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NJ-bred star Eleven North turns 30

The famous multiple stakes-winning New Jersey-bred mare Eleven North, who is honored with a stakes race in her name, turned 30 on March 19, 2024. Bred by Carolyn Sleeter and born on Sleeter Farm in Clementon, Eleven North entered the starting gate 40 times over the course of six years and reached the winner's circle 16 times. She won 10 stakes during her career, finished second and third six times each (half of them stakes-placings), and retired with earnings of \$459,755.

Raced in the name of Gerald Sleeter and trained by Kevin Sleeter, she is a homebred through-and-through, as a daughter of Sleeter Farm stallion Northern Idol out of Sleeter-bred Image's Image, by one of the first stallions the Sletters ever stood, Better Arbitor.

The 16th running of the Eleven North Handicap, for NJ-bred fillies and mares, will be run during the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival presented by Malouf Auto Group Sunday, August 25, 2024, at Monmouth Park.



**New Jersey-bred Eleven North
and her breeder, Carolyn Sleeter,
at Sleeter Farm in Clementon.**



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Governor Murphy announces Ed Wengryn as New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture

Governor Phil Murphy announced that Edward D. Wengryn will serve as the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture, following his appointment by the State Board of Agriculture March 22. He becomes the eighth Secretary of Agriculture in New Jersey since the Department was established in 1916.

The State Board of Agriculture unanimously confirmed the appointment, which the governor approved. Since July 1, 2023, Assistant Secretary Joe Atchison III has directed the Department of Agriculture, assuming the responsibilities of Secretary, after the retirement of Secretary Douglas Fisher. Secretary Wengryn took over March 25.

"I am proud to announce the appointment of Ed Wengryn to serve as New Jersey's Secretary of Agriculture," said Gov. Murphy. "As the Garden State, agriculture is one of the most important facets of our state's identity and heritage. Ed comes from a farming family and is a passionate advocate for our agricultural community. I am confident that his experience and leadership will benefit the many residents who depend on the Department's programs and services, including for access to healthy, locally

grown food. Ed will help to ensure that the agricultural community remains top of mind as we continue to expand economic opportunities for businesses across our state.

"I also want to thank Assistant Secretary Joe Atchison for this exemplary leadership following the retirement of the state's longtime Secretary of Agriculture, Douglas Fisher," continued the governor. "Joe has led with dedication and commitment, and his reliable and steady leadership has served as an asset to the Department."

"I want to thank the State Board of Agriculture for the nomination and the opportunity to serve the agriculture industry in New Jersey as Secretary," said Ed Wengryn. "I also want to thank Gov. Murphy for his support and approval of my nomination. As the grandson of Ukrainian immigrants who settled here in New Jersey as farmers, I am humbled and honored to be able to lead an agency that has been critical to the success of not only my family, but all the farming families in New Jersey. I look forward to ensuring the Department succeeds in its multifaceted missions and to serving the citizens of our great Garden State."

Since 1998, Ed Wengryn served with the New Jersey Farm Bureau, where he worked closely with farming communities. His field work included the direct marketing of farm products as well as oversight on issues such as sales taxes. His work at the Farm Bureau spanned ornamental horticulture, land use, forestry, and equine and other livestock issues.

From 2002 through 2004, he served as Confidential Assistant to Charles Kuperus, the Secretary of Agriculture for the State of New Jersey, where he coordinated the development of industry-specific action plans to improve the economic viability of New Jersey's varied agriculture sectors.

Since 2009, Wengryn has represented the private agriculture sector on the New Jersey Industry Advisory Council at the State Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, ensuring concerns of the agricultural community are considered in State emergency response plans. This work was critical for keeping agricultural businesses open and running during the recent COVID-19 public health emergency.

Rutgers Equine Science Center Horse Management Seminar virtual edition

The virtual Horse Management Seminar took place over three Tuesday evenings in February. Topics covered included Pasture Management on Day 1, Senior Horse Care on Day 2, and Health and Welfare on Day 3. The attendance was between 220-250 each evening with

about 50-75 questions asked. Nine other countries in addition to the U.S. were in attendance, with new participating countries this year being the U.K., Philippines and Peru, joined by returning countries Portugal, Brazil, Canada, Russia, Nigeria and Mexico.

The videos from the Seminar will be posted on the Equine Science Center YouTube page for those who might have missed it! You can view them by typing the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKZUbdHAbpJrAQXUNqaCdIw>



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- Owner An owner member shall be a person who owns a registered New Jersey- bred; who submits an application for membership, and pays the membership dues. An owner member will not have voting rights.
- Associate An associate member is a person who is interested in owning, breeding, or racing horses in the State of New Jersey or in fostering economic activity through the breeding, ownership and/or racing of horses in the State of New Jersey. An associate member will not have voting rights.

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A check or money order for \$100.00 must accompany this form. Spouses are encouraged to join the **TBANJ** under joint membership status. This fee would total \$150.00 per couple. Each spouse must fill out a separate form to accompany the payment. Membership will be effective upon receipt and will be in force each calendar year and must be renewed annually.

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