



**SUNFLOWER FARMS**

## **SUNFLOWER SEEDS**

*August 1, 2008*

It's HOT!! Even the mosquitos are hiding out! The horses are coming in an hour or two early on the worst days to escape the heat. Please make sure that your bottles of fly spray are filled, as many of them are nearly or completely empty. Also, make sure you spray your horse's croup thoroughly, since those inch-long horse flies that send them into bucking frenzies have started to cruise the pastures.

We have a few new boarders to welcome to Sunflower. In G Barn, we have Pumba and Mel in with Michelle Lyons, and Sonny with owner Julia Rea. In F Barn we welcome Sam and his human Becky Steadman.

The new limestone turnouts between E and G are mostly finished and ready for use, increasing by six the number of turnouts available to the E/F/G complex.

We have two shows this month. The first, on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, is our last IDCTA show of the season. Both the show ring and the warm-up area will be in the large outdoor arena, weather permitting. As always, volunteers are very much appreciated, and vital to the success of our shows! Thank you in advance!

The second show is on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, and will be Sunflower's first hunter/jumper show. Look for more details

posted around the barn as the show date approaches.

A reminder: because lunging takes up a significant portion of an arena, and because horses on a lunge line may behave differently from horses under saddle, we have some special rules for lunging in the riding arenas. Only one horse at a time may lunge in an arena unless there are no riders. If there is a lesson in progress, you **MUST** ask the trainer before lunging your horse. They may be practicing a test, jumping a course, or working with a green horse or rider.

Finally, please help up keep down electricity prices by turning lights off! It's good for your barn, it's good for the planet, it keeps the barns and common areas cooler, and at night it makes a big difference in how many bugs find their way into the barn.



**"Somewhere behind the rider you've become, the hours of practice you've put in, and the endless dollars spent, is the little girl who fell in love with a horse and never looked back. Ride for her."**

*-Anonymous*