THE PEOPLE
- Record 170,513 in attendance at 2015 Kentucky Derby
- Record 123,763 in attendance at 2015 Kentucky Oaks
- Record 294,276 in combined attendance at 2015 Kentucky Oaks & Kentucky Derby
- Since 2000, combined Oaks and Derby attendance has grown 13.5% from 259,360 to 294,276
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THE HORSES
- 365 horses were nominated early to the 2016 Triple Crown – 1.6% of the estimated 23,000 3-year-olds from the 2013 foal crop
- 259 days between a Kentucky Derby win and its previous start: Regret (1915)
- 107 Kentucky Derby winners born in the state of Kentucky
- 137 horses have exited the Blue Grass Stakes and run the Kentucky Derby since 1980 – the most of any prep race
- 54 favorites have won the Kentucky Derby, including the last three years: Orb (2013), California Chrome (2014) and American Pharoah (2015)
- 53 bay horses have won the Derby, the most of any color
- 40 fillies have run in the Kentucky Derby
- 23 was the largest Kentucky Derby field in 1974 (currently limited to 20 starters)
- 26 Kentucky Derby starters entered the race unbeaten since 1900; only seven have exited the race perfect (the last was Big Brown in 2008)
- 26 is the age of the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner: Sea Hero (1993)
- 22 Kentucky Derby winners have won the race in gate-to-wire fashion with the most recent being War Emblem in 2002
- 19 Kentucky Derby winners have had names starting with the letter “s”
- 17 of January is the latest date a Kentucky Derby has won its first career race since 1934.
- 16 Kentucky Derby winners won their first race at Belmont Park, the most for any racetrack since 1914.
- 13 Kentucky Derby winners have prevailed from post No. 5 (last was California Chrome)
- 13 Kentucky Derby winners made only two starts as a 3-year-old prior to the Derby, including seven of the last nine: Street Sense (2007), Big Brown (2008), Mine That Bird (2009), Super Saver (2010), Animal Kingdom (2011), I’ll Have Another (2012) and American Pharoah (2015)
- 12 Triple Crown winners: Sir Barton (1919), Gallant Fox (1930), Omaha (1935), War Admiral (1937), Whirlaway (1941), Count Fleet (1943), Assault (1946), Citation (1948), Secretariat (1973), Seattle Slew (1977), Affirmed (1978) and American Pharoah (2015)
- 11 Kentucky Derby winners have sired Derby winners with the most recent being Grindstone in 1996 (his father Unbridled won the 1990 Derby)
- 11 Kentucky Derby winners won their first race in August and another 11 won broke their maiden in September, the most for any months since 1929
- 11 Kentucky Derby winners stabled in Barn 42 since 1973 – the last was Mine That Bird (Barn 42, Stall 22 in 2009)
- 9 horses bred by Calumet Farm have won the Kentucky Derby, the most of any breeder
- 9 geldings have won the Kentucky Derby
- 8 Kentucky Derby winners have won the race in last-to-first fashion with the most recent being Mine That Bird in 2009
- 8 lengths is most decisive winning margin in Kentucky Derby history, set on four occasions: Old Rosebud (1914), Johnstown (1939), Whirlaway (1941) and Assault (1946)
- 6 ¾ lengths was Mine That Bird’s winning margin in 2009, the largest since Assault’s 8 lengths in 1946
- 4 Kentucky Derby winners since 1929 with a five-week layoff coming into the Derby: Barbaro (2006), Big Brown (2008), Mine That Bird (2009) and Orb (2013)
- 3 Kentucky Derby wins for sires Falsetto, Virgil, Sir Gallahad III and Bull Lea
- 2 Kentucky Derby winners since 1929 with a six-week layoff coming into the Derby: Needles (1936) and Animal Kingdom (2011)
- 2 Kentucky Derby winners with only three career starts before the Derby: Regret (1915) and Big Brown (2008)
- 2 Kentucky Derby winners with only four career starts before the Derby: Alan-a-Dale (1902), Exterminator (1918) and Animal Kingdom (2011)
- 1 Kentucky Derby winner without a start as a 2-year-old: Apollo (1882)
- 0 winners from post position No. 17
- $4,000,000 is the largest purchase price at auction for a Kentucky Derby winner or starter: Fusaichi Pegasus (2000)
- $1,719,040 is the record pre-Derby earnings by a starter: Snow Chief, who finished 11th of 16 in 1986.
- 1:59 2/5 is the fastest time in Kentucky Derby history run by Secretariat in 1973

