



A big “Thank You” to all of our mare owners. This has been a strong breeding season and the breeding activity still going strong. Our breeding sheds will be open into July and we have a large number of breeders that don’t want the hassle of the early babies. Contracts are still being accepted on most stallions – give us a call.



We will be introducing a fun new contest starting on Facebook on June 6th.

Every Monday a 2011 foal will be highlighted with a photo and a video. Information will be given on the sire and dam, sex of foal and birthdate. We will be asking for naming suggestions and on the following Friday a winner will be chosen. The winner of the contest will win a free crystallized burnout t-shirt from Stud Wear! We will run this contest weekly until all the 2011 foals are named. If you’re not a fan of Gumz Farms on Facebook – join us and join the fun of our new “Name That Foal” contest.

www.facebook.com/Gumzfarms



Stud Wear- As show and futurity season is just around the corner, support your favorite sire and take a look at our fun line of clothing. We have some great apparel items that highlight the

stallions managed by Gumz Farms. These items are very reasonably priced and a great look at the early shows and futurities. www.stud-wear.com

On the show and futurity note: PLEASE keep us posted on the success of your horse. We love to post winners that are sired by the stallions standing at Gumz Farms. Send your photo and bragging material to info@gumzfarm.com.



The babies are here! We are finishing up the initial photography and videos of the 2011 foals. We have some exceptional foals by Certain Potential, Only In The Moonlite, Huntin For Chocolate, These Irons Are Hot and Iron Age, VS Code Red and Invest N Vital Signs. These will be listed on foal page of the Gumz Farms website. The next task will be the 2010 yearlings. Thank you for everyone's patience as we finish up the breeding season prior to bringing in the yearlings. We are thrilled with the inquiries on our 2010 yearlings and will get current videos up as soon as possible.

Commissioner Farmer Encourages Owners to Vaccinate Horses for West Nile Virus

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A large mosquito infestation is expected in Kentucky this year after a rainy spring. Mosquitoes can carry West Nile Virus, and Agriculture Commissioner Richie Farmer encourages horse owners to talk to their veterinarians about vaccinating their horses for the virus.

"Since 2003, no horses known to have been properly vaccinated have gotten West Nile in Kentucky," Commissioner Farmer said. "Kentucky had 513 equine cases of West Nile in 2002, the first full year the virus was active in Kentucky, and 137 horses died. Since then, vaccination has become much more common, and the number of cases of West Nile has fallen sharply."

Historically, West Nile Virus begins showing up in Kentucky horses in July. The number of cases usually increases throughout the summer before peaking in mid-September.

West Nile was first identified in Kentucky's equine population in the fall of 2001. A total of 683 horses have been diagnosed with the disease in Kentucky in the past 10 years.

The virus mainly affects horses, humans and birds, but dogs and cats also are susceptible. It causes encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. About two out of every three horses that become infected survive.

Commissioner Farmer recommends that property owners take action to eliminate areas of standing water, which serves as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Property owners are advised to:

- Change water every week in bird baths, pet bowls, wading pools and watering troughs;
- Keep ponds free of vegetation and stocked with fish; and
- Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, unused plastic swimming pools or other containers that collect



and hold water.

The Kentucky Department of Agriculture sprays for mosquitoes when asked by local officials. The insecticides are rigorously tested and degrade quickly. To see a spraying schedule and for more information on the program, go to the Department's website, www.kyagr.com <<http://www.kyagr.com>> , click on Pest and Weed Programs, and click on Mosquito Control.

The risk of severe illness in humans due to West Nile Virus is slight. Young children, adults over age 50, and those with weak immune systems are at greatest risk for contracting the virus. To reduce the chance of infection, the Kentucky Department for Public Health advises people to stay indoors at dawn, early evening, and dusk if possible; wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and a hat when outdoors; and apply mosquito repellent to exposed skin containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picardin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. For more information on West Nile Virus in humans, go to <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/westnile.htm>.



Gumz Farms
Kentucky Division
Morganfield, KY 42437
270-389-0887

<http://www.gumzfarms.com/>

© Gumz Farms

Distributed and Managed by Equine Video Creations

<http://www.equinevideocreations.com/>