

# Fruitful Acres Farm

*Blue Diamond Horseshoe, Where James Street Calls Home,  
20 Acre State the Art Facility in Aguanga*

Not quite two years have passed since Fruitful Acres Farm, in conjunction with Blue Diamond Horseshoe LLC, has opened in Aguanga, California.

What used to be sparsely populated land is now being cultivated into a state of the art equine property. Blue Diamond Horseshoe's Mike



Tippett, who is partnered with Fruitful Acres's Vincent Harris, dove into the game alongside his wife Debbie by claiming a horse when they had "empty nest syndrome." Now they have some 40 horses on the farm, including five stallions that will call Fruitful Acres home for the upcoming breeding season.

James Street will stand for \$10,000. The handsome son of El Prado (Ire) – Alleyndale, by Unbridled drew rave views on the track, earning \$637,723 and winning the G2 Autumn Stakes, G3 Seagram Cup Stakes, and the G3 Durham Cup Stakes. "He got here late in 2014," Tippett said, "and covered 14 mares during a short season with no advertising. He has gotten a warm welcome in this state."

James Street's dam Alleyndale has produced five winners from six foals to race, including the ten-time winner Alleynes Bay. James Street's second dam is the multiple stakes winning Vice Regent mare In My Cap, making her a half-sister to the graded stakes placed winners Marie J and Chekhov. He hails from the same family as G1 winners Albert the Great and Trumpet's Blare.

The dual stakes-placed Lightnin N Thunder moved to Fruitful Acres for the 2014 breeding season. The son of Storm Cat is out of the G1 winning Stalwart mare Things Change. Lightnin N Thunder has produced the earners of more than \$5.4 million, with 66% winners from runners. He has six stakes winners, including the brilliant Korean two-year-old Bulpae Gisang, who was named a champion in that country twice. He also has United States stakes winners La Chica Sensual (\$379,595) and Ima Jersey Girl (\$258,454).

Wolfcamp (\$3,000), another son of El Prado (Ire), joined James Street when retiring midway through the breeding season in 2014. The stakes-placed runner won seven of 24 starts and earned \$189,148. Wolfcamp's dam, the Numerous mare Bauhauser (Arg), was a grade 3 winner in both the United States and Argentina. "He gets overlooked," Tippett said. "His

foals are gorgeous. Wolfcamp himself is the spitting image of El Prado in the body, with a very specific hip and shoulder."

Hidden Blessing (\$1,500) is the first racehorse the Tippetts ever owned. "We just think there's something special about him," Tippett said.

"There's a look in his eye." Hidden Blessing is by Orientate – Fast 'n Fleet, by Mr. Greeley. He ran 44 times, winning seven and finishing third or better 21 times. Fast 'n Fleet produced four winners from five foals to race, including the dual New York G2-placed Remand.

Tigah rounds out the stallion roster. He is the only graded stakes winning son of Dalakhani (Ire), the 2003 European Horse of the Year, to stand in California. After beginning his career in Europe, Tigah won the G3 San Francisco Mile Stakes on the grass at Golden Gate Fields. He won eight of 31 starts for earnings of \$369,350. His first foals will arrive in 2016.

Some of the recent additions to the property include 12 24x72 foot paddocks, and 13 24x96 foot paddocks. The entire property has been fenced with four-rail vinyl, and a reproduction area includes an ultrasound machine, cameras on the mares' stalls, and a palpation chute.

Ten acres of alfalfa are being planted, while a 2000 square foot hay barn has been installed. The greatest addition, however, will be a \$75,000 investment into an United Fodder Solutions unit, which produces 2,500 pounds of fodder per day.

"It is making its way into the Thoroughbred market," Tippett said. "It is a 100% self contained building that won't eliminate alfalfa, but will make us more efficient. Research points to improved digestive health and a big reduction in colic. The unit can operate in the dead of winter in Kentucky and the heat of summer in Dubai."

Visit Fruitful Acres to see the improvements and inspect the stallions. The CTFMA is having a bus tour featuring six farms on Saturday, November 21, 2015, including Fruitful Acres & Blue Diamond Horseshoe, which will host a barbeque luncheon from 11:00am to 1:00pm for anybody who would like to tour the facility.