THE FOOD
- 163,000 hot dogs
- 22,000 barbecue sandwiches
- 14,000 pounds of chicken
- 11,000 pounds of New York Strip loin
- 11,000 pounds of turkey
- 43,600 jumbo shrimp
- 12,000 pounds of potatoes
- 1,100 gallons of salad dressing
- 2,350 pounds or 9,400 sticks of butter
- 2,600 gallons of dairy cream
- 2,200 gallons of assorted oils
- 49,000 Derby Pies
- 395,000 fresh berries
- Kentucky Proud – 14 different farmers, growers and producers supply over 5 ½ tons of local products
- 1,000+ back of house cooks and support staff

THE LIBATION
- 127,000 Mint Juleps (made with Kentucky bourbon, simple syrup, crushed ice, powered sugar and mint)
- 40,000 Oaks Lilies (vodka, cranberry juice, triple sec and sweet and sour)
- 5,000 liters of bourbon
- 13,000 glasses of G.H. Mumm champagne
- 475,000 pounds of shaved ice for Mint Juleps & Oaks Lilies
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THE WAGERING

- Record $194.3 million in total wagers ($23.0 million on-track and $171.3 million off-track) on Kentucky Derby in 2015 (up 4.1% from 2014), including a record $127.9 million on the Kentucky Derby alone.
- Record $46.1 million in total wagers ($12.0 million on-track and record $34.0 million off-track) on Kentucky Oaks Day in 2015, including a record $15.2 million on the Kentucky Oaks alone.
- Since 2000, combined Oaks and Derby all-sources wagering has jumped 90.5% from $121.6 million to a record $240.3 million; on-track handle has grown 16.0% from $30.1 million to $35.0 million; and off-track betting has skyrocketed 113.9% from $96.0 million to a record $205.3 million.
- Churchill Downs’ sold 1,043,346 pari-mutuel tickets on Kentucky Derby in 2015; 219,283 of those were cashed (27,515 were canceled).
- 1,020 pari-mutuel employees in 2015.
- Approximately 950 betting windows with mutual clerks, 300 Bet Pros and 150 BAMs (Bill Automated Machines) for a total 1,400 ways to wager.
- $154.3 million was paid to customers with winning tickets on Kentucky Derby in 2015.
- More than 1,200 international simulcast wagering outlets that co-mingled betting into Churchill Downs pools.
- 135,000 Derby programs printed; 72,000 Oaks programs.
- $184.90 is the record $2 win payoff for a Kentucky Derby winner: Donerail (1913).
- $2.80 is the record low $2 win payoff for a Kentucky Derby winner: Count Fleet (1943) and Citation (1948).
- $864,253.40 is the record $1 superfecta payoff (top four finishers in order) in the Kentucky Derby: Giacomo-Closing Argument-Afleet Alexander-Don’t Get Mad (2005).

THE RACE

- The Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously held major sporting event in the United States. It has been staged every year at Churchill Downs without interruption since the inaugural running on May 17, 1875.
- The Kentucky Derby is run at 1 ¼ miles which is equivalent to 2,011.68 meters, 2,200 yards, 6,600 feet or 79,200 inches.
- This year’s Kentucky Derby will mark the 120th consecutive year that the race has been carded at 1 ½ miles. It was contested over 1 ½ miles from 1875-95.
- 1,234.5 feet is the length of the stretch from the head of the lane to the finish line.
- Has been run on the first Saturday in May every year since 1946.

THE TROPHY

- 3 ½ pounds, or 56 ounces, is the weight of the Kentucky Derby trophy.
- The trophy stands 22 inches tall, including its jade base.
- The trophy, made by New England Sterling Inc. of Attleboro, Mass., is 14 karat gold.

THE FLOWERS

- 400 “Freedom” roses from Kroger’s master floral designers are individually hand sewn to the winner’s garland which is 2 ½ yards long, 14 inches wide and weighs 40 pounds.
- 60 matching long-stemmed red roses, wrapped with 10 yards of ribbon, comprise the winning jockey’s bouquet.
- 2,100 roses dress the Kentucky Derby winner’s circle.
- 22,000 roses being grown in greenhouse.
- 250 rose bushes around the facility.
- 12,000 tulips planted.
- 400 trees and shrubs.

THE TELEVISION

- NBC’s coverage of the 2015 Kentucky Derby averaged 16.0 million viewers, a 4% jump from 2014’s 15.3 million.
- Viewership peaked at 17.9 million in Kentucky Derby alone from 6:30-6:45 p.m. when American Pharaoh crossed the finish line.
- The 2015 Kentucky Derby on NBC posted a 9.6 Nielsen rating with a 23 share – up 2% from 9.4/22 in 2014.
- An average of more than 15 million viewers has watched the Kentucky Derby in five of the last seven years. Between 1991-2008, Kentucky Derby average viewership did not reach 15 million.
- Louisville, the home of the Kentucky Derby, topped the 2015 metered markets with a 35.0 rating and 65 share. Other top markets: Ft. Myers (19.7/39), Cincinnati (17.5/38), West Palm Beach (16.8/32), Dayton (15.8/31), Indianapolis (15.6/31), Tampa/St. Petersburg (15.6/30), Richmond (15.6/28), Orlando (14.7/30) and Knoxville (14.6/27).
- 1,500 televisions on track.

