There's an old Arab saying that there is no treasure like a mare in foal with a filly at her side.

Some fillies grow up to be outstanding producers themselves, as we discovered when investigating the leading Egyptian producers of champion offspring. Of the 20 mares in this study, eight are mother/daughter pairs, and a ninth is sired by a full brother. All of these mares are straight Egyptian by Pyramid Society definition, and 10 of the 20 are imported. Three are all-Babson breeding, while the others combine Babson with Nazeer (two of the mares) or are all Nazeer-related. (Sixteen of the 20 carry lines to Nazeer, and four of the mares are his daughters.)

Four Egyptian breeders can take credit for most of the mares included here. Ansata bred, owned for a time, or imported four of the mares (Sabrah, Ansata Sabiha, Ansata Delilah and *Ansata Bint Zaafarana). Babson bred three of the mares (Sabrah, Aaroufa, and Maarena) and a fourth, the leading Egyptian dam of champions, RDM Maar Hala, is half-Babson. Gleanloch imported seven of the mares (*Bint Mona, *Bint Maisa El Saghira++, *Kahramana, *Magidaa, *Sanaaa, *Bint Nehisaa and *Deena), and bred four others (Kisra, Imperial Fanniya, Bint Magidaa, and Negmaa). Imperial Egyptian Stud has owned five of the mares and bred champions from them, including *Amala, *Malekat El Gamal, Imperial Fanniya, Negmaa, and *Deena. (All but *Deena are still alive, and on the Imperial property, so more of the leading Egyptian producing mares can be seen there than anywhere else).

We salute these exquisite ladies, whose offspring have helped spread the fame of the beauty of the Egyptian Arabian.

RDM Maar Hala (El Hilal x Maar Jumana)

RDM Maar Hala, the top-producing Egyptian mare of all time, is proudly owned by the Cruzes of Rancho Bulakenyo in California. A reserve halter champion, she is a daughter of U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Stallion El Hilal, the leading Egyptian sire of all time, in both number of champions and number of national winners. RDM Maar Hala is out of the straight Babson mare Maar Jumana, a daughter of the fine mare Maar–Ree (featured on the cover of the May 1987 Arabian Horse Times). RDM Maar Hala's eight champions are by six different sires. Her son Maar Ibn Ali, a junior halter champion, is by Ruminaja Ali (whose dam and both granddams are both included here!). Her son ET Crown Prince is a halter champion by The Egyptian Prince. He is the paternal grandsire of 1989 Canadian Reserve National Champion Stallion *Simeon Shai! Her son Maar Ibn Amaal is a reserve grand halter champion sired by...
the *Morafic son Amaal.

Another son, halter champion Halim El Mansour, is by *Ansata Ibn Halima+++ and has sired champions himself. Her daughter Bint Maar Hala (by Shaikh Al Badi) is also a halter champion. RDM Maar Hala’s daughter, Maatrabi, is by the *Morafic son Al Metrabi++ and is a reserve junior halter champion as a yearling. She has also produced two national winners: 1983 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion El Halimaar (by *Ansata Ibn Halima+++), sire of 1987 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Mare Maar Bilalah; and 1984 U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Futurity Stallion Prince Ibn Shaikh, also a champion producer.

* Ansata Sabiha (*Ansata Ibn Halima+++ x Sabrah) is a full sister to U.S. National Champion Mare Fa Halima. Like her dam, Sabrah has produced four national winners.

Sabrah (Fabah x Serasab)

Sabrah, age 25, is a straight Babson mare. (She was featured in the article “Like Mother, Like Daughter” in the April, 1988, Pyramid Report as she and her daughter Ansata Sabiha are the only straight Egyptian mother/daughter pair to have produced four national winners each.) Sabrah’s five champions are: performance champion Sar Fadl Halim (by *Ansata Ibn Halima+++), 1980 U.S. National Champion Mare Fa Halima (by *Ansata Ibn Halima+++), 1976 U.S. National Trail and English Pleasure AOTR Reserve Champion and 1978 U.S. Top Ten Native Costume winner Ansata El Reyhan++ (by Ansata Ibn Sudan), 1983 Canadian Top Ten English Pleasure winner Ala Bhaba (by *Ibn Moniet El Nefous) and 1984 U.S. Top Ten Western Pleasure winner AK Lateef (also by *Ibn Moniet El Nefous).

