115 NY-bred horses to be sold at Fasig-Tipton auction today in Maryland

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New York thoroughbred could have a big day in Maryland today. <u>Fasig-Tipton</u> is set to auction off 115 New York-bred mares, race horses and weanlings today at its annual December mixed sale in Timonium, Maryland, near Baltimore.

Harry L. Landry Bloodstock LLC of Saratoga Springs is looking to consign nine horses, including three pregnant mares.

<u>Joe McMahon</u> of <u>McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds</u> has taken eight horses to the Maryland sale.

õThere are some really nice New York-bred weanlings in this sale,ö said <u>Harry õChipö</u> Landry.

Interest in the Timonium auction is high this year, Landry and McMahon said, because it will feature 50 horses from Flying Zee Stable in Delanson, New York. Flying Zee owner and breeder Carl Lizza died in July after a lengthy career running horses in the New York Racing Association circuit. NYRA operates Saratoga Race Course, Aqueduct and Belmont tracks.

Lizza had more wins on NYRA tracks in 2004 and 2005 than any other owner, with 85 victories during that span.

Landry said New York racing continues to draw a lot of interest from horse owners and breeders since NYRA began construction of a slot machine business at Aqueduct. That operation is expected to boost racing purses by nearly \$45 million next year, making the sport more lucrative in New York.

Fasig-Tipton, which conducts sales each August in Saratoga Springs has had a strong year so far as sale prices have spiked due to growing interest in New York and an overall rebound in the industry.

The Timonium sale begins at 10 a.m. today.

õlt will be a busy and productive day,ö said Paget Bennett, Fasig-Tiptonøs director of sales in Maryland.