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## AVERAGE UP AND MEDIAN STEADY AT SARATOGA

Boosted by an impressive-looking son of Storm Cat, which fetched a final bid of \$2 million, the Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select yearling sale ended its two-night run in New York Aug. 5 with an increase in average price from 2007. The gross revenue dipped slightly, and the buy-back rate rose.

"We came in here hopeful that we would equal last year with the economy and different things going on in the world, and I didn't know if it was attainable, but I am tickled to death that it was," said Fasig-Tipton president Walt Robertson. "By the middle of the sale tonight, this thing was a lot of fun."

According to Fasig-Tipton, 122 horses were sold for \$36,080,000. The average was \$295,738, and the median was \$227,500. The buy-back rate was 25.6%.

Compared to last year, the number of horses sold decreased 14.1% and the gross fell 12.2%. The average increased 2.2% while the median remained the same.

"In July (at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky select yearling sale), the upper part of the market did well," Robertson said. "There was still plenty of market for the right horse here and when you added some pedigree in, it was electric."

Last year, the 142 horses sold grossed \$41,082,000 and averaged \$289,310. The buy-back rate was 24.5%.

The sale-topping son of Storm Cat was purchased by Michael Vincent Magnier of Coolmore Stud from Ben Walden's Gracefield consignment. The colt, Gracefield's lone Saratoga offering, was bred in Kentucky by the partnership of Walden, Philip Steinberg, and Racehorse Management.

"The lads thought he was a very good horse, and we have supported Storm Cat for a very long time. He has been a sire of sires over here and in Europe for a long time," said Magnier, who added it was too early to determine whether the colt would remain in the United States or would be sent to Europe. "We just loved the horse, and he has a fantastic pedigree."

The colt was produced from the stakes winning Mr. Prospector mare Get Lucky and is a half-brother to grade II winner Daydreaming, grade III winner Accelerator, and stakes winner Harborage. He is also from the family of grade I winner Bluegrass Cat.

Walden and Steinberg purchased the Phipps family-bred Get Lucky, in foal to Monarchos, for \$300,000 at the 2002 Keeneland November breeding stock sale from the consignment of Claiborne Farm, agent. Walden and Steinberg still own Get Lucky, who has a 2-year-old A.P. Indy colt, owned by Darley, that is currently in training at Saratoga with Kieran McLaughlin. She produced a full brother to the sale topper this year and is not in foal for 2009.

When asked why he chose to bring the colt to Saratoga instead of waiting for the Keeneland September yearling sale, Walden said: "I just felt he had a special quality, and there are a lot of nice horses that go to the September sale. I just thought he had a chance to shine up here."

Walden said the colt has always been a standout. "He was an absolute star the way he handled things," Walden said. "He was really a pure Storm Cat from day one, and he has really evolved into a bigger Storm Cat. He looks so much like his sire, and he is a true Storm Cat without some of the disposition issues."

Olin Gentry purchased the colt for \$350,000 at the 2007 Keeneland November sale.

During the final session, the 62 horses sold grossed \$17,920,000 and averaged \$289,032. The median was \$225,000, and the buy-back rate was 21.5%. During the second and final session of the 2007 sale, 66 horses sold for \$21,215,000. The average was \$321,439, and the median was \$235,000. — *Leslie Deckard*

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## STATE OF THE MARKET

Yearlings Sold In All Major N. American Auctions for 2008

Year	Offered	Sold	RNA	Gross	Average	Median
2008	2,453	1,658	795	\$86,153,350	\$51,962	\$11,350
2007	13,988	10,160	3,828	\$561,846,659	\$55,300	\$15,000
2006	13,950	10,160	3,790	\$579,265,896	\$57,014	\$14,000
2005	13,726	10,088	3,638	\$553,928,546	\$54,910	\$13,500
2004	12,524	9,412	3,112	\$497,153,983	\$52,821	\$13,207
2003	11,699	8,843	2,856	\$425,251,514	\$48,089	\$12,000
2002	12,123	8,941	3,182	\$390,714,442	\$43,699	\$11,000
2001	12,608	9,002	3,606	\$473,044,553	\$52,549	\$9,000

