

STATS AND FIGURES

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Invite your friends to the same shows and trailer-pool – saving you valuable dollars on fuel while having a great time with your friends!

MY EXPENSES PER SHOW

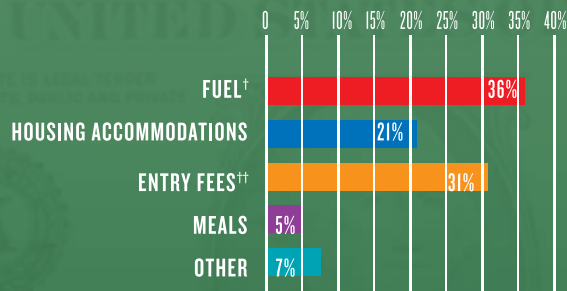
TRAVEL/FUEL	_____
HOTEL	_____
FOOD	_____
STALLS	_____
HORSE FEED/EQUIPMENT	_____
ENTRIES	_____
SHOW FEES	_____
OTHER	_____
TOTAL	_____

Download the Excel spreadsheet and start tracking your expenses!

aqha.com/showing/guidetoshowing

YOU SAID IT!

What costs associated with showing do you watch the most?



[†]FUEL: Visit gasbuddy.com to find the cheapest fuel prices along your travel route before you leave home.

^{††}ENTRY FEES: Some show managers offer "ride all day" discounts saving you money at the show. Call before you leave to see what specials are available to save you the most money!

ACCOUNTING FOR THE ARENA

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FINDINGS REVEALED TO SAVE YOU
MONEY AT ANY HORSE SHOW.**

ACCOUNTING FOR THE TRAVEL

We know you can pack your trailer in the pitch dark, in the middle of a snowstorm, even in your sleep – and you probably have – but add these great suggestions to your checklist before your next horse show to save valuable dollars!

TRAVEL TIPS

Kelley Reames, Arkansas - "We take our noon meals and snacks with us to horse shows – saving us (nearly) \$30 per day when traveling."

Beth Wampfler, Minnesota - "One thing I do is power tack swap shopping! My friends and I plan weekends around tack swaps and the spring horse expos."

Tanis MacDonald, Delaware - "I use *aqha.com* to look up the entries from the last few years and see if it's worth attending. I've used this method in selecting most shows, found better shows closer to home and it's worked!"

DID YOU KNOW?

Bringing your own feed and bedding can save a lot of money. Most facilities have these amenities available when you arrive, but if you're traveling to nearby weekend shows, it's more cost effective to bring your own supplies.

ACCOUNTING FOR THE SHOW

If you're like us, your five-star hotel is connected to the back of your truck, but consider these great tips when you finally arrive to the show.

SHOW TIPS

Lynn Harrison, Delaware - "The Incentive Fund money goes a long way toward offsetting show expenses. To this day, I will not buy a horse that isn't enrolled in the Incentive Fund program."

Katherine Steck, Florida - "When attending AQHA shows we braid our own horse's mane and others in our barn to work off lessons. We also stay in our horse trailer (this cuts those hotel costs) and rarely eat out."

Cindy Adolph, Texas - "I pay close attention to how much hay each horse eats or wastes, and I only give them what they need. This way, I find less on the ground mixed in the shavings. Also, I buy my hay in bulk and commit to a specific amount a month. This saves me \$3 per bale, and it's delivered!"

DID YOU KNOW?

The Incentive Fund is your investment account and a great way to earn money showing your horse. Every time you earn a point in the arena, you earn a share of more than \$29! That's all there is to it. Learn more at aqha.com/showing/awards/incentivefund.

ACCOUNTING FOR THE ROAD WARRIOR

You may be a veteran when it comes to battling traffic on the interstate, but remember these concrete hints and tips before planning your next cross country show adventure.

HINTS AND TIPS FROM ROAD WARRIORS

Barbara Glenn, California - "We share one tack room between three or four people. We also borrow/trade tack and clothes among ourselves so that our 'look' is always a little different and fresh."

Sarah Clark, Missouri - "I don't take any vacation or sick from work until the season starts. Also, I've worked a bunch of holidays which are big bonuses."

Jodie McBee, Georgia - "Show management often sells discounted bagged shavings at the end of the show to keep from sending them back to the supplier. If you have extra room in your trailer, buy them at a discount and use them at the next show."

DID YOU KNOW?

You can plan your trip three months in advance if you visit aqha.com/showing. Easily locate the most current three-month listing of all the American Quarter Horse shows you want to attend. Use this list to plan your route in advance, saving you money and travel time!