Ansata Sabiha (*Ansata Ibn Halima+++ x Sabrah)

Ansata Sabiha is a full sister to U.S. National Champion Mare Fa Halima, and has produced five champions herself. One, halter reserve champion Glorieta Saafrana, is by Ansata Abu Nazeer. Two are by Ansata Shah Zaman: 1977 U.S. National Champion Futurity Stallion and 1978 Canadian Reserve National Champion Stallion Ansata Shah Zam (sire of six national winners in halter), and 1978 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Ansata


*Bint Mona (Nazeer x Mona)

*Bint Mona was imported by Gleannloch, and owned at the end of her life by Jim Kline of California. Her five champions are by four different sires. By *Ansata Ibn Halima++, she produced 1972 Canadian Top Ten Stallion Mohssen (a sire of national winners in halter and performance). By *Morafic, she produced 1971 U.S. National Champion Futurity Mare and 1971 and 1972 U.S. Top Ten Mare II Muna and 1973 U.S. Top Five Futurity Mare Bint Mona. By *Ibn Hafiza, she produced reserve junior halter champion Atteyah Riyala. By *Zaghoul, she produced 1979 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Ibn Zaghoul (a sire of champions). Four of *Bint Mona’s sons (Mohssen, Melouki, The Egyptian Prince and *Ibn Antar) have sired national winners, and her influence is noted in Egyptian-bred horses also (*Ibn Antar is the maternal grandsire of 1988 U.S. National English Pleasure Champion Canadian Love+++!)

* Bint Mona (Nazeer x Mona) is the dam of five champions, four of them national winners in halter.
Imperial Fanniya
(*Faleh ++ x *Deenaa)

Imperial Fanniya, bred by Gleannloch, is a granddaughter of both Alaa El Din and Sameh. Her sire is a multi-national native costume and sidesaddle champion, and her dam also appears in this article. Imperial Fanniya was a successful show mare and all five of her champions were bred by her current owners, Imperial Egyptian Stud of Maryland. Imperial Fanniya's champions include: halter champion Imperial Farfuri (by *Ibn Moniet El Nefous), 1985 Region XV Reserve Champion Mare and East Coast Champion Mare Imperial Naffata (by Moniet El Nafis), reserve grand halter champion Royal Amirah (by Ansata Imperial), reserve junior halter champion Imperial Im Fanjari (by Ansata Imperial), and 1988 Region XVIII Top Five Mare Imperial Janeesah (by Imperial Im Jasim).

*Amalaa (Mowaffac x *Aminaa)

*Amalaa is a triple Naezer-bred mare whose sire is a paternal brother to U.S. National Champion Stallion Amurath Bandolero+. Her dam is a daughter of Ibn Maisa, whose full sister Bint Maisa El Saghira++ appears in this study. *Amalaa's five champions are Imperial-bred, and are by two different sires. By Amalaa, she produced halter champion Imperial Tayyar. By Ansata Imperial, she produced: junior halter champions Imperial Intadaa and Imperial Imalana; 1985 Region XV Reserve Champion Stallion Imperial Im Jasim (sire of one of Imperial Fanniya's champions); and 1982 Region XV Reserve Champion Mare, 1984 East Coast Reserve Champion Mare, 1983 Region XV Champion Mare, and 1984 Region XV Top Five Mare Imperial Imalaa.

Ansata Delilah
(Ansata Shah Zaman x *Ansata Bint Misr)

Ansata Delilah, bred by Ansata Arabian Stud, Mena, Ark., has spent her life as a broodmare. She has produced five champions by four different sires. By *Ansata Ibn Halima++, she produced reserve halter champions Ansata Emir Halim and Ansata Haji Halim. By *Jamil, she produced halter champion Ansata Haji Jamil. By Ansata Ibn Sudan, she produced halter champion Ansata Amon Ra and 1979 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Ansata Imperial, sire of four national winners and head sire at Imperial Egyptian stud (his talent as a sire enabled the Imperial mares in this study to qualify!).

