,963
1992	$13,158,030	$2,967,187	$16,125,217	74	81	$1,719,642	132,954

Inaugural Meet:. 10/11/90

Size of Track: 550 yd. straight away; 80' wide

Total Seating Capacity: 2,500

Total # of Employees - 1996: 130

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $449,934

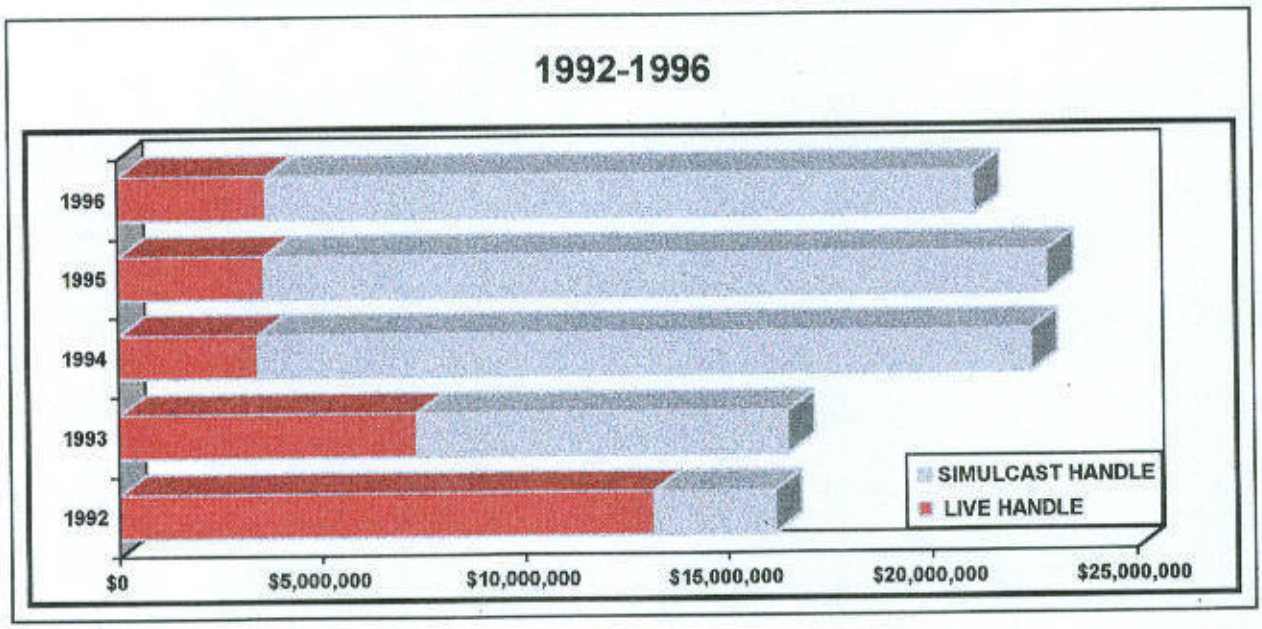
Total Stall Space: 673

Attendance Record: 3,829 on 5/19/91

Wagering Record: $414,794 on 12/16/90

Total Payroll - 1996: $885,079

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $4,020



Retama Park - Class 1

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$14,485,599	$47,826,086	$62,311,685	88	362	$5,844,007	377,118
1995	$31,256,814	$28,602,658	$59,859,472	120	260	$6,523,552	596,336

