

AMERICAN QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION

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AQHA

- Established – March 1940, Fort Worth, Texas
- AQHA International Headquarters – Amarillo, Texas

Membership

- 2015 AQHA Membership – 260,531
- 2015 American Quarter Horse Youth Association Membership – 23,400

Transfers & Registration

- Horses Registered by AQHA since 1940 – nearly 6 million worldwide
- 2015 Registrations – 74,030
- 2015 Transfers – 120,989

Programs

Ride Program – provides noncompetitive, recreational riding events for AQHA members and nonmembers.

- 2015 Participants – 1,461
- 2015 Hosting Affiliates – 12
- 2015 Rides – 32

Horseback Riding Program – members log hours spent horseback and earn various awards.

- American Quarter Horse Division:
 - 2015 Enrollees – 16,675
 - 2015 Awards Given – 2,484
 - Total Hours Ridden – 455,144
- All Breeds Division:
 - 2015 Enrollees – 2,510
 - 2015 Awards Given – 527
 - Total Hours Ridden – 59,271

AQHA Professional Horsemen – group of dedicated horse industry professionals devoted to promoting the American Quarter Horse and servicing AQHA members by offering training assistance in a variety of areas.

- 2015 members – 807

Incentive Fund – “pay-for-points” program that pays bonus money to stallion and foal nominators, and nominated horse owners when horses earn points at AQHA-approved show events.

- 2015 Dollars Distributed – \$1,703,707.05
- Stallions Nominated as of April 1, 2016 – 795
- Foals Nominated as of April 1, 2016 – 3,045
- 2015 Points Earned by Licensed Horses (excluding those not paid due to point cap) – 80,003
- 2015 Per Point Value for Nominators – \$11.29
- 2015 Per Point Value for Licensed Horses – \$15.65

Shows – represent a major segment of the equine industry. American Quarter Horse shows offer youth, amateur, Select amateur and open classes for horsemen and -women to compete with their American Quarter Horses, testing their skills against other horses and riders for AQHA halter and performance points, as well as cash awards and prizes.

- 2015 Total Shows – 2,432
- 2015 U.S. Shows – 2,045
- 2015 Canadian Shows – 142
- 2015 International Shows – 245
- 2015 Total Show Entries – 923,184
- 2015 Total Special Events – 428
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- 2015 Lucas Oil AQHA Amateur and Open World Championship Show Entries – 4,765
- 2015 Lucas Oil World Prizes and Awards – \$2,824,608
- 2015 Adequan[®] AQHA Select World Championship Show Entries – 1,186
- 2015 Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show Entries – 2,165
- 2014 Zoetis AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse World Championships Entries – 31
- 2014 John Deere AQHA Cowboy Mounted Shooting Championships Entries – 71
- 2015 SmartPak AQHA West Level 1 Championships Entries – 1,923
- 2015 Nutrena AQHA East Level 1 Championships Entries – 2,129
- 2015 Zoetis AQHA Cattle Level 1 Championships Entries – 334
- AQHA-Approved Judges – 1,123

Races – developed from the village lanes of colonial America, American Quarter Horse racing brings the thrill and excitement of closely matched American Quarter Horses racing at speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour.

- 2015 Total Starters in American Quarter Horse Races – 15,333
- Average Purse Per Race – \$16,436
- Average Earnings Per Starter – \$8,474
- Total Purses – \$129,930,175
- 2015 Bank of America® American Quarter Horse Racing Challenge Enrollments – 3,014
- Total Challenge Purses – \$4,661,910
- Nominator's Awards – \$314,510

American Quarter Horse Association Publications – provide the most timely, comprehensive and accessible information available in the industry.

- *America's Horse* – official member publication of AQHA delivered to current AQHA members.
 - Total Circulation – 183,399
 - First issue – September 1998
 - Established for general interest AQHA members
- *The American Quarter Horse Journal* – official business publication for the American Quarter Horse industry.
 - Circulation – 27,550
 - First issue – September 1948
 - Contains articles of interest to those who own, train, breed and exhibit American Quarter Horses

Networks – AQHA keeps horse enthusiasts informed and educated through a variety of mediums.

- *aqha.com*
- *americashorsedaily.com*
- *youtube.com/aqhavideo*
- e-newsletters
- Facebook – *facebook.com/aqha1*
- Twitter – *@aqha*
- Instagram – *@officialaqha*
- Pinterest – *pinterest.com/aqha1*

American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum – opened in 1991, it is one of the most visible programs administered by the American Quarter Horse Foundation and is located adjacent to AQHA headquarters. The Hall of Fame & Museum celebrated a grand reopening in 2007.

- Hall of Fame – individuals and horses who have made history with AQHA
- Library – the most comprehensive collection of equine information in the country
- Quarter Horse Outfitters – store filled with artwork, clothes, home décor and more
- Justin Boots Arena – demonstration arena for the American Quarter Horse
- Traveling Exhibits – various collections of sculptures, paintings and artifacts

American Quarter Horse Youth Association – designed for American Quarter Horse enthusiasts 18 years of age and younger, established on the premise of expanding youth participation with and knowledge of the American Quarter Horse. AQHYA currently has more than 23,400 members.

- Scholarship Program
- Junior Master Horseman
- Take Me Riding
- Youth Racing Experience Program
- AQHYA Leadership Conference
- Young Horse Development Program
- Youth World Cup
- Built Ford Tough AQHYA World Championship Show

** All numbers are as of 12/31/15.