

**Illinois Department of Agriculture**  
**Bureau of County Fairs and Horse Racing**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE – April 13, 2016**

- Attached is the **2016 Abbreviated Illinois Racing & Stakes Guide**. It can also be found on our Standardbred website at: <https://www.agr.state.il.us/standardbred-horse-racing/> And, it has been posted to the IL Department of Agriculture's Face Book page: <https://www.facebook.com/illinois.agriculture/>. We anticipate ongoing updates to this Racing Guide throughout the summer so please bookmark these pages and check back frequently!
  
- There WILL BE racing at both the Illinois State Fair in Springfield and the DuQuoin State Fair. Although purse amounts for the State Fairs have not been finalized due to the lack of a state budget, we can confirm that the **2016 State Fair purses will be AT LEAST the same, and very likely higher**, than they were last year. *Be sure to send in your nominations!*
  
- **Be sure to email [Kelly.beck@illinois.gov](mailto:Kelly.beck@illinois.gov)** and provide her with your email address. She sends racing updates **via email** to those who have provided us with an email address.

***Thank you for your continued support of Illinois harness racing!***