



## IRISH HILL CENTURY FARM

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I am Rick Burke, owner of Irish Hill Century Farm in Stillwater, New York. My family has been operating Irish Hill Farm since 1883 and we have been honored to receive New York State's Century Farm designation. I have been operating solely as a racehorse breeding operation since 2003.

Our market depends on racehorse owners competing at New York racetracks. NYRA and the way it operates is a critical part of how owners are involved in racing. It has a large impact on all Thoroughbred breeding and training farms in New York State.

Being an instrumental part of the Thoroughbred industry in the State of New York NYRA should have the interest all the stakeholders of the industry in mind. Having voting representatives from NYTB and NYTHA involved in NYRA is essential for those of us who have invested our lives in the industry. An industry that provides 33,000 jobs spread throughout all counties in New York. These are jobs that cannot be automated and which can grow with a more stable and growing NYRA.

We believe that working together to promote the Thoroughbred industry is the best way to go forward for our local communities and for the whole State of New York.

Thank You,

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