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## **Records Broken at Iowa Futurities**

In one of the richest combined futurities on record, the Breeders Cup Halter Futurity, the World Conformation Horse Association, and the Iowa Quarter Horse Association combined to pay out over \$500,000 in winnings Sep 22-25, 2011, at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA.

The excitement lasted throughout the week as large crowds gathered to watch the classes. The event drew exhibitors from across the United States and Canada to fill an estimated 550 stalls. The mezzanine above the Jacobson arena was filled with vendors from many states as well, creating multiple shopping and business opportunities.

The Iowa Quarter Horse Futurity has long topped the Equi-Stat charts as one of the richest state futurities, paying out approximately \$100,000 each year. They have both a Breeders Futurity (for horses whose stallion fee was purchased through their stallion auction), and an Open/Non Pro Futurity open to any horse by any sire.

The BCHF paid out \$277,000 in their inaugural weanling futurity. Next year, yearlings will also be eligible, and there is an anticipated payout of \$500,000. The BCHF also held a sale in conjunction with the Futurity on Saturday evening. The top selling horse brought \$44,000 and the top five selling horses averaged \$34,300.

The WCHA paid out \$150,000 in eight divisions, which included open, non-pro, and color breeds. In total, there were 24 classes, each paying ten places deep. This was also their inaugural year. They have several exciting things already in the works for 2012, including strengthening the purse for color breeds.

Along with the futurities, IQHA also offered two AQHA split/combined shows with five total judges. Many exhibitors crossed over and showed in AQHA classes in addition to Futurity classes.

Additional opportunities were created through the IQHA Breeders Futurity and Open/Non Pro Futurity. Many stallions from the BCHF and WCHA were on the list of stallions eligible for the Iowa Breeders Futurity, allowing exhibitors to double or triple dip into all three futurities. Next year, that list promises to be even bigger. To be eligible for the Iowa Breeders Futurity, breedings must be purchased through the IQHA stallion auction, held each year in January.

Nearly \$25,000 was paid out in just the IQHA Open and Non Pro Futurity divisions. Nominations to the 2012 Open/Non Pro Futurity will be on a graduated basis, beginning with a \$50 one-time entry fee prior to Jan 1, 2012. After that date, the entry fee graduates, up to and including show day entries. For more information, go to [www.iowaquarterhorse.com](http://www.iowaquarterhorse.com). There are also links on that site to the BCHF and WCHA organizations.