

## The October Sale Yearling Sale Analysis

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Held at the Fasig-Tipton sales grounds in Lexington, KY The October Sale is the pre-eminent late-season locale to buy and sell American yearlings. "It's the quality, variety and selection that make this sale special," said Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning. "Whether you want a two-year-old or a long distance turf horse, there is a broad and deep selection of pedigrees and physicals."

In the last five years, October graduates have won more than 250 stakes races, including North America's most important race — the Grade 1 Kentucky Derby — twice.

Big Brown, who went on to win the G1 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes in 2008 and be voted champion three-year-old colt, sold for \$60,000 at the 2006 October sale. The following year Mine That Bird, winner of the G1 Kentucky Derby in 2009, sold for \$9,500.

In 2010, October sale graduate Dubai Majesty won the G1 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint and was later named Eclipse Champion Female Sprinter.

This year's list of graded stakes winning graduates includes G1 Foxwoods King's Bishop Stakes winner Willy Beamin, Grade 2 Santa Ynez Stakes winner Reneesgotzip, G2 Woody Stephens Stakes winner Trinniberg, G2 Hollywood Oaks winner Potesta, multiple Canadian Group 2 winner Riding the River, G2 New Orleans Handicap winner Nates Mineshaft, G2 Commonwealth Stakes winner Lonesome Street, G2 Santa Maria Handicap winner Ellafitz, and G3 Coolmore Lexington Stakes winner All Squared Away, among others.

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As the last major yearling auction on the calendar, The October Sale offers a valuable opportunity for both buyers and sellers. In 2011 it featured a bustling market with a buyback rate of just 19.8% and an 81.4% increase in total sales.

"This is a marketplace that continues to grow in popularity with buyers and consignors alike," Browning said.

Another great thing about The October Sale is its convenience. "A buyer can come into town, look through a very significant and meaningful group of horses, and find what they're looking for in a 4-day period of time," Browning said.



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