

C&A FARM
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Breeding Season 2010

Thank you for your interest in our Spotted Draft stallion, C&A's Commander.

This breeding package will guide you through the process of booking and breeding your mare to Commander.

We consider Commander to be one of the best of the breed. Not only is he magnificent to look at but he possesses all the qualities anyone would be looking for in a sire. He stamps his foals with athletic bodies and sound minds. Commander is EVA tested negative and his semen ships extremely well.

Our mission at C&A Farm is to breed and promote world class quality Spotted Draft horses. Having had experience with many breeds we believe the Spotted Draft horse has the temperament and versatility to excel in all disciplines. Commander can be crossed with any registered non-gaited breed (except Appaloosa or Ponies) to create a Spotted Draft horse. This allows you, the mare owner, many options for your resulting foal. In addition, your resulting offspring may also be eligible for registration with the American Warmblood Society and other registries. Already, Commander has sired a Medal winner at a recent inspection. To date, Commander has been crossed with Paint, Quarter Horse, TB, Oldenburg, Friesian and Draft mares. All of his offspring are showing the quality and temperament needed to excel in any arena.

Breeding can be challenging. Our customer service and dedication to your needs will help the entire process stay positive. As you review the enclosed materials, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Your interest in Commander confirms there is a wonderful future ahead for this up and coming breed.

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C&A's Commander Breeding Fee Schedule

Breeding Fees 2010

Booking Fee	\$150.00
Stud Fee	\$250.00
Collection/Shipping Fee	\$250.00*

*includes collection and shipping both ways

No live cover, Shipped Semen only

Stud fees are payable by check, money order, PayPal or credit card (Visa & M/C) Make checks payable to C&A Farm. All Fees MUST be paid prior to shipping any semen. All Fees are subject to change without notice.

Discounts (per contracted mare)

Return Customer	\$100.00
Early Booking	\$100.00*
Multiple Mare	\$ 50.00

**Signed contract and booking fee MUST be received by 2-28-10 to qualify for the discount*

Other Fees:

Frozen Semen (no LFG)	\$100.00 dose
Frozen Shipping fee	\$250.00
Dry Shipper Deposit (credit card or check)	\$500.00

Breeding frequently asked questions

Do you have foals available?

Commander Foals – We do have foals born at our farm out of select mares by Commander and do offer them for sale. Frequently they sell within a few days of foaling so if you are interested in purchasing a foal please let us know and we can notify you when we have one available. In addition, some of our breeding customers may have a foal available.

Is Commander Homozygous for tobiano?

Commander is not homozygous for tobiano however he is homozygous for the Black gene. He will never sire a red factored foal. His color genes are EEaa which means he is a true black horse. We do offer a color guarantee with our fresh semen breeding contract and if you get a non colored foal you can breed back for the shipped semen cost only. To date Commander has sired 60% tobiano color on solid mares. Although we breed and promote the colored horses we also have a good market for the solid offspring as well. A good horse is a good horse regardless of color.

Does Commander carry the Lethal White Gene?

Commander is OLWS N/N, therefore he does not carry the Lethal White Gene.

Is Commander part Gypsy, Drum or Friesian? Is he feathered?

No, Commander is 7/8 Percheron and yes he does have some feathering, similar to a Friesian. We shave his feathering off as a preference.

Do you do Live Cover?

No, we do not do any live cover. For safety & health reasons we believe artificial insemination is the proper way to facilitate the breeding process. Commander's semen is of excellent quality and conception rates are above average. We do guarantee the semen quality to meet or exceed the current equine semen shipping protocols.

How is Commanders' semen quality?

Commander has fantastic semen with PMS in excess of 75% at 24 hrs. Post thaw 70% on frozen semen. His conception rates have been 100% for the past several breeding seasons, with 90% of mares settling on first shipment. We often get calls from the breeding managers remarking on the quality of the semen shipped. All semen is guaranteed to meet or exceed current equine semen shipping protocols.

Are the mares required to be registered?

No, the mares do not need to be registered however the foal will not be eligible for registration with NASDHA.

Commander is larger than my mare, will my mare have trouble carrying or delivering the foal?

The mare controls the size of the foal at birth and the uterus will not allow the foal to be too large for delivery. Although genetically the foal may be larger at maturity.

How do I order Semen?

After monitoring your mare closely for pending ovulation you need to call or email by 8PM the day prior to needing the semen shipped. *For example; you need semen for Tuesday delivery you need to call prior to Sunday night at 8PM, semen is collected on Monday and shipped overnight.* We collect 7 days per week however collections can only be shipped Monday through Friday for overnight delivery. Please be certain to check with Fed Ex or UPS for Saturday delivery in your area if you need semen for a weekend. Pay close attention to holidays. We have, in the past, collected on Saturday and shipped for Monday delivery. You can have your shipment delivered to a "Hold at Fed Ex" location. Visit www.fedex.com for more information and locations near you. Be certain to verify the shipping address when you call or email for a semen order and be certain to get a confirmation from our farm if you leave a message. Your tracking information can be emailed to you. For mare owners picking up semen at our farm; notify us by 8PM the day prior to needing the collection. Your semen will be available for pickup at our farm on the same day as the collection. Commanders semen has good motility up to 5 days post collection although for best results we recommend you order the semen as close to ovulation as possible. The sperm cells will live much better inside the mare than inside the container.

How do I return the Container?

Your shipment of semen includes a pre-paid return label and also contains instructions of how to return the container. It is very important the container is returned as soon as the last insemination has been completed.

Is there a container deposit?

It is common practice for a stallion owner to charge a refundable deposit for the semen container in case it is not returned in a timely manner. We have never had a problem with a container not being returned immediately after last insemination so we do not require a deposit for fresh shipping containers at this time. Please be aware there is a container deposit required for frozen semen that is secured with a credit card. This is necessary as the frozen containers are very costly and we need to insure they are well cared for and returned as quickly as possible.

I am new to breeding, what do I need to do?

First, we recommend you have a veterinarian that is experienced with Equine Reproduction. They can help guide you through the entire process. In addition, it is highly recommended you do a breeding soundness exam and make sure your mare is in good breeding condition. Your veterinarian can closely monitor your mare for impending ovulation. Your veterinarian may also use hormones to help regulate your mare's cycle; this will often help take the "guess work" out of the process. Certainly ask us any questions you may have about the breeding process. We are here to help you have a successful breeding experience.

What costs will I be responsible for if my mare does not conceive on the first shipment?

Although most mares settle on the first shipment, if you require an additional shipment of semen the cost of \$250.00 will be necessary to ship additional shipments. Your booking fee ensures you will never be charged more than the \$250.00 per shipment. Your contract includes a Live Foal Guarantee; this means if you do not get your mare in foal in the current year or she losses the foal you can rebreed the following year. You may substitute a mare, with written permission only. This is why the breeding soundness exam is critical, if there is any reason your mare cannot conceive or has an infection the BSE will help identify that.

Can I bring my mare to your farm for breeding?

I have limited stall space but can sometimes accommodate outside mares. Fees are the same for collection and there are additional mare care and sometimes vet fees you would be responsible for. If you are interested in having us inseminate your mare please contact us to review details and availability. In some instances, if you live within a reasonable distance, I can bring the semen to you and inseminate your mare for you at no additional cost. In addition, there are several reproductive clinics in the area and I would be happy to refer you to one.

Can we visit the farm and Commander if we will be in the area?

Certainly!! Although we do require advance notice so we may schedule a time to show you our horses. Often times we allow people to ride Commander here at our farm.

