

## Fasig-Tipton Eastern Fall Yearlings Sale feeds off regional strength

The Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern Fall Yearlings Sale long has been a place to buy quality yearlings from the tradition-rich Mid-Atlantic and East Coast breeding states. Thanks to positive developments in the region, the future of the auction looks stronger than ever.

"The Eastern Fall Yearling Sale has a history of providing quality runners to the Mid-Atlantic region and throughout the country," said Paget H. Bennett, Fasig-Tipton's Midlantic sales director . "We are particularly excited about the increases in purse money and breeder/owner awards for Maryland-breds and New York-breds, plus the continuing strength of the programs in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

"It's been a successful sale both for pinhookers and endusers," Bennett continued. "Both buying groups have found success in what they have purchased at this sale over the years. Increasingly, it is a stop that everybody makes."

This year's sale is scheduled for October 1 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, a prime, convenient location particularly for East Coast trainers to attend.

With purses on the rise and added breeder awards, there is excitement again in the Maryland breeding and racing industries, Bennett said.

"The Maryland-breds have a huge new bonus program ready to begin at the fall meet at Laurel, and the Maryland people are very excited about what is going to be available for Maryland-breds," Bennett said. "There are incredible bonuses being offered to owners and breeders."

Maryland-bred Done Talking, a graduate of the 2010 Eastern Fall Yearling Sale, won the 2012 Illinois Derby (G3). And Pennsylvania-bred So Many Ways won the 2012 Schuylerville Stakes (G3) at Saratoga Race Course. The undefeated filly sold at the Eastern Fall sale in 2011.

Jay Em Ess Stable, a longtime supporter of the sale, bought Redeemed at the 2009 sale. Now a multiple graded stakes



2010 Eastern Fall Grad **DONE TALKING** Wnr. of the 2012 Illinois Derby (G3) at Hawthorne

winner, Virginia-bred Redeemed won the 2012 Brooklyn Handicap (G2) and has earned \$832,140 at the track so far. Another 2012 graded stakes winning graduate was Marilyn's Guy, winner of the Excelsior Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct. In 2011 the sale's graduates were led by 2011 Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Plum Pretty, an earner of \$1,688,746, and Ask the Moon, who won the Grade 1 Personal Ensign and Grade 1 Ruffian Stakes at Saratoga Race Course. The Maryland-bred earned a total of \$713,640 on the track and



2009 Eastern Fall Grad **PLUM PRETTY** Wnr. of the 2012 Apple Blossom H. (G1) at Oaklawn

sold for \$800,000 at the conclusion of her racing career.

Yet another success story coming out of the sale was Ravalo, who sold at the 2005 sale and earned \$1,276,972 at the track while winning multiple graded stakes.

"This is a sale that offers something at

nearly every budget level while consistently producing high quality runners that succeed throughout the country," Bennett said.

With purses spiraling upward in New York thanks to video lottery terminal revenue, the New York-breds figure to play a big role in the market in 2012. There are 101 New Yorkbreds in this year's catalogue, constituting more than 25% of the sale.

Get Serious, a New York-bred son of City Zip who sold at the 2005 Eastern fall yearling sale, is a multiple graded stakes winner and three-time course record setter going a mile at Monmouth Park. Get Serious has won 14 of 38 career starts and earned \$1,113,091.



2005 Eastern Fall Grad **GET SERIOUS** Wnr. of the 2012 Red Bank S. (G3) at Monmouth

Get Serious was bred and consigned by Morgan's Ford Farm, and purchased by trainer John Forbes, agent.

Other New York-bred stakes winners recently sold at the Eastern Fall sale include By the Light, Gold for the Queen, Gimme Credit, Bandbox and Preachintothedevil, among others.