FOAL SEASON LESSON
TEACHER GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this lesson, students will explore the ways that Pennsylvania's farming and equine industries operate. Specific lessons will include a closer look at the many people involved in the birth and care of a foal and a mixed lesson with various facts about horses and foals.

MATERIALS

• **Comprehension:** Two printable student worksheets (answers for each are referenced at the bottom of this sheet)

• **Listening & Understanding:** A Bingo game to play while watching the videos

• **Reading:** A list of books to purchase from Amazon and read to your classroom as a part of the lesson

• **Interactive Arts & Crafts:** Students create and color their own race horses by folding and cutting paper, then race them down a slope

• **Technology:** Internet-enabled device connected to a projector or television to play two videos (approximately three minutes each)

TIME

1 hour

BACKGROUND ABOUT FOAL SEASON

Pennsylvania's foal season (the season in which a majority of future race horses are born) is a five-month period from January through May with most foals born in February, March and April.

In an average year, between nearly 2,000 thoroughbred and standardbred foals are born in Pennsylvania. While many more types of horses will also be born throughout the year, thoroughbred and standardbred horses are the ones that may someday become a race horse.

Each foal requires a large team of people to bring the baby horse into the world and care for it. That team includes breeders, farmers, veterinarians and many others. Later, trainers and jockeys will help teach the foal how to be a champion race horse.

Thank you for taking time to teach your class about foal season in Pennsylvania and don't forget to check out the live foal cams at www.pennhorseracing.com/foalcams-education.

WORKSHEET ANSWERS

Word Scramble: 1. Breeder 2. Farmer 3. Groom 4. Veterinarian 5. Blacksmith

True or False?: All of the statements are true!