

What to Expect When You Breed to Contango, Preferent

Contango continues to produce Grand Prix horses for dressage and jumping. They are recognized for their exceptional character and work ethic. As athletes they have powerful movement and active hind ends—ideal for jumping and dressage. Contango's offspring come into their own as they mature. As they develop into riding horses, their best qualities emerge.

Offspring Characteristics

- Exceptional character and work ethic
- Powerful hind end, with good use of the hind leg
- Sensible and easy to manage
- Like to be in front of a crowd
- Jumpers have great heart and easy take-off
- Dressage prospects are balanced and easy to collect
- Rectangular shape
- Long neck
- Vertical neck set (desirable in dressage horses)
- Good muscling of the neck (topline)
- Withers high
- Long, sloping shoulder
- Croup is long and slightly sloped (Too much slope is not desirable because the pelvis can't be flexible, which is needed for collection, especially in the piaffe and passage.)
- Good amount of muscling in the haunches, which adds power
- Good straight front legs, not over or under at the knee
- Slightly sloped pasterns
- Large symmetrical feet (wide)
- Long-strided and elastic trot, with a lot of power
- Powerful, long-strided canter with good carrying power

Ideal Pairing

Contango is not recommended for mares with:

- Very sloping long pasterns
- Short length of poll
- Heavy throatlatch
- Roach back
- Sickie hocks
- Low in the heel
- Walk that is short strided and toed out
- Flat croup