*Bint Maisa El Saghira++ (Naezer x Maisa) is the only Egyptian mare to win top ten titles in halter, English pleasure and park. She produced five champions including U.S. Reserve National Champion Futurity Stallion Shaikh Al Badi.

*Bint Maisa El Saghira++, a Gleannloch import, was one of the most successful Egyptian show mares. She was named a 1964 U.S. Top Ten Park winner and a 1965 U.S. Top Ten Mare and English Pleasure winner. Her five champions are by three different sires. By *Fahid (an Antar son), she produced junior halter champion Dahmah Il Ashekwar. By *Ibn Hafiza, she produced 1978 Region XVII Top Five Stallion and 1979 Region XVII Reserve English Pleasure Champion Shamrak++ (maternal grandsire of 1988 U.S. Reserve National Champion Mare Maisa
El Mars). By *Morafic, she produced reserve junior halter champion Radia, 1974 Region IX Top Five Mare Rihalnna (a champion producer), and 1972 U.S. Reserve National Champion Futurity Stallion Shaikh Al Badi, sire of 13 national winners and the top-siring son of *Morafic in number of champions sired (more than 70 to date). Unshown, champion-producing offspring of *Binta Missa El Saghira+++ include Nafaariti, Dahmah Shahwaniah, and Amaal (sire of champions out of several of the mares in this study).

*Kahramana (Antar x Kamar) produced five champions.

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*Kahramana is a Nazeer granddaughter imported by Gleannloch. She produced five champions, all bred by Gleannloch. Two are by the *Morafic son Amaal: junior halter champion Shirzada and 1980 Region XV Top Five Western Pleasure winner and 1981 East Coast Top Five Gelding and English pleasure reserve champion Imperial Ibn Amaal. By *Morafic, she produced 1977 U.S. Top Five Futurity Stallion Shah Nishan+ (sire of three of the champions out of *Kahramana; also featured here); halter champion Fehris (sire of U.S. National Champion Futurity Gelding Omaan); and 1976 U.S. National Champion Futurity Stallion, 1978 U.S. Top Ten English Pleasure winner and Canadian Top Ten Stallion Ibn Morafic+++ (sire of two national winners).

Bint Magidaa (*Khofo++ x *Magidaa)

Bint Magidaa, a reserve halter champion and a granddaughter of *Morafic, is out of *Magidaa, who also appears in this study. All of Bint Magidaa’s champions are by Shaikh Al Badi (whose own dam, *Binta Missa El Saghira++, also appears in this article). Thus, all of her champions come from three generations of top-producing Egyptian mares! Her champions are: halter champions Ruminaja Fayez and Ruminja Majed; 1985 Region IV Top Five Stallion Ruminja Bahjat (a champion producer); 1987 U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Futurity Stallion Alidaar; and 1979 U.S. National Champion Futurity Stallion, 1980 U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Stallion, and 1983 U.S. Reserve National Champion Stallion Ruminaja Ali (sire of two national winners).

Kisra (*Ibn Hafiza x *Omnia)

Kisra, who was bred by Gleannloch, is presently owned by Andrew and Dorian Well of Dorian Farms in Campbell Hall, N.Y. Kisra’s sire, *Ibn Hafiza, sired three national winners in performance, and her dam, *Omnia, also produced multi-regional halter winner Abenhetep, a sire of regional winners in halter and performance and a full brother to Kisra. Kisra’s four champions are by two different sires. By Halim El Mansour, she produced halter reserve champion Dorian Bint Kisra (who is both a daughter and paternal granddaughter of mares included here). By Shah Nishan+, Kisra has produced reserve halter champion Dorian Ibn Shah, junior halter champion Dorian Sha Nishana, and 1984 Region XVI Reserve Pleasure Driving Champion and East Coast Reserve Champion Stallion Dorian Shah El Shams.