Inaugural Meet: 4/5/95

Size of Track: 1 mile oval, 7/8 chute, 7/8 turf

Total Seating Capacity: 5,573

Total Stall Space: 1,288

Attendance Record: 29,631 on 4/7/95

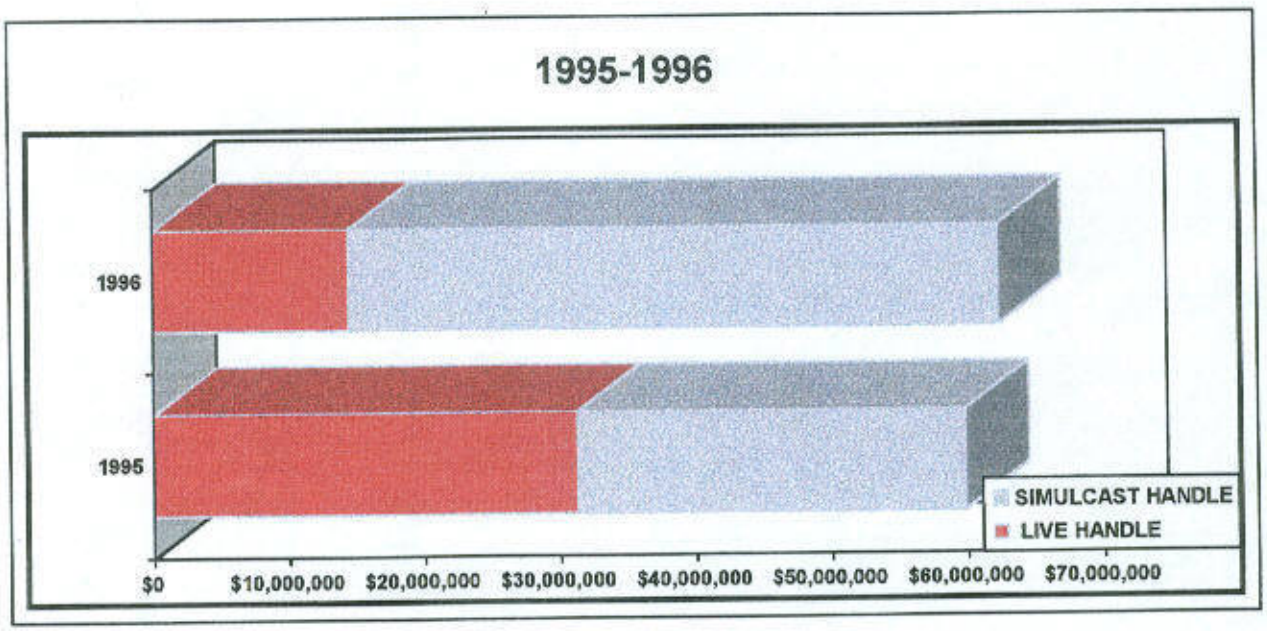
Wagering Record: $835,040 on 6/8/96

Total # of Employees - 1996: 565 (excluding concessions)

Total Payroll - 1996: $3,660,282

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $992,320

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $3,665



Sam Houston Race Park - Class 1

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$25,619,523	$88,583,735	$114,203,258	146	365	$9,103,662	684,239
1995	$27,983,411	$82,381,503	$110,364,914	150	364	$7,540,287	664,571
1994	$49,958,832	$30,455,131	$80,413,963	159	214	$12,173,921	805,648