THE AMERICAN PHAROAH EFFECT?

- Wagering on U.S. races is up 3.1% year-to-date through March to $2.4 billion.
- Wagering on U.S. races in 2015 was up 1.2% to $10.6 billion despite less race days, less races and less starters.
- NBC posted its highest-rated Breeders’ Cup Classic telecast in 20 years with a 2.6/6 household rating (an average of 4.6 million viewers between 6:45-6 p.m.), which was up 53% from 2014.
- NBC Sports Live Extra Breeders’ Cup streams were more than 275,000 live minutes – more than triple 2014’s 88,000.

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT

- The most recent economic impact study of the Kentucky Derby was conducted in 2001 by Louisville-based Wilkerson & Associates.
- Found expenditures by attendees brought $217.8 million to the economy of Louisville, Jefferson County and the surrounding region during that year’s Derby Weekend.
- Direct spending totaled $137.8 million.
- Indirect spending, or the “ripple effect” of direct expenditures, generated an additional $80 million.

THE COMMUNITY

- Since 2009, Churchill Downs has distributed more than $740,000 in funds for breast and ovarian cancer awareness through its Pink Out initiative on Kentucky Oaks Day.
- Since 2010, Churchill Downs has contributed more than $235,000 to hunger relief locally and around the country through its Taste of Derby event on Thursday of Derby Week.

THE WEATHER

- The average high temperature on May 7 is 75 with an average low of 54; record high was 89 (1940) and record low was 36 (1989).
- 94 was the warmest Kentucky Derby Day high on May 2, 1959 (Tomy Lee).
- 47 was the coldest Kentucky Derby Day high on May 4, 1935 (Omaha) and May 4, 1957 (Iron Liege); the record cold in 1957 was accompanied by north winds between 20-25 mph.
- 2.31 inches of rain was the wettest Kentucky Derby on May 11, 1918 (Exterminator); 1.46 inches in 2012 was the second-wettest Derby; 1.32 inches in 2010 was the third-wettest Derby.
- Sleet was recorded on Kentucky Derby Day on May 6, 1989 (Sunday Silence) between 1:01 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. (along with rain). Snow flurries fell the following morning.
- There has been at least a trace of precipitation has been experienced at some point during the day on 65 of the 141 Kentucky Derby Days (46.4%).
- The longest stretch of consecutive wet Kentucky Derby Days (min. trace) is seven (2007-present).
- The longest stretch of consecutive dry Kentucky Derby Days is 12 (1875-86).
- 99 “fast” tracks for the Derby (last was 2013)
- 11 “good” tracks for the Derby (last was 1990)
- 7 “muddy” tracks for the Derby (last was 1989)
- 7 “sloppy” tracks for the Derby (last was 2013)

THE FACILITY

- 58,654 reserved seats for 2016 Kentucky Derby & Kentucky Oaks.
- 147 acres, including 26-acre infield.

STABLE AREA ACCOMODATIONS

- 47 barns, 1,424 stalls (another 490 at Trackside).
- U.S.D.A. Quarantine/Isolation facilities: Barns 17 (when necessary).
- 301 capacity for Barn Area dormitories & tack room.
- Chapel.

THE SECURITY

- Approximately 30 different federal, state and local law enforcement agencies on-site for Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.
- Agencies include Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD), Louisville SWAT team, Louisville Fire Department, Kentucky National Guard, Kentucky State Police, Jefferson and Grayson County Sheriff's, FBI, U.S. Marshalls, United States Secret Service, DEA, National Weather Service and Department of Homeland Security.
- Vehicle, foot, bicycle and mounted patrol (plus pick pocket and scalping details).
- Bomb sniffing dogs trained for explosive detection sweep the facility.
- Wands/magnetometers.
- Bag searches.
- Approximately 100 security cameras positioned throughout the facility.
- Spotters on rooftop, plus cameras on the Pagoda / Kentucky Derby Winner’s Stand.

