

The Problems of Success

The NZ Thoroughbred Racing Industry is suffering because of the lack of horses available to race in New Zealand. One of the reasons for this is obvious if you consider the number of horses exported from New Zealand in recent years. So successful have been our overseas sales of horses that, on average over 3,000 have been exported in each of the last 5 years (last year, 3,448 horses were exported).

When you consider that we only breed about 5,000 Thoroughbred and about 3,000 Standardbred foals annually it is readily understandable that we are having trouble maintaining adequate numbers to race in NZ.

The exported horses in the year 2000 went to the following destinations:

AUSTRALIA 2,226; ASIA 698; USA 286; UK166; AFRICA 35; EUROPE except UK 22; PACIFIC ISLANDS 15.