*Malekat El Gamal
(Waseem x Nagidia)

*Malekat El Gamal is a double Nazeer granddaughter imported by Imperial

*Malekat El Gamal (Waseem x Nagidia) a multi-halter champion herself, has produced four champions by different sires.
Stud, breeders of all of her four champions (save one which was imported en utero). *Malekat El Gamal was a successful show mare, named 1978 East Coast Top Five Mare. Her imported champion is halter champion *Imperial Sayyah (by Kayed). Her other champions are by three different sires: halter champion Imperial Nafillah (by Moniet El Nafis), reserve junior halter champion Imperial Im Mahal (by Ansata Imperial), and 1988 Regions XV and XVI Top Five Gelding and Region XVIII Reserve Champion Gelding Imperial O Rasadi (by *Orashan).

**Bint Nefisaa**
(Nazeer x Nefisa)

*Bint Nefisaa, imported by Gleannloch, produced two champions by *Morafic: halter reserve champion II Nur and halter champion El Sabour. Her daughter Nourah, by *Ansata Ibn Halima++, is also a halter champion. *Bint Nefisaa's son, U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Stallion El Hilal (by *Ansata Ibn Halima++), is the leading Egyptian sire of all time, both in number of champions and in number of national winners. It is fitting that the top-producing Egyptian mare of all time, RDM Maar Hala, is an El Hilal daughter (and a *Bint Nefisaa granddaughter!).

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Negmaa (*Ansata Ibn Halima++ x *Bint Nefisaa)

Negmaa, bred by Gleannloch, is currently part of the Imperial Egyptian Stud broodmare band. In the tradition of her full brother, El Hilal, and dam, *Bint Nefisaa, she is a top producer. Negmaa is the dam of four champions, all sired by *Morafic sons. Her son Ruminaja Attallah (by Shaikh Al Badi) is a halter champion, and sire of 1984 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Shaikh Al Tarafic. Her daughter Taza Jaliya, also by Shaikh Al Badi, is a reserve halter champion. Her son Ruminaja Omar (by *Ibn Moniet El Nefous), is a 1985 Region XVIII Top Five Stallion. Her daughter, Imperial Bint Negmaa (by Moniet El Nafis), is the 1987 Region XVIII Champion Mare.

*Deenaa (Sameh x Dahma II) is the dam of four champions and her daughter Imperial Fanniya is also included in this study.*

**Deenaa**
(Sameh x El Dahma)

*Deenaa is a true three-quarter sister to 1971 U.S. National Champion Mare *Serenity Sonbolah, as she, too, is by Sameh out of a Nazeer daughter. *Deenaa, a Gleannloch import, was last owned by the St. Clair Arabian Stud, and her daughter Imperial Fanniya also appears in this study. *Deenaa is the dam of four champions: halter champion Narimaan (by *Morafic), South African National Champion Stallion Ahr (also by *Morafic), halter champion and Legion of Merit winner Hanan++ (by *Morafic), and halter champion Imperial Fanniya (by *Faleh++). *Deenaa's daughter, Bint Deenaa (by *Ansata Ibn Halima++), is the dam of junior halter champion Amir Alh; of reserve grand champion stallion and successful sire Ibn El Mareekh, one of the leading sires at the 1989 Egyptian Event; and of reserve junior champion colt Anaza Bay Shahh.

**Aaroufa**
(Fay-El-Dine x *Maaroufa)

Babson-bred Aaroufa is a full sister to three producers of national winners. Her daughter Fada has produced three different producers of national winners as well. Maarana (also featured here), Fadi Dan, and Fa Moniet. Aaroufa's four champions include: 1981 Region XI Park Champion Mahrouf (by Fabah), 1965 U.S. Top Ten Park winner Bint Aaroufa (by Fa Serr), 1973 Canadian Top Ten Mare Arousier (also by Fa Serr), and Roufas...
Aaroufa (Fay-El-Dine x *Maaroufa) is the dam of four champions and her daughter Fada has also produced three different dams of national winners. Photo courtesy of Judith Forbes.


