Yes, It is a Sport

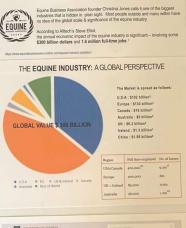




... and I am an athlete









The Georgia equine industry is a healthy and growing segment of the states ecclorum, rune a entitied than 7.4000 horses in Georgia today, and the breeding and care of these horses has an encourse impact of more than 750 million dollars each year. UGA Extension provides resources to help further Georgia's growing reputation in horse production.

While Georgia sint one of the top ten horse producing patent in terms of steer numbers, the quality of Georgia's horses and horse faulties has neared national recognition. One the system, many welltabilished national wate movie the organisations to Georgia, taking advantage of the temperate climate. The most common beneds include Quarter Horses, Tennessee Walkers, Paints, American Saddes and Acadolosas.

THE EQUINE INDUSTRY: A UNITED STATES PERSPECTIVE

Gross Domestic Product

The study documents the accounce impact of the industry in terms of pilos and contribution to the Groose Downell's power to be industry directly produce goods and services of \$3.8 billion and have a sould industry of the industry directly produce goods and services of \$3.8 billion and have a sould industry of \$1.9 billion on \$2. GDP. It is strong in each activity with racing, strowing and recreation each contributing between \$1.0.5 and \$52 billion to the bala wishing direct and services produced by the industry.



Employment The industry employs 701,946 people directly. Some are part-time employees and some are seasonal so this equates to 453,612 full-time equivalent jobs.

The industry supports a total of over 1.4 million FTE jobs across the U.S. as follows:

Racing	146,625	383,826	
Showing	99,051	380,416	
Recreation	128,324	435,082	
Other	79,612	212,010	
Total	453,612	1,411,333	

The industry pays a total of \$1.9 billion in taxes to federal, state and local governments as follows: Federal -388 million State - \$1017 million Local - \$275 million