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MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 2005

- TOTAL since 2005: $193.8 million
- TOTAL since 2010: $71.4 million

2016 - Clubhouse Enhancements ($18 million)
  - Encompasses 82,000 square feet
  - Will provide better customer experience and an increase in premium seating capacity in those areas by 41% from 1,886 to 2,660
  - Stakes Room
  - Turf Club
  - Turf Club Balcony
  - Roses Lounge
  - Directors Room
  - Clubhouse Balconies

2016 – Broadcast Control Room ($2 million)

2015 – Winner’s Circle Suites & Courtyard ($4.3 million)
  - Enhance the experience for owners that start horses in the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks
  - 21 private, open-air suites
  - Courtyard temporary Derby Week premium seats & a relaxed park-like setting the rest of the year
  - Remodeled Trackside Winner’s Circle (since branded as the G.H. MUMM Winner’s Circle)

2014 – Grandstand Terrace & Rooftop Garden ($19.2 million)
  - 2,400 new seats (six new seating sections) on second and third floors – first addition of new seating on those floors since 1953
  - Significantly expanded and updated restrooms, wagering windows and food and beverage offerings (10,000-square-foot food and beverage plaza)
  - Creation of Roof Top Garden, a hospitality lounge area for VIP guests
  - 51,000 square feet of new space located behind and adjacent to the Grandstand that overlook the Kentucky Derby
  - Additional 14,000 square feet in the Grandstand was renovated
  - Improved facilities and amenities are easily accessible to patrons in more than 20,000 seats – approximately 37% of the track’s seating on Oaks and Derby days

2014 – The Mansion ($4.6 million)
  - Spectacular venue that melds the legendary past of the historic racetrack with an exciting future to provide a lavish ambiance, panoramic views and unprecedented levels of personalized service, elegance and excitement
  - Located on the sixth floor of the Clubhouse (formerly the Media Center from 2005-12)
  - Seating and exclusive entertainment opportunities for more than 320 guests
  - Grand settings in its Dining Room, Living Room, Library, Parlor and Veranda, along with more intimate gathering spaces in its foyer and bar
  - Private elevator

2013 – The Parlay ($3 million)
  - New multi-purpose venue that splits time as an off-track wagering facility and Media Center during live racing
  - 14,000 square feet
  - Accommodates 600 patrons
  - 42 70-inch high definition televisions
  - Food service area
  - 24-foot bar
  - TSC Elite Gold Room

2013 – Plaza & Plaza Balcony ($2.6 million)
  - Razed underutilized and outdated Paddock Pavilion to create 30,000 square feet of open gathering space for general admission patrons to enjoy
  - 35,000 red brick pavers were laid
  - Plaza Balcony provides outdoor covered seating for 218 guests (36 tables of six) complete with flat screen TVs, ceiling fans, lights and close proximity to the Jockey’s Quarters

2010 – Permanent Track Lighting System ($3.8 million)
  - Designed and installed by Iowa-based Musco Lighting
  - 1,012 fixtures atop 50 poles and 25 rooftop structures (each carries 12 to 18 light fixtures)
  - 1,500-watt metal-halide bulbs
  - Fixtures positioned 130 to 140-feet apart by engineers
  - Four 80-foot light poles with only six light fixtures each were installed in front of historic clubhouse and beneath the 120-foot Twin Spires to best sustain the aesthetic and historic integrity of the “off limits” landmark

2005 – Clubhouse & Grandstand Renovation ($122.4 million)

THE MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

- Photo Finish: American Telemeter
- Starting Gate: United Puett
- Television: Churchill Downs Simulcast Productions
- Timer: American Telemeter
- Tote System: United Tote

THE MAIN (DIRT) TRACK

- One-mile oval with a one-mile chute
- 3-inch sandy loam cushion (75% sand, 23% silt, 2% clay)
- 5-inch sandy loam
- 12-inch clay base
- 25-inch sandy/loam natural soil
- Width: 80 feet; backstretch, 79 feet; quarter pole (Kentucky Derby start), 120 feet
- Banking: 4% on turns
- Distance from Kentucky Derby start to finish line: 1,320 feet
- Distance from far turn to finish line: 1,234 ½ feet
- Distance from finish line to clubhouse turn: 113 ½ feet
- 6 Furlongs: 100’ from gate to point where timing begins (1,401’ to turn)
- 7 Furlongs: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (2,085’ to turn)
- 1 Mile: 30’ from gate to point where timing begins (2,745’ to turn)
- 1 1/16 Miles: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (485’ to turn)
- 1 1/8 Miles: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (81’ to turn)
- 1 4/5 Miles: 45’ from gate to point where timing begins (1,463’ to turn)
- 1 ½ Miles: 100’ from gate to point where timing begins (1,401’ to turn)

THE MATT WINN TURF COURSE

- 7/8-mile oval
- Surface: 6-inch high Kentucky 31 Fescue (90%) and Bluegrass (10%)
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- 14-inch course masonry sand
- 25-inch sandy loam/natural soil
- Width: 80 feet
- Banking: 6% on turns
- Distance from far turn to finish line: 1,222 feet
- 5 Furlongs: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (1,095’ to turn)
- 1 Mile: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (815’ to turn)
- 1 3/8 Miles: 50’ from gate to point where timing begins (485’ to turn)
- 1 3/4 Miles: 45’ from gate to point where timing begins (1,095’ to turn)