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**Interim Statistics on the 2014 Covering Season
As at 26 January 2015
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The Keeper of the Australian Stud Book, Jacqueline Stewart has completed interim statistics on the 2014 Covering Season as at 26 January 2015.

Key Interim Statistics

- Of the top 20 stallions by coverings, 18 were Australian-bred.
- Coverings by Australian-bred stallions as a percentage of total Coverings have continued to increase, with 72% (367) Australian-bred stallions compared with 70% (437) in 2013 and 63% in 1994. Over ten years this is a 9% increase in Australian-bred stallions Coverings as a percentage of total Coverings.
- 39 shuttle stallions covered 4,580 (24%) of the mares compared to 5,464 (23%) in 2013;
- 230 (45%) stallions covered less than 10 mares compared to 305 (49%) in 2013 and 62% in 1994;
- 25 (5%) stallions covered more than 150 mares compared to 23 (4%) in 2013 and 0 in 1994 (Danhill had the largest book in 1994 with 127 covers);

The combination of actual coverings recorded and the forecast coverings yet to be received from late lodgments reveal a decrease of 5% on the 2013 Covering Season.

The forecast for 2014 Covering Season is for 19,177 coverings by 563 stallions a decrease of 5% when compared to the 2013 Covering Season.

1) Number of stallions standing:

2014 Covering Season Recorded (As at 260115)	2014 Covering Season Forecast	2013 Covering Season	Variance Against Recorded	Variance Against Forecast
509	563	621	-112 (-18%)	-58 (-9.3%)

2) Number of mares covered:

2014 Covering Season Recorded (As at 260115)	2014 Covering Season Forecast	2013 Covering Season	Variance Against Recorded	Variance Against Forecast
18,673	19,177	20,191	-1,518 (-7.5%)	-1,014 (-5.0%)

3) State Distribution of Stallions Standing:

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	TAS	NT
2014 Covering Season	175	121	111	64	20	17	1
2013 Covering Season	209	153	144	67	28	20	0
Variance	-34	-32	-33	-3	-8	-3	+1

4) State Distribution of Mares Covered:

	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	TAS	NT
2014 Covering Season	9261	4567	2282	1682	604	276	1
2013 Covering Season	9653	5100	2791	1757	618	272	0
Variance	-392	-533	-509	-75	-14	-4	+1

Given the final estimate of 19,177 coverings for the season, Stewart has calculated the 2015 foal crop to be 13,616, a decrease of 3.3% of the 2014 foal crop estimate currently at 14,081 foals.

Leading stallions by mares covered:

Rank	Stallion	Coverings	Stud	State
1	Pierro (AUS) 2009	220	Coolmore Australia	NSW
2	Snitzel (AUS) 2002	214	Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd	NSW
3	I Am Invincible (AUS) 2004	211	Yarraman Park Stud Pty Ltd	NSW
4	Smart Missile (AUS) 2008	210	Arrowfield Group Pty Ltd	NSW
5	Sebring (AUS) 2005	192	Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd	NSW
6	Fastnet Rock (AUS) 2001	189	Coolmore Australia	NSW
7	Fiorente (IRE) 2008	186	Eliza Park International Pty Ltd	Vic
8	Zoustar (AUS) 2010	185	Widden Stud Australia Pty Ltd	NSW
9	Love Conquers All (AUS) 2006	181	Eliza Park International Pty Ltd	Qld
10	Denman (AUS) 2006	180	Darley	NSW

"I believe that although there will be a decrease in Coverings in the 2014 season it is a marginal decrease in the context of the current economic conditions and worldwide trends" said Jacqueline Stewart – Keeper of the Australian Stud Book. "The Australian Breeding Industry is remarkably resilient and the rationalisation in the numbers of Stallions and Broodmares resulting in a decrease in Coverings is an economic reality not systematic of any inherent frailties in the Breeding Industry" Jacqueline Stewart concluded.

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