*Magidaa (Alaa El Din x Maysa)*

*Magidaa, a Glennloch import, is a Nazeer granddaughter now owned by the St. Clairs of Florida. Her exceptional record as a broodmare includes five champions: reserve junior champion filly Anaza Madeenaa (by Ibn El Mareekh), halter reserve champion Bint Magidaa (by *Khofo*), 1975 U.S. National Champion Futurity Mare Shafeekah (by *Morafic*), 1978 and 1980 Canadian Top Ten English Pleasure winner and 1978 Canadian Top Ten Pleasure Driving winner Sugaa++/ (by *Sakr++*) and 1974 U.S. National Champion Futurity Stallion and 1975 and 1976 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Nabiel+/- (by *Sakr++*). Nabiel+/- is the sire of seven national winners and is currently the leading living Egyptian sire of champions (with 109 known to date! (See article on Nabiel+/- elsewhere in this issue.)

Sanaaa (Sid Abouhom x Yashmak) produced four champions and three national winners.


*Ansata Bint Zaafarana (Nazeer x Zaafarana), the dam of four champions (all by *Ansata Ibn Halima++), was one of the original Ansata imports in 1959.

*Ansata Bint Zaafarana (Nazeer x Zaafarana)*

*Ansata Bint Zaafarana was one of the original Ansata imports in 1959, and was owned by Ansata for her entire breeding career. She is a full sister to 1969 U.S. Top Ten Stallion *Talal. Her four champions are all by *Ansata Ibn Halima++: halter champion Ansata Aziza (dam of 1984 U.S. Top Ten Futurity Stallion Ansata Ibn Aziza), halter reserve champion Ansata Divina, 1967 Canadian Top Ten Stallion Ansata Ali Pasha, and 1978 U.S. Top Ten Stallion Ansata El Nisr (sire of six national winners as well as 1988 Egyptian Event Supreme Champion.
Halim Witez. *Ansata Bint Zaafarana is also the dam of Ansata Abu Nazeer, sire of U.S. Top Ten Futurity Mare and national-winner producer Glorieta Maarqesal (a national-winner producer herself).

**Maareena (Fabah x Fada)**

Maareena is all Babson breeding, and she is the second Fabah daughter in this study. Maareena's full brother, halter champion Fadl Dan, sired many times U.S. Top Ten Trail winner Fa Dim. Maareena's maternal granddam, Aaroufa, is also included in this study. Three of Maareena's champions are by *Ibn Moniet El Nefous: halter champion AK Monareena; 1982 Region XV and East Coast Champion Stallion, 1984 Region XV Reserve Champion Stalloan, and 1987 Region XIV Champion Stallion AK El Zahr Moniet; and 1981 U.S. and Canadian Top Ten Native Costume winner AK Bareem. Maareena's fourth champion is six-time national dressage winner Serr Maariner (by Ibn Fa Serr, thus straight Babson). Serr Maariner's son, Pri Serr Sudan, was named a 1984 U.S. Top Ten First Level Dressage winner.

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**MAAROUFA'S GIFT**

*Research by Arlene Magid*

When one examines top Egyptian mares as producers in the United States, it is impossible to overlook the contributions of the Babson mare *Maaroufa.*

A full sister to the legendary stallion *Fadl (Ibn Rabdan x Maharussa), *Maaroufa founded one of the most successful dam lines of Egyptian mares in recent times. Incredibly, she is the dam of six producers of national winners, and the list of championships earned by her descendants is incalculable.

*Maaroufa was bred by Prince Mohammed Ali in Egypt, and imported as a yearling in 1932, by Henry Babson of Illinois. A lovely grey with black mane and silver tail, *Maaroufa was of the Kuhaylan Jellabiya strain, tracing in tail female to the original Jellabiya mare of Abbas Pasha, the Jellabiya Faysul. According to Judith Forbis in The Classic Arabian Horse: "Today, the Jellabi strain in America survives in straight Egyptian stock primarily through *Maaroufa.*"

This mare had 15 straight Egyptian foals, 13 by Fay-El-Dine and two by Fa Serr. (*Maaroufa died in 1960, at the grand old age of 29.) Of those foals, the six who went on to produce national winners were Aaroufa, Fay Ufa, Bint Maaroufa, Maarou, Faaris and Maarou.


The regional and Class A champions produced by *Maaroufa's* offspring form a list far too long to print here. Suffice it to say that, clearly, this is one of the most influential Egyptian female lines in the production of champions.

*Aaaroufa (full sister to *Fadl) and Maarou in 1948, with Mrs. Babson in the background, at the Babson farm.*