

## 2009 Equine Industry Study Highlights

BC is home to over:

- 95,000 horses, with a capital value of
- \$500 million, that live on
- 13,700 horse farms, using over
- 145,000 acres of farmland, with
- \$2.0 billion in buildings and equipment,
- \$740 million in economic activity,
- 7,200 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs, and providing
- \$73 million in direct government tax revenue
- 59% are farm businesses (classified farmland, file farm income tax or both)
- 38% (4950) horse properties breed horses
- 31% (4250) horse properties produce other agricultural products
- 18% (2400) hire outside labour to maintain their horses
- 500,000 hours per year spent volunteering for horse related activities
- 90% of respondents intend to maintain or increase their involvement over the next five years

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Survey was distributed by mail and electronically to HCBC membership, Racing, Rodeo sectors and other industry stakeholders in BC.

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For more information on the BC Equine Industry Study go to [www.hcbc.ca](http://www.hcbc.ca) or contact  
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