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***Prairie Meadows and Canterbury Park to Host  
Extended Racing Opportunities for Statebreds in 2013***

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Altoona, IA and Shakopee, MN — Prairie Meadows in Altoona, Iowa, and Canterbury Park in Shakopee, Minnesota, will extend opportunities to host restricted races for Thoroughbreds foaled in Iowa or Minnesota during this year's racing season.

This arrangement is beneficial to both racing jurisdictions because it will allow Minnesota Thoroughbreds to compete at Prairie Meadows in restricted races written for Iowa Thoroughbreds prior to the start of the Canterbury Park race meet on May 17.

Likewise, when the Prairie Meadows Thoroughbred meet concludes in mid-August, Iowa Thoroughbreds will have an opportunity to run alongside Minnesota Thoroughbreds in designated race restrictions at Canterbury Park through mid-September.

This program is slated to launch with the return of the 67-day Thoroughbred racing at Prairie Meadows on Friday, April 19, 2013.

Derron Heldt, Prairie Meadows' Director of Racing, reports that the two horse tracks are currently planning to host restricted races each week during the time that the other track is not racing thoroughbreds, and three or four categories (conditions) of races are currently being considered. The Iowa Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association led by Leroy Gessmann proposed the concept to the Minnesota HBPA last summer hoping to offer additional racing opportunities for horses from both states.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Iowa Thoroughbreds to run in restricted state races beyond mid-August when our season ends at Prairie Meadows," said Deb Leech, President of the Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association, "and the same holds true for Minnesota-bred horses to run, before Canterbury opens, in state restricted races here in Iowa. We are thrilled that Canterbury Park and Prairie

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Meadows were both receptive to this idea and worked with the Iowa and Minnesota HBPA's to make this happen. Purse structures are comparable, so this is an attractive option for our breeders and owners. We look forward to a successful first year of these additional races and building on it for the future."

Canterbury Park's 69-day racing season begins May 17 and concludes September 14.

"This collaboration presents additional racing opportunities for owners of Iowa and Minnesota-breds," Canterbury Park President Randy Sampson said. "With the Canterbury meet now extending into mid-September, we are excited to give the Iowa-bred horses the opportunity to race at Canterbury after the Prairie Meadows race meet concludes."

### **About Prairie Meadows**

Prairie Meadows has given more than \$1 billion through taxes, grants and charitable donations to the state of Iowa. More than \$500 million of that figure has remained in our community to promote economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism.

### **About Canterbury Park**

Canterbury Park Holding Corporation, a publicly-held company, owns and operates Canterbury Park Racetrack, Minnesota's only thoroughbred and quarter horse racing facility. In addition, Canterbury Park's Card Casino hosts card games 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offering both poker and table games. The Company also conducts year-round wagering on simulcast horse racing and hosts a variety of other entertainment and special events at its facility in Shakopee, Minnesota. For more information about the Company, please visit [www.canterburypark.com](http://www.canterburypark.com).

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