Inaugural Meet: 4/29/94

Size of Track: 1 mile oval; 80' wide, 7/8 turf

Total Seating Capacity: 7,000

Total # of Employees - 1996: 910

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $2,970,510

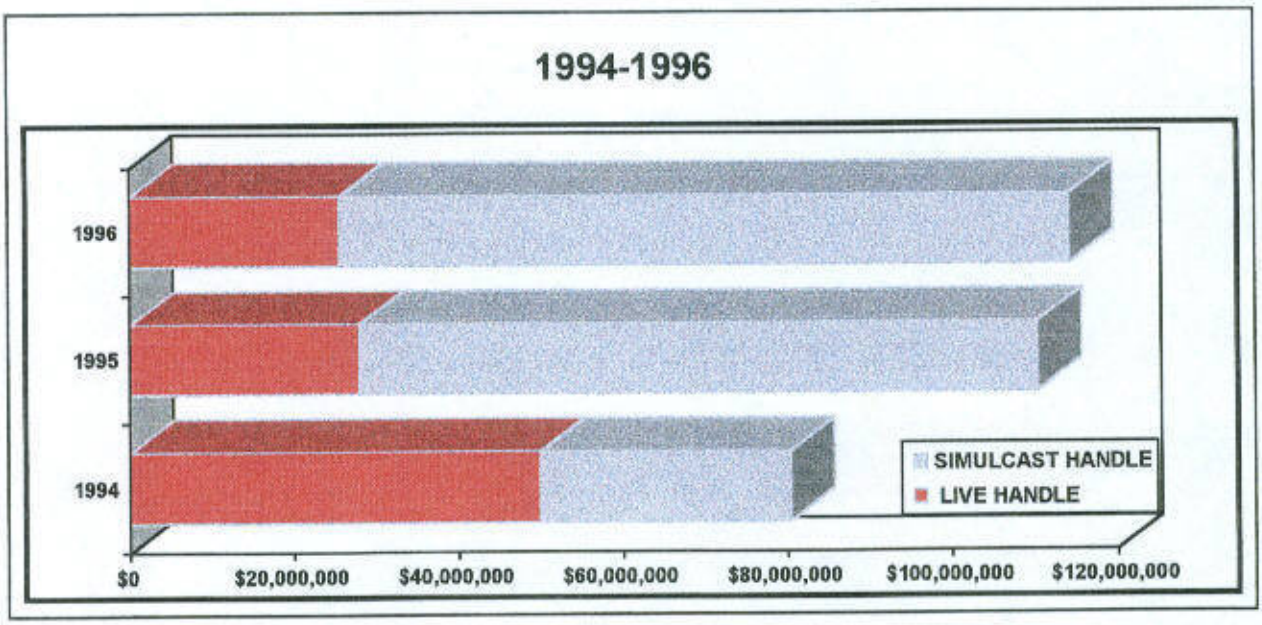
Total Stall Space: 1,224

Attendance Record: 18,580 on 7/4/96

Wagering Record: $1,464,379 on 5/4/96

Total Payroll - 1996: $6,445,787

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $20,445



Trinity Meadows Raceway - Class 2

Trinity Meadows held a Class 1 license until February of 1996 when, as a result of an Agreed Order reached in 1994, its license reverted to its original status, a Class 2 racetrack.

Citing severe financial losses, on August 7, 1996, Trinity Meadows requested to immediately cease all operations. By Commission Order, Trinity Meadows' license was suspended pending the payment of monies owed to the state, to the horsemen and to the wagering public. A restructuring plan must also be approved by the Commission. As of December 31, 1996, Trinity Meadows was in compliance with that order and has until April 30, 1997, to complete its reorganization or surrender its license.

	LIVE HANDLE	SIMULCAST HANDLE	TOTAL HANDLE	RACE DAYS LIVE	RACE DAYS S'CAST	PURSES PAID	TOTAL ATTENDANCE
1996	$8,725,985	$45,396,890	$54,122,875	79	215	$4,830,445	186,713
1995	$23,075,246	$94,642,659	$117,717,905	139	353	$8,258,549	386,408
1994	$43,348,822	$79,044,795	$122,393,617	207	280	$10,400,377	461,009
1993	$68,390,436	$49,203,680	$117,594,116	167	203	$10,456,168	527,047
1992	$111,828,695	$16,543,239	$128,371,944	208	79	$10,975,834	687,919

