

Minnesota 2014 Sire Guide

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Though we own our own sire, Stormy Business, last year we published a simple Minnesota sire table which helped some of the folks find local other good Minnesota sires. This year, we took the time to pull the best “current and credible” information we could find in this regard.

In 2014, Minnesota purse structures have improved once again. Minnesota Bred Maiden special weight purses are now an outstanding \$31,000 and Minnesota Bred Non-Winners of 2 Allowance Races are \$35,000! These purse structures will increase the value of Minnesota bred horses and every indication is that breeding in Minnesota will increase substantially as a result. Nevertheless, considering breeding costs and the considerable lag time between the actual act of breeding and the realization of revenue, we still only suggest breeding to proven stallions that have demonstrated their ability to pass “positive” racing characteristics on to their offspring.

We also always suggest conducting a nicking analysis when breeding. After experiencing a high degree of variation related to public nicking services, over simplified grading methods, and statistical variation, we utilize our own private nicking analysis to assign future foal success probabilities. We also limit the credibility of nicking in our overall analysis, preferring to weight the importance of proven sire capabilities heavily. A “C graded nick” with a sire that generates \$15,000 per runner or a 1.00 Stallion Production Index, is vastly superior to an A nick with a stallion that has generated much lower actual prodigy racing results. As a result, we only guide breeders toward positively proven stallions.

The following tables illustrate comparable public data in the regard.

“Minnesota Bred” Sire Earnings

The following sires are the only Minnesota 2014 standing sires that had at least 5 Minnesota bred runners in each of the past 2 full years of racing, and had earnings high enough to be listed in the top 75 sires of Minnesota Bred horses. (Sources: Bloodstock Research and the Bloodhorse 2014 Stallion Register)

	Runners	Runners	Total	Earnings	Earnings	Total	Earnings
Name	2012	2013	Runners	2012	2013	Earnings	Per Runner
Stormy Business	8	11	19	\$151,726	\$169,661	\$321,387	\$16,915
Sam Lord's Castle	13	10	23	\$166,363	\$99,302	\$265,665	\$11,551
Shot of Gold	12	13	25	\$107,593	\$59,826	\$167,419	\$6,697
Tahkodha Hills	12	6	18	\$72,525	\$26,302	\$98,827	\$5,490

This list reflects “Minnesota Bred” horses only. The extremely low number of 2014 standing sires on this listing reflects the fact that many prior year sires have died or are no longer standing in Minnesota.

Local sires that produce Minnesota Bred horses which achieve success in Minnesota are important. Minnesota has a short summer racing season, a “turf course” which many other tracks do not enjoy which is predominately used for “two turn horses”, early season two year old racing, and early season dirt sprints.

Horses that can run early as two year olds, can handle the turf and have the ability to both sprint and carry speed for two turns, are more economically feasible in Minnesota than horses with less distance and surface flexibility, or those that mature much later.

“Minnesota Bred” Sire Production Index

A factor of 1.00 represents the national average. This table illustrates the Bloodstock Research Sire Production Index (SPI) for all sires of at least 5 Minnesota Bred runners in 2013 that are listed as standing in Minnesota in 2014.

<u>Bred Horses</u>	<u>Top 2013 MN Bred</u>	<u>Top 2012 MN Bred</u>	<u>2012 SPI</u>	<u>2013 SPI</u>	<u>AVG 2012/2013</u>
Stormy Business	(B J's Angel, \$55,220)	(Sugar Business, \$56,587)	1.3	0.84	1.07
Sam Lord's Castle	(Sam Wayne, \$40,712)	(Adorkable, \$28,360)	0.74	0.61	0.68
Tahkodha Hills	(Bert'slittlesister, \$11,686)	(Timber Hills, \$16,720)	0.4	0.32	0.36
Shot Of Gold	(Lucky Loop, \$20,374)	(Gold Country Cat, \$44,715)	0.48	0.23	0.36
Dynomania	(Could B the Day, \$1,780)	(Designed to Run, \$1,020)	0.04	0.05	0.05

This list reflects “Minnesota Bred” horses only. The SPI takes into account inflation, sex and age and therefore normalizes factors not considered in standard earnings or earnings per runner listings.

“North America” Sire Earnings

The following sires are listed as 2014 Minnesota standing sires with at least 5 North American runners in each of the past 2 full years of racing. (Sources: Bloodhorse 2014 Stallion Register and Bloodhorse Sire Listings)

	2014	2012	2013	Total	2012	2013	Total	Earnings
Name	Stud Fee	Runners	Runners	Runners	Earnings	Earnings	Earnings	Per Runner
Kela	Private	90	79	169	\$1,767,660	\$1,603,969	\$3,371,629	\$19,950
Stormy Business	1500	9	13	22	\$153,572	\$174,562	\$328,134	\$14,915
Joey Franco	1800	18	14	32	\$268,607	\$183,768	\$452,375	\$14,137
Doneraile Court	2000	97	78	175	\$1,131,482	\$1,256,936	\$2,388,418	\$13,648
Sam Lord's Castle	1000	16	13	29	\$211,148	\$159,447	\$370,595	\$12,779
Ford Every Stream	1000	56	45	101	\$649,394	\$443,708	\$1,093,102	\$10,823
Timber Legend	1000	9	5	14	\$95,486	\$32,421	\$127,907	\$9,136
Magic Cat	1250	29	20	49	\$202,928	\$184,813	\$387,741	\$7,913
Shot Of Gold	1500	13	14	27	\$108,017	\$61,149	\$169,166	\$6,265
Tahkodha Hills	1000	12	6	18	\$72,525	\$26,302	\$98,827	\$5,490
Dynomania	1000	5	11	16	\$2,860	\$4,463	\$7,323	\$458

This list reflects all North American runners, not just Minnesota Bred runners. This listing helps breeders understand the full complement of 2014 Minnesota sires available that have proven results elsewhere in North America. Many of the sires listed have moved from other locales to begin new stallion careers in Minnesota. They therefore do not yet have credible Minnesota Bred only sire results.

For comparison purposes only, other surrounding states have similar top sire results. For example, Iowa's top three 2013 earning sires (Shore Breeze, Added Edge and Woke Up Dreamin) collectively produced just over \$15,000 per runner in 2012 and 2013.