## FASIG-TIPTON SARATOGA SELECT 10-YEAR OVERVIEW

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Sold	149	137	169	140	154	150	103	130	142	122
RNA	52	36	39	56	42	41	33	30	46	42
Gross	\$38,957,000	\$41,901,000	\$62,412,000	\$35,242,000	\$48,257,000	\$45,705,000	\$33,415,000	\$42,085,000	\$41,082,000	\$36,080,000
Average	\$261,456	\$305,847	\$385,259	\$251,729	\$313,357	\$304,700	\$324,417	\$323,731	\$289,310	\$295,738
Median	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$235,000	\$180,000	\$240,000	\$212,500	\$225,000	\$245,000	\$227,500	\$227,500



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### TOP SIRES BY MEDIAN (MIN. 2 SOLD)

Rank	Sire (YOB)	Off.	Sold	Gross	Average	Median	Life 2YO Avg	Prev. Yearling Avg*
1	Storm Cat (1983)	3	3	\$4,010,000	\$1,336,667	\$1,500,000	\$423,375	\$544,038
2	A.P. Indy (1989)	3	3	\$2,575,000	\$858,333	\$700,000	\$243,856	\$825,000
3	Rock Hard Ten (2001)	3	3	\$1,550,000	\$516,667	\$450,000		
4	Ghostzapper (2000)	5	4	\$1,575,000	\$393,750	\$437,500		
5	Mr. Greeley (1992)	9	8	\$3,165,000	\$395,625	\$365,000	\$155,036	\$235,951
6	Unbridled's Song (1993)	5	4	\$1,500,000	\$375,000	\$362,500	\$240,286	\$423,190
7	Indian Charlie (1995)	2	2	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$133,666	\$93,906
	Pulpit (1994)	2	2	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$294,155	\$153,143
9	Dixie Union (1997)	4	3	\$1,015,000	\$338,333	\$340,000	\$168,527	\$133,965
10	Harlan's Holiday (1999)	2	2	\$645,000	\$322,500	\$322,500	\$151,675	\$96,676

### TOP FIRST-CROP SIRES OF YEARLINGS BY MEDIAN

Rank	Sire (YOB)	Off.	Sold	Gross	Average	Median	Life 2YO Avg	Prev. Yearling Avg*
1	Rock Hard Ten (2001)	3	3	\$1,550,000	\$516,667	\$450,000		
2	Ghostzapper (2000)	5	4	\$1,575,000	\$393,750	\$437,500		
3	Eddington (2001)	1	1	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000		
4	Afleet Alex (2002)	2	2	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000		
5	Value Plus (2001)	1	1	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		

### TOP SECOND-CROP SIRES OF YEARLINGS BY MEDIAN

Rank	Sire (YOB)	Off.	Sold	Gross	Average	Median	Life 2YO Avg	Prev. Yearling Avg*
1	Smarty Jones (2001)	2	1	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$104,000	\$201,029
2	Medaglia d'Oro (1999)	2	1	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$182,234	\$119,957
3	Speightstown (1998)	9	6	\$1,275,000	\$212,500	\$187,500	\$292,456	\$183,926
4	Friends Lake (2001)	1	1	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$162,308	\$69,303
	Strong Hope (2000)	5	2	\$320,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$75,155	\$123,262

### TOP BROODMARE SIRES BY MEDIAN

Rank	Broodmare Sire	Off.	Sold	Gross	Average	Median	Prev. Yearling Avg*
1	Vanlandingham	1	1	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$56,602
2	Dynaformer	1	1	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$103,173
3	Broad Brush	2	2	\$1,600,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$70,068
4	Desert Wine	1	1	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$60,517
5	Cozzene	2	2	\$1,300,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$73,853
6	Tough Knight	1	1	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$550,000	\$16,667
7	Chief's Crown	1	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$99,389
	General Meeting	1	1	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$41,891
9	At the Threshold	1	1	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$108,300
	Seeking the Gold	2	1	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$146,469

\*Previous yearling average is the cumulative average prior to the FT Saratoga sale.

