

Managing the Commercial Stud in Australia

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Introduction....



The nature of the standardbred breeding industry in Australia:

- Rapidly changing compared with Thoroughbred industry.
- Early adopters of new technology.
- Large number of customers from diverse backgrounds.



Alabar in 1998/99

- * 2000 Acres
- * 25 staff
- * In 1998/99, 7 stallions bred:
 - 700 mares on farm
 - 600 mares by transported semen (Australia & New Zealand).



The Past...

- * Stallion books restricted to 125 mares.
- * No imported semen or shuttle stallions.
- * Quality of stallions.
- * All mares served on-farm.



The Present...

- * Open Books (since 1997)
- * Use of imported frozen semen.
- * Shuttle stallions.
- * Assisted Reproductive technologies - Embryo transfer.
- * Quality of stallions equal to North America.
- * Semen Transport - Australia & International

Semen Transport



- * Mares stay at home - farm management implications.
- * New Zealand - Quarantine issues.
- * Dealing with transport companies.



Acquiring Stallions

- * Open books now make the best stallions available and affordable for Australian breeders.
- * Selecting commercial stallions
 - Trends - **HOT** sire lines in Australia & USA
 - Breeder Demand
- * Shuttle Stallions - importance of standing in US/ Canada.

The Future...



- * Open books ??? - 500 + mares.
- * Imported frozen embryos.
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- * Sex selection of foals.
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- * Increased use of the internet for advertising and marketing.

The End



Safely Kept

Winner of North America Cup

Leading Sire at Moonee Valley