
The American Cream Draft Horse Association Endorses Bill SJR 2007.

The American Cream Draft Horse Association (ACDHA) was Incorporated in Iowa in 1944 and urges endorsement of SJR2007 designating the American Cream Draft Horse as the State Horse of Iowa.

No other state can claim this honor. Iowans developed the American Cream Draft Horse breed in Iowa, and this breed is the only draft horse breed native to the United States.

Iowa's heritage and prosperity, inseparable from agriculture, is inseparable from how the draft horse provided the power that built our state and our nation.

In the past, Iowa was a leading producer of draft horses for farming and urban labor 1870-1945, and took the lead as the nation's top draft horse-producing state by 1900 when the number of horses on Iowa farms exceeded 1.5 million. And it was within this time period when horse-power was crucial to building farms, farm production, cities and city services, that Iowa farmers invested close to 40 years developing American Cream Draft horses as a uniquely American draft breed.

In the present, science has caught up with entrepreneurship. Genetic testing in 1990 confirmed earlier decisions like the 1948 National Stallion Enrollment Board official Certification of the breed, and the 1950 Iowa Department of Agriculture Recognition of the breed, because the 1990 genetic markers, unique only to the American Cream Draft Horse, verified it as a distinct, new genetic group within the draft horse breed.

With their short-coupled body, refined, well-proportioned head, Cream coat, amber eyes, and pink skin the American Cream Draft Horse is a unique Iowa institution, evoking a sense of pride in Iowa's agricultural heritage and, whether in the Show Ring, on the riding trail, or working as a hitched team, renowned today for their intelligence, strength, trainability, and gentle disposition.

The ACDHA endorses and highly recommends you pass Bill SJR2700, enshrine and elevate this noble breed to its rightful place as the State Horse of Iowa, and claim the State Horse honor only Iowans can claim.

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