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**Member's Resource** - NYRA Announces Average Daily Handle at Belmont Fall Meet Eclipses \$10 Million

*To our Members,*

*Please see the NYRA Press Release below which highlights the very successful 2021 Belmont Fall Meet.*

*A majority of purse money paid on our circuit comes from the pari-mutuel handle and strong handle supports our industry and future purses.*

*We have summarized the results in the press release and added a few additional statistics in the data provided below:*

	Fall Meet	Fall Meet	Change	% Change	Fall Meet	Change	% Change
Race Days	31	27	4	14.81%	37	-6	-16.22%
Races	299	267	32	11.99%	324	-25	-7.72%
Betting Interests	2402	2104	298	14.16%	2347	55	2.34%
Avg. Field Size	8.03	7.88	0.15	1.95%	7.24	0.79	10.90%
*On-Track	\$30,463,824	\$19,776,152	\$10,687,672	54.04%	\$32,523,572	-\$2,059,748	-6.33%
**Export	\$290,282,925	\$248,166,809	\$42,116,116	16.97%	\$242,406,146	\$47,876,779	19.75%
Total	\$320,746,749	\$267,942,961	\$52,803,788	19.71%	\$274,929,718	\$45,817,031	16.66%
Avg. Total Daily Handle	\$10,346,669	\$9,923,813	\$422,856	4.26%	\$7,430,533	\$2,916,136	39.25%

\*On-Track = Wagers made on Belmont live races at Belmont Park and on NYRA Bets by NY residents

\*\*Export = Wagers made on Belmont live racing at other tracks, OTBs, and made with other ADW companies

#### Handle Per Betting Interest

	2021 BEL Fall Meet	2020 BEL Fall Meet	'21 v. '20 Change	'21 v. '20 % Change	2019 BEL Fall Meet	'21 v. '19 Change	'21 v. '19 % Change
Handle/BI	\$133,533	\$127,349	\$6,184	4.86%	\$117,141	\$16,392	13.99%

#### Purses Paid Comparison

	2021 BEL Fall Meet	2020 BEL Fall Meet	'21 v. '20 Change	'21 v. '20 % Change	2019 BEL Fall Meet	'21 v. '19 Change	'21 v. '19 % Change
Total Purses Paid	\$27,908,000	\$17,826,000	\$10,082,000	56.56%	\$27,600,000	\$308,000	1.10%
Avg Per Day	\$900,258	\$660,222	\$240,036	36.36%	\$745,946	\$154,312	17.14%
Avg Per Race	\$93,338	\$66,764	\$26,574	39.80%	\$85,185	\$8,153	8.73%

#### Field Size - Comparing Races with 6 Betting Interests or Less

	2021 BEL Fall Meet	2020 BEL Fall Meet	2019 BEL Fall Meet
Total Races	299	267	324
Races with 6 BI or less	74	78	124
% of Total w/6 or less	24.75%	29.21%	38.27%
% of Total w/7 or more	75.25%	70.79%	61.73%

The major takeaways are as follows:

- Handle averaged over \$10M per race day at the 2021 Belmont fall meet.
- Record purses were paid at Belmont and averaged over \$93k per race. A 17% increase from 2019.
- Handle per betting interest has increased almost 14% since 2019 to over \$130k per BI at the recent Belmont meet.
- More races with competitive fields. In 2019, over 38% of races were contested with 6 or less betting interests, and this year, less than 25% of races had 6 or less BI.

On behalf of NYTHA we thank you for racing at Belmont.

You, and our entire industry have reason to be proud of these results and we look forward to seeing you at Aqueduct and continuing the momentum.

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Please let us know if we can help in any way.

Yours Truly,

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### Average daily handle at Belmont fall meet eclipses \$10 million

The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) today announced that the recently concluded 31-day Belmont Park fall meet generated \$10,346,669 in average daily handle from all sources and \$320,746,749 in total handle from all sources.

Average daily handle at the Belmont fall meet has grown considerably since 2019, when the 37-day fall meet generated \$7,430,533 in average daily handle from all sources. The 2020 Belmont fall meet, which was contested over 27 live race days, generated \$9,923,813 in average daily handle from all sources, a 33.6 percent increase over 2019.

With this year's 4.3 percent increase over 2020, average daily handle for the Belmont Park fall meet has risen 39 percent since 2019.

The total all sources handle of \$320,746,749 represents a 19.7 percent increase over the 2020 Belmont Park fall meet, which saw total all sources handle of \$267,942,961.

Originally scheduled for 28 days of live racing, NYRA extended the 2021 Belmont fall meet to include three additional dates from Friday, November 5 through Sunday, November 7. As a result, the fall meet was contested over 31 days.

With the return of fans and the easing of COVID-19 protocols, on-track handle was \$30,463,824, a 54 percent increase over 2020, when only a limited number of owners were permitted in attendance. On-track handle in 2019, which was contested over 37 days, was \$32,523,57.

A total of 143 races were run on the turf in 2021 with 16 forced off the turf due to weather. The 2020 Belmont fall meet saw 118 races on the turf with 24 races forced off the turf.

Average field size for the 299 total races run during the fall meet was 8.03, a 1.9 percent increase over 2020.

Highlighted by the Grade 1, \$750,000 Cigar Mile Handicap on December 4, the 15-day Aqueduct fall meet begins on Thursday and continues through Sunday, December 5.

New York City has established strict vaccine requirements for nearly all indoor settings. Accordingly, and in compliance with New York City law, anyone seeking to enter Aqueduct Racetrack must show proof of vaccination in order to gain admittance.

gates will open daily at 11 a.m.

Fans visiting Aqueduct should use the Clubhouse Entrance to provide the required proof of vaccination. Preferred parking will be \$10 daily in the Clubhouse Lot and general parking will be in the Conduit Lot. All parking fees must be paid via credit card.

*America's Day at the Races* will present daily coverage and analysis of the fall meet at Aqueduct Racetrack on the networks of FOX Sports. For the complete broadcast schedule, visit [NYRA.com/ADATR](https://www.nyra.com/ADATR).

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