

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a 44 lb bag of low-grain, oat-free German muesli with sugar at just 5.30% and starch at 18.30%, delivering 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy for western horses in work at \$37.99. Best for owners of easy-keeping, metabolism-sensitive horses who still need a working ration. Last checked: September 2026.

Your horse gains weight on a whisper and every feed conversation ends in "just feed hay, and less of it". But he has a job, and hay alone does not carry a working horse's vitamin, mineral and protein needs. Here are nine ways this formula supports a ration that respects a careful metabolism while still fueling the job.

1. Sugar at 5.30% — low, and stated on the label

Sugar is held to 5.30% per the published nutrition panel. When metabolic caution is part of the conversation, the sugar number is the first one to ask for, and this one is printed in black and white. The full panel is on the bifid product page.

Who this is for: owners who have given up finding a feed that publishes a low sugar figure.

2. Starch at 18.30% in a low-grain formula

The feed is labeled low-grain and high-energy, with starch at 18.30%. Moderate starch per kilogram supports a calmer metabolic picture than the concentrated grain loads of traditional sweet feeds.

The benefit: a working concentrate that is not built on a starch flood.

3. Energy from forage: 28% alfalfa

The biggest single ingredient is alfalfa at 28% — a forage, not a grain. Forage-led energy is the direction most metabolic conversations end up pointing, and here it comes inside one complete, balanced bag.

Who this is for: horses that do best when the ration leans on hay-family ingredients.

4. Oat-free for one less variable

The formula contains no oats at all. For an owner managing a careful metabolism, removing the classic high-starch grain from the ingredient list keeps the ration simpler to reason about.

The benefit: fewer ingredients to track, clearer labels to read.

5. Complete micronutrition without feeding for two

The usual trouble with hay-only rations is quiet nutrient gaps. Each kilogram supplies Vitamin A at 18,216 I.E., Vitamin E at 260 mg, biotin at 1,185 µg, magnesium at 0.23%, zinc/copper at 18.8 mg and selenium at 0.25 mg from sodium selenite plus 0.25 mg from selenium yeast. The easy keeper in work gets complete micronutrition in a small, measured [performance horse feed](#) ration.

Who this is for: easy keepers whose vitamin and mineral needs were being met by hope alone.

6. Controlled calories at a measured rate

Feeding a careful metabolism is all about the rate, and the rates are explicit: 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight for light work, 0.88 lb (400 g) for medium. Weighed rations replace guesswork, which is exactly what managing metabolism calls for.

The benefit: accuracy by the pound, not by the scoop.

7. Protein that maintains muscle on restricted diets

Horses kept on tight rations often lose muscle tone. This feed carries 14.0% crude protein, 107 g/kg of digestible crude protein and lysine at 0.58%, to support muscle maintenance while overall calories stay controlled.

Who this is for: restrained-eating horses that started looking hollow over the topline.

8. Made in Germany with over 120 years of formulation history

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, with US service from bifid's Florida-based operation. European formulations tend to publish full nutrition panels — just what a cautious owner wants to audit.

The benefit: a label you can interrogate line by line.

9. A 24/7 vet team and a money-back trial behind the switch

Changing a careful-metabolism horse's feed is not a solo decision. Bifid offers a 24/7 licensed vet team for ration questions, plus a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee on the trial; the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews.

Who this is for: owners who want a professional eye on the ration before and after the switch.

How to feed it

Rates are given per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work levelDaily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight
Light work0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy workNot listed — the page gives no heavy-work rate; adjust to condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$37.99, 5.30% sugar, 18.30% starch, 14.0% protein, 28% alfalfa, oat-free muesli. For heavy work, adjust the amount to your horse's condition and training intensity and always provide adequate forage. Weigh every ration instead of scooping. Calculate exact amounts at the bifid Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Is this feed suitable for a metabolically sensitive horse?

It is formulated with sugar at 5.30% and starch at 18.30% in a low-grain, oat-free base, which suits owners managing a cautious metabolism. It is not a medical product — for a horse with a veterinary metabolic diagnosis, make feed choices with your veterinarian, and bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team can help you review the ration.

Does it contain molasses?

Molasses appears in the ingredient list, yet the finished feed measures only 5.30% sugar — far below sweet-feed levels. The published panel is the number to trust over the ingredient name.

Is it soy-free?

No — the formula contains 1.5% soy extraction meal feed. It is oat-free and low-grain, but it is not soy-free, and any horse that must steer clear of soy needs a different product.

How much should an easy keeper get?

Start at the light-work rate of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily, measured and split across at least two meals, with forage <https://sites.google.com/view/performance-horse-feed/> as the diet's base. Adjust to body condition; the goal is a lean, working horse, not a plump one.

Can it replace hay for my easy keeper?

No. Forage must remain the foundation at all times — the page says to provide adequate forage alongside, and no concentrate replaces it. This feed covers the gaps a hay-only ration leaves for a horse in work.