### LEADING CONSIGNORS BY GROSS

Rank	Consignor	Offered	Sold	Average	Gross
1	Eaton Sales, agent	20	17	\$308,235	\$5,240,000
2	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	24	16	\$275,938	\$4,415,000
3	Gainesway, agent	15	13	\$328,846	\$4,275,000
4	Denali Stud, agent	10	6	\$380,833	\$2,285,000
5	Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent	4	4	\$551,250	\$2,205,000
6	Gracefield	1	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
7	Lane's End, agent	6	6	\$278,333	\$1,670,000
8	Dromoland Farm, agent	4	4	\$368,750	\$1,475,000
9	Stonestreet Thrhbrd Holdings	4	4	\$325,000	\$1,300,000
10	Hidden Brook, agent	7	6	\$211,667	\$1,270,000
11	Hunter Valley Farm, agent	2	2	\$625,000	\$1,250,000

### LEADING CONSIGNORS BY AVERAGE

Rank	Consignor	Offered	Sold	Average	Gross
1	Gracefield	1	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
2	Hunter Valley Farm, agent	2	2	\$625,000	\$1,250,000
3	Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent	4	4	\$551,250	\$2,205,000
4	Denali Stud, agent	10	6	\$380,833	\$2,285,000
5	Dromoland Farm, agent	4	4	\$368,750	\$1,475,000
6	Kaizen Sales, agent	4	2	\$350,000	\$700,000
7	Gainesway, agent	15	13	\$328,846	\$4,275,000
8	Stonestreet Thrhbrd Holdings	4	4	\$325,000	\$1,300,000
9	Paramount Sales, agent	5	3	\$323,333	\$970,000
10	Eaton Sales, agent	20	17	\$308,235	\$5,240,000
11	Lane's End, agent	6	6	\$278,333	\$1,670,000



### TOP COLTS

Rank	Hip	Sire	Dam	Consignor	Buyer	Price
1	158	Storm Cat	Get Lucky	Gracefield	M.V. Magnier	\$2,000,000
2	31	A.P. Indy	Pyramid Lake	Hunter Valley Farm, agent	W.S. Farish	\$1,200,000
3	68	Distorted Humor	Stupendous Miss	Denali Stud, agent	John Ferguson	\$900,000
4	102	Mr. Greeley	Arcadiana	Eaton Sales, agent	Whitehorse Stable	\$750,000
5	24	A.P. Indy	Platinum Tiara	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	John Ferguson	\$700,000
	75	Rock Hard Ten	Tapstress	Gainesway, agent	Legends Racing	\$700,000
7	137	Smarty Jones	Cozzena	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	Centennial Farms	\$600,000
8	90	Songandaprayer	What a Knight	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	John Ferguson	\$550,000
9	13	Indian Charlie	Near Mint	Dromoland Farm, agent	John Ferguson	\$500,000
	141	Ghostzapper	Dash for Money	Hidden Brook, agent	Shadwell Estate Co.	\$500,000
	174	Unbridled's Song	Home Court	Gainesway, agent	RBTS, agent	\$500,000
12	1	Mr. Greeley	Madame Boulangere (GB)	Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings	John Ferguson	\$450,000
	53	Rock Hard Ten	Serena's Sister	Denali Stud, agent	Maverick Racing	\$450,000

