

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 keepers with careful metabolisms who still [performance horse feed](#) need a ration that works. Last checked: September 2026.

Your horse gains weight on a whisper and every feed conversation ends in "hay, and less of it". But he still has a job, and hay alone does not cover 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 work.

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 in the conversation, the first number to ask for is sugar, and this one is printed right on the label. The full panel is on the bifid product page.

Who this is for: owners who have stopped hoping to find a feed that states 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%. A moderate starch level per kilogram supports a calmer metabolic picture than the dense grain loads of traditional sweet feeds.

The benefit: a working concentrate that does not rely 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 where most metabolic conversations end up, and here it arrives inside a complete, balanced bag.

Who this is for: horses that thrive when the ration leans on the hay family.

4. Oat-free for one less variable

The formula contains zero 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 working easy-keeper gets full micronutrition in a modest measured 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 cautious metabolism is about the rate, and the rates are printed: 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 just what metabolic management asks for.

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

7. Protein that maintains muscle on restricted diets

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

Who this is for: easy keepers 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, more than 120 years of expertise, with US service from bifid's Florida-based operation. European formulations usually publish the full nutrition panel — exactly what a cautious owner needs to audit.

The benefit: a label you can question 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 behind the trial; the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews.

Who this is for: owners who want expert eyes 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, <https://sites.google.com/view/grain-free-horse-feed/> 28% alfalfa, oat-free muesli. For heavy work, scale the ration to your horse's condition and training intensity and always provide plenty of 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 made with sugar at 5.30% and starch at 18.30% in a low-grain, oat-free base, which fits owners managing a careful metabolism. It is not a medical product — for a horse with a diagnosed metabolic condition, 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 is in the ingredient list, yet the finished feed measures just 5.30% sugar — well under 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, weighed and split into at least two meals, with forage as the diet's base. Adjust to condition; the goal is a fit, working horse, not a plump one.

Can it replace hay for my easy keeper?

No. Forage must always remain the foundation — the page says to provide adequate forage alongside, and no concentrate takes its place. This feed covers the gaps a hay-only ration leaves for a horse in work.