

EQUINE SESSION

Not all succeed, but those who do win big! From breeding and training to overall health and feed quality, success in the equine industry requires excellence in all areas of horse care. Hear the champions in the field discuss what to expect for the future of the equine industry and what it takes to be the first across the finish line.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29



8:00 a.m. Celebrating 10 Years: The Games That Transformed Alltech and Kentucky

DR. MARK LYONS, President and CEO, Alltech

Ten years ago, all eyes were on Kentucky as the pinnacle of equine championships landed in Lexington. Alltech made the bold decision to be the title sponsor of the FEI World Equestrian Games 2010, putting the Alltech brand on a global stage. With the total attendance topping half a million over 16 days at the first host location outside of Europe, what economic impact did the World Equestrian Games have on Kentucky? And with supporting efforts far exceeding the valued \$10-million sponsorship, was it a good decision for Alltech? Dr. Mark Lyons, president and CEO of Alltech, reflects on one of the most momentous events in the company's history.









8:30 a.m. Fast Track to Success: Training Horses to Win

DESTIN HEALTH, Farm Trainer, WinStar Farm

If anyone knows how to train world-class Thoroughbreds that are "destined" for greatness, it's Destin Health of WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky. From evaluating the individualized needs and potential of every horse he works with to managing daily workouts with winning in mind, learn how his customized approach to training is spurring excellence both on and off the track.

9:00 a.m. Beating All Odds: Effects of COVID-19 on the Equine Industry

DR. BOB COLEMAN, Associate Professor and Equine Extension Specialist, University of Kentucky

From local shows to major international events, the equine industry came to a screeching halt due to COVID-19. As the pandemic unfolded and its far-reaching impact became clear, caring for the needs of horses was still a necessity, increasing stress for horse owners, barns and equestrian facilities everywhere. Join us for a discussion on how the equine industry has struggled, adapted and shown its ingenuity in the midst of challenging circumstances.

9:30 a.m. Happy Hindguts, Healthy Horses: Unlocking the Equine Microbiome with Nutrition

DR. MIEKE HOLDER, Associate Professor, University of Kentucky
How can microbial populations be manipulated to alter
fermentation, improve fiber digestion and enhance the health
of your horses? What are the latest findings on microbial trace
mineral supplementation, in vitro digestibility and the use of
prebiotics and probiotics? Join us as we examine the impact of
nutrition on the equine microbiome.

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings for Retired Racehorses

JUDITH BOKMAN, Executive Director and Founding Board Member, Standardbred Retirement Foundation

What happens after the world's fastest horses cross the finish line for the last time? For those at Standardbred Retirement Foundation of New Jersey, finding a loving new home is what's next. Learn how the organization has created a nationwide model of success for equine adoption by rehoming retired racehorses with care.

10:30 a.m. Field of Dreams: Agronomic Solutions for Maximizing Horse Health and Performance

DR. STEVEN BORST, PH.D., General Manager, Alltech Crop ScienceTurf and other training surfaces have long been key factors in the safety of, and for gaining a competitive advantage within, many sporting communities, including horse racing. The fields on a horse-breeding farm should be regarded as a significant component of horse training, going beyond simply providing nutrition to supporting the overall performance of the horse. Join us to learn more about the latest technologies and advancements that could give your horse an advantage at the starting gate.

*Please note that all times are in ET/GMT -4.

