

# **JAMES W. SIMPSON**

## **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**



James W. Simpson, is the president and CEO of Hanover Shoe Farms (HSF), the largest Standardbred breeding farm in the world. Mr. Simpson also serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Standardbred Breeders Association of PA (SBAP). The SBAP represents some 500 horse breeders with operations in Pennsylvania.

Simpson earned a degree in biology from the University of New Mexico in 1973. He then went on to work as an apprentice with some of the best horsemen in the business and would go on to train and often drive world champion stars whose speed record for two-year-old trotting fillies stood for the better part of two decades.

In 1992, Simpson swapped a seat in the jog cart and sulky for a seat in the boardroom, becoming vice president of Hanover Shoe Farms. Simpson was named president and CEO of the corporation in 1997 and continues to serve in those roles.

Mr. Simpson currently serves as the senior vice president of the Standardbred Horse Sale Company, which operates the annual horse sale at the PA Farm Show. Each year, Hanover Shoe Farms sells some 400 plus yearlings at the auction.

Hanover Shoe Farms provides 90 people and their families with meaningful work, farm-owned homes, health care, and 401k plans. HSF takes care of 1057 world-class racehorses. The cost to maintain the farm, the 3,000 acres of land, and the horses has been estimated at approximately \$21,000 per day or \$7 million per year. In addition, HSF local vendors purchases have doubled since the legalization of slot machines at racetracks.

Simpson was inducted into the Harness Racing Hall of Fame in 2011 and he is the younger son of Hall of Fame Immortal John F. Simpson, Sr. He lives with his wife Georgia in Hanover, PA.