Inaugural Meet: 5/29/91

Size of Track: 3/4 mile; 80 feet wide

Total Seating Capacity: 5,500

Total # of Employees - 1996: 427

Total Taxes Paid - 1996: $973,896

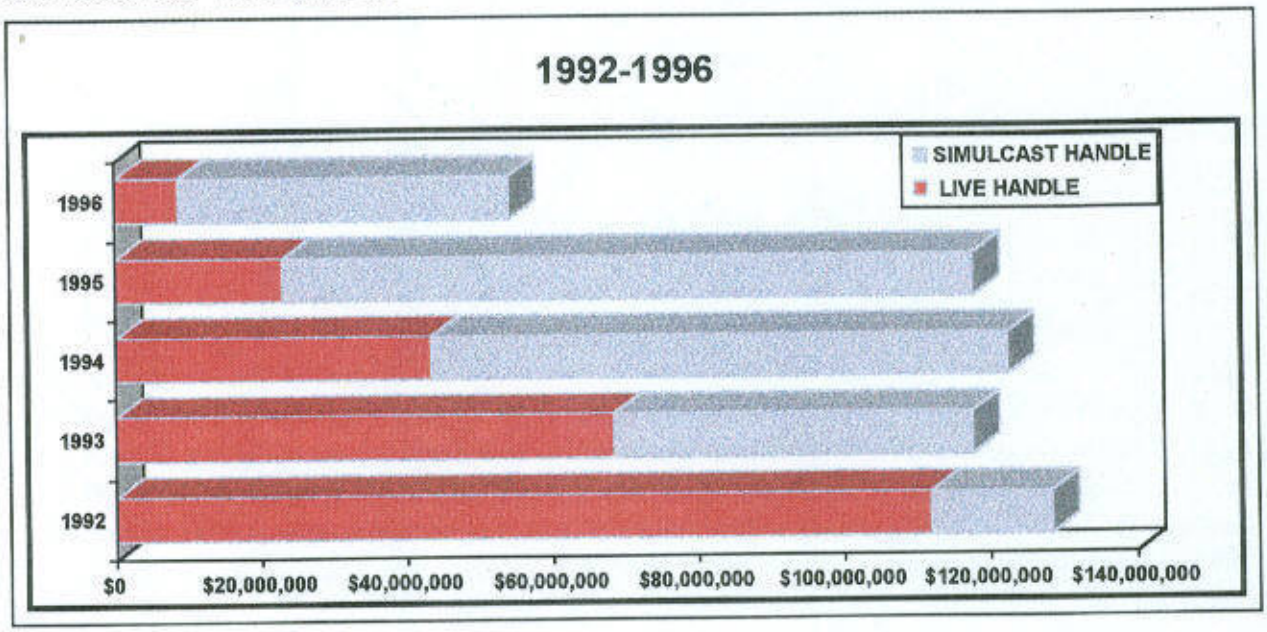
Total Stall Space: 990

Attendance Record: 17,515 on 6/1/91

Wagering Record: $1,583,453 on 5/2/92

Total Payroll -1996: $2,219,696

Total Charitable Contributions - 1996: $7,690



Longhorn Downs - Class 2

Longhorn Downs, Inc., received a Class 2 license in 1989. The company originally planned to construct a $35 million facility in Round Mountain. In 1993, Midpointe Racing, L.C., one of the original applicants for a Class 1 license in Dallas County, acquired a 97.5% interest in Longhorn. The Commission approved Longhorn Downs' request to relocate its license to a site in Grand Prairie. Midpointe then merged with Lone Star Jockey Club. In late 1994, the Commission approved an agreement that returned control of the Longhorn license to its original owners and the location of the license to Round Mountain.

Lubbock Downs - Class 2

Lubbock Downs received a Class 2 license in 1989. In 1990, Lubbock Downs voluntarily surrendered its license in lieu of revocation, due to its inability to obtain financing to construct the track. In LO-92-001 (1992), the Attorney General's office held that newly enacted Section 6.19 of the Texas Racing Act required the Commission to reinstate Lubbock Downs' license. The license was reinstated on January 31, 1992. The Commission approved a site change to Slaton in June of 1994. Funding for the project continues to be sought.

Valley Greyhound Park

Valley Greyhound Park was the first greyhound track to open in Texas on November 14, 1990. During the 1995 legislative session, Valley Greyhound Park sought the ability to offer off-track wagering in order to augment its declining revenues. This effort failed and the track ceased live operations on September 4, 1995 and simulcast operations on September 30, 1995. The Commission approved Valley Greyhound Park's request to relinquish its race performances in 1996. While Valley Greyhound Park holds a valid greyhound racetrack license, plans for live racing are still uncertain..

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- CORPUS CHRISTI GREYHOUND RACE TRACK

P. O. Box 9087, Corpus Christi, TX 78469, Phone 800 580-7223, Fax 512 289-4307

- GULF GREYHOUND PARK

P. O. Box 488, La Marque, TX 77568-0488, Phone 800 275-2946, Fax 409 986-9700

- VALLEY GREYHOUND PARK - *currently not racing*

Ladbroke Racing Corporation. Foster Plaza 9, 750 Holiday Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15220, Phone 412 937-4410, Fax 412 937-4418

Horse Racetracks:

- GILLESPIE COUNTY FAIR & FESTIVALS ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 526, Fredericksburg, TX 78624, Phone 210 997-2359, Fax 210 997-4923

- LONE STAR PARK AT GRAND PRAIRIE

1000 Lone Star Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050 Phone 972 263-7223, Fax 972 262-5622

- LONGHORN DOWNS - *currently not racing*

P. O. Box 1, Round Mountain, TX 78663, Phone 210 825-3233, Fax 210 825-3276

- LUBBOCK DOWNS - *currently not racing*

Route 10, Box 211, Lubbock, TX 79404, Phone 806 745-1122, Fax 806 748-1689

- MANOR DOWNS

P. O. Box 141309, Austin, TX 78714, Phone 512 272-5581, Fax 512 272-5479

- RETAMA PARK

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P. O. Box 2323, One Sam Houston Place, Houston, TX 77252-2323, Phone 281 807-8700, Fax 281 807-8777

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