### TOP FILLIES

Rank	Hip	Sire	Dam	Consignor	Buyer	Price
1	80	Storm Cat	Totemic	Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent	Team Valor International	\$1,500,000
2	184	A.P. Indy	Jewel for a King	Eaton Sales, agent	Fox Hill Farm	\$675,000
3	161	Storm Cat	Golden Reef	Eaton Sales, agent	Chester Broman	\$510,000
4	10	Mr. Greeley	My Reem	Kaizen Sales, agent	Blandford Bloodstock	\$500,000
	40	Mr. Greeley	Redmond	Gainesway, agent	Bobby Flay	\$500,000
6	32	Ghostzapper	Questress	Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent	West Point Thoroughbreds	\$475,000
	183	Songandaprayer	Irene's Talkin	Four Star Sales, agent	Legends Racing	\$475,000
8	167	Speightstown	Great Plains Lady	Eaton Sales, agent	Paul J. Pompa Jr.	\$410,000
9	62	Ghostzapper	Spy Novel	Paramount Sales, agent	Team Valor Int'l	\$400,000
	128	Rock Hard Ten	Chasseresse	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	Padua Stables	\$400,000
11	116	Unbridled's Song	Bronze Route	Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent	Buzz Chace, agent	\$375,000
12	107	Unbridled's Song	Belle of Perintown	Stonestreet Thoroughbred Holdings	Christophe Clement, agent	\$350,000
	143	Tale of the Cat	Devine	Eaton Sales, agent	Mike Lauffer	\$350,000
	164	Maria's Mon	Graceful Cat	Gainesway, agent	Starlight Partners	\$350,000

### LEADING BUYERS BY GROSS

Rank	Buyer	Bought	Average	Gross
1	John Ferguson	6	\$554,167	\$3,325,000
2	Legends Racing	9	\$363,889	\$3,275,000
3	Team Valor International	3	\$706,667	\$2,120,000
4	M.V. Magnier	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
5	Whitehorse Stable	4	\$315,000	\$1,260,000
6	W.S. Farish	1	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
7	Shadwell Estate Co.	3	\$386,667	\$1,160,000
8	Leprechaun Racing, agent	8	\$137,500	\$1,100,000
9	Starlight Partners	4	\$261,250	\$1,045,000
10	Padua Stables	4	\$250,000	\$1,000,000

### LEADING BUYERS BY AVERAGE

Rank	Buyer	Bought	Average	Gross
1	M.V. Magnier	1	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
2	W.S. Farish	1	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
3	Team Valor International	3	\$706,667	\$2,120,000
4	Fox Hill Farm	1	\$675,000	\$675,000
5	Centennial Farms	1	\$600,000	\$600,000
6	John Ferguson	6	\$554,167	\$3,325,000
7	Chester Broman	1	\$510,000	\$510,000
8	Blandford Bloodstock	1	\$500,000	\$500,000
	Bobby Flay	1	\$500,000	\$500,000
	RBTS, agent	1	\$500,000	\$500,000

