

NEWS UPDATE



Muscle Hill

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Muscle Hill's progeny average \$66,000

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The first two crops of the 2009 USA Horse of the Year **Muscle Hill** has produced a stunning average of \$66,008 per starter.

Muscle Hill, a dual Breeders Crown champion and Hambletonian winner, boasts progeny earnings of \$6,930,881 from 163 foals, an average of \$42,520 per foal, according to the US Trotting Association on February 23.

Of the 163 foals, 105 have raced and 81 have been successful with 66 in 2:00 and 23 in 1:55. They are headed up by world champion two-year-old filly **Mission Brief** and the recently retired Hambletonian winner **Trixton**, who both trotted 1:50.6.

Trixton, with \$947,057, is the richest progeny of **Muscle Hill**, followed by **Mission Brief** (\$591,070) and **E L Titan** (now at the stud) with \$581,351.

Muscle Hill was the leading first crop sire in 2013 and the leading sire of two-year-old trotters in 2014.

Lucky Chucky, **Muscle Hill's** Stallions Australasia studmate, was the second leading first-season sire in America last year.

From a foal crop of 84, the former USA 2YO and 3YO Trotter of the Year, left 48 starters and 24 winners – including 11 in 2:00 - and they have earned \$729,071 so far.

The New York Sire Stake winners **Nunker**, **Gabe The Bear Dean** and **Mambo Blue Chip** and the Merrie Annabelle placegetter **Lock Down Lindy Tr2**, 1:55 head an impressive list of winners by **Lucky Chucky**.