

The Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society's Contributions to Maryland and to Maryland's Thoroughbred Horse Racing Industry

- The Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society (MSF) has had horse racing at Timonium since 1879, and records reflect that horse racing has existed on the property for 200 years, since 1819.
- The MSF is operated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and is proudly owned by Marylanders and operated by a 30-member volunteer Board for you, the people of Maryland.
- In our Nation's time of need during World War II, the Maryland State Fairgrounds was utilized by the United States Army.
- Maryland's State Fairgrounds annually hosts more than 2 million visitors, from every County in Maryland as well as Baltimore City, and is an enormous economic engine for the entire State of Maryland, showcasing Maryland's #1 industry – Agriculture.
- MSF's OTB is the #1 OTB in the State, generating millions of dollars for the horse racing industry.
- The MSF has proactively sought and received approval from the neighboring communities for the addition of sports wagering at the State Fairgrounds. The Maryland State Fair enjoys an excellent, positive working relationship with the Greater Timonium Community Council (GTCC), an umbrella organization of over 50 neighboring community associations.
- Fasig-Tipton's horse sales at the MSF's sales pavilion gross approximately \$40 million annually, bringing buyers, sellers, and trainers to Maryland from around the world. The MSF is the only location in Maryland with such a facility.
- The MSF introduces 550,000 fairgoers to horse racing during the annual Maryland State Fair, giving them the opportunity to get up close to Maryland horse racing. Attendance for both the Fair and the race meet continues to increase annually.
- More than 70,000 visitors go through the "Horseland" tent to learn about horse racing, and the equine industry.
- The MSF hosts two stakes races, College Day at the Races, awards trainer's bonuses, groom's awards, and scholarships, and puts more funds into the purse account than it takes out, creating a positive cash flow for the industry.
- The MSF has a 5/8th mile track, 4,000-seat grandstand, a newly renovated paddock, and nearly 600 stalls.

- The MSF is proud to donate free and reduced-price use valued in excess of \$1 million annually to the School for the Blind, 4-H, FFA, veterans, schools, Boy Scouts, Red Cross, farmer's market, fire and police, recycling, BGE emergency staging, the Maryland State Police training and ceremonies, Maryland State Highway Training, etc.
- Over 10,000 children a year play lacrosse in the MSF's infield.
- The MSF has played a critical role in introducing new fans and new participants into horse racing and continues to do so. Many of today's leading owners, trainers, and track personnel got their start at the "Big T" in Timonium:
 - Bruce Wagner – Starter (former Timonium jockey and trainer)
 - Chris Bosley – Track Superintendent (Timonium Track Superintendent)
 - Jim McCue – photographer (Started in Timonium in Summer 1970)
 - Georganne Hale – Director of Racing (started as DoR at Timonium)
- The MSF hosts horse and pony shows, the annual yearling show, the Baltimore City Mounted Police, the Budweiser Clydesdales, the Baltimore City Ranch, the Maryland Horse Breeder's Annual Crab Feast, pony racing, and so much more.
- Additionally, the MSF's iconic grandstand, racetrack, and stabling area serve as both an invitation and a reminder to the 35,000 cars a day that drive York Road and see these historic Maryland fixtures to think "horse racing."
- The MSF also has a proud history of multi-generational family involvement. In fact, many of the youth who exhibit at the Fair today have parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who exhibited at the MSF in their youth as well.
- The MSF has embarked on the following environmental initiatives:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Going Solar – SolarGaines ○ Cow Palace Insulation ○ Stormwater management ○ Tree planting ○ High-efficiency HVAC and new roof ○ Earth Day Cleanup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New LED lights ○ Recycling ○ Manure to mushroom farms ○ Oyster shell replanting ○ Crab shell composting
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- However, the MSF's Grandstand, built in the 1950s, is not winterized, has peeling paint falling from the ceiling, rust, bursting pipes, is not enclosed, is not serviced by cost-efficient natural gas, and contains only one outdated elevator which is not ADA-compliant.
- With your help and support, we look forward to the Maryland State Fair continuing its storied tradition of promoting agriculture, preserving open space, introducing new racing fans, and generating tremendous tax revenue for the State of Maryland through the Maryland State Fair's enormous economic impact.