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## RESULTS BY SIRE

Sire (YOB)	Off.	Sold	Gross	Average	Median	Life 2YO Avg	Yearling Avg
A.P. Indy (1989)	3	3	\$2,575,000	\$858,333	\$700,000	\$243,856	\$825,000
Afleet Alex (2002)	2	2	\$600,000	\$300,000	\$300,000		
Aldebaran (1998)	1	1	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$126,093	\$91,901
Awesome Again (1994)	2	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$91,935	\$314,800
Cherokee Run (1990)	3	3	\$310,000	\$103,333	\$100,000	\$128,365	\$77,975
Closing Argument (2002)	1	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000		
Dehere (1991)	2	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$128,358	\$197,333
Distorted Humor (1993)	2	1	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$900,000	\$198,406	\$394,163
Dixie Union (1997)	4	3	\$1,015,000	\$338,333	\$340,000	\$168,527	\$133,965
Doneraile Court (1996)	1	1	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$64,233	\$20,100
Eddington (2001)	1	1	\$325,000	\$325,000	\$325,000		
Elusive Quality (1993)	2	1	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$150,227	\$257,061
Empire Maker (2000)	1	1	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$206,767	\$202,400
Forest Danger (2001)	1	1	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000		
Forest Wildcat (1991)	4	2	\$220,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$150,792	\$81,755
Forestry (1996)	5	5	\$1,125,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$416,378	\$161,410
Friends Lake (2001)	1	1	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$162,308	\$69,303
Fusaichi Pegasus (1997)	2	2	\$620,000	\$310,000	\$310,000	\$305,750	\$151,543
Ghostzapper (2000)	5	4	\$1,575,000	\$393,750	\$437,500		
Grand Slam (1995)	5	4	\$550,000	\$137,500	\$125,000	\$148,476	\$133,854
Gulch (1984)	2	2	\$420,000	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$109,924	\$62,312
Harlan's Holiday (1999)	2	2	\$645,000	\$322,500	\$322,500	\$151,675	\$96,676
Indian Charlie (1995)	2	2	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$133,666	\$93,906
Limehouse (2001)	3	3	\$330,000	\$110,000	\$110,000		
Lion Heart (2001)	1	1	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$191,997	\$94,140
Macho Uno (1998)	2	2	\$460,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$74,452	\$51,464
Malibu Moon (1997)	6	5	\$1,100,000	\$220,000	\$190,000	\$129,365	\$111,076
Maria's Mon (1993)	3	1	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$95,531	\$77,449
Medaglia d'Oro (1999)	2	1	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$182,234	\$119,957
Menifee (1996)	1	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$109,841	\$23,547
Mineshaft (1999)	1	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$409,181	\$203,000
More Than Ready (1997)	3	2	\$370,000	\$185,000	\$185,000	\$96,902	\$94,881
Mr. Greeley (1992)	9	8	\$3,165,000	\$395,625	\$365,000	\$155,036	\$235,951
Northern Afleet (1993)	1	1	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$51,748	\$41,378
Not For Love (1990)	1	1	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$129,547	\$64,583
Officer (1999)	1	1	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$375,000	\$107,267	\$57,196
Point Given (1998)	1	1	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$113,259	\$28,919
Pulpit (1994)	2	2	\$700,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$294,155	\$153,143
Purge (2001)	2	2	\$330,000	\$165,000	\$165,000		
Rock Hard Ten (2001)	3	3	\$1,550,000	\$516,667	\$450,000		
Roman Ruler (2002)	3	2	\$400,000	\$200,000	\$200,000		
Saint Liam (2000)	4	2	\$280,000	\$140,000	\$140,000		
Silver Deputy (1985)	3	2	\$450,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$115,756	\$126,964
Sky Mesa (2000)	2	2	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$186,031	\$63,148
Smart Strike (1992)	1	1	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$80,857	\$150,452
Smarty Jones (2001)	2	1	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$104,000	\$201,029
Songandaprayer (1998)	5	5	\$1,605,000	\$321,000	\$240,000	\$138,266	\$60,936
Speightstown (1998)	9	6	\$1,275,000	\$212,500	\$187,500	\$292,456	\$183,926
Storm Cat (1983)	3	3	\$4,010,000	\$1,336,667	\$1,500,000	\$423,375	\$544,038
Stormy Atlantic (1994)	1	1	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$102,647	\$71,887
Strong Hope (2000)	5	2	\$320,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$75,155	\$123,262
Successful Appeal (1996)	2	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$87,300	\$103,611
Tale of the Cat (1994)	4	3	\$740,000	\$246,667	\$250,000	\$171,475	\$96,737
The Cliff's Edge (2001)	1	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$51,286	\$41,750
Tiznow (1997)	2	1	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$335,000	\$157,391	\$85,936
Touch Gold (1994)	1	1	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$105,200	\$58,152
Unbridled's Song (1993)	5	4	\$1,500,000	\$375,000	\$362,500	\$240,286	\$423,190
Value Plus (2001)	1	1	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		
Vindication (2000)	2	1	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$201,000	\$182,304
War Chant (1997)	1	1	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$116,390	\$77,771