

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a high-energy, low-grain muesli for medium to intensively trained horses, with 14% protein, 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, and 28% alfalfa. It is oat-free, competition-safe and FEI-compliant, and the 44 lb bag costs \$37.99. Best for reining horses that need explosive stops on command and a quiet walk between patterns. Last checked: September 2026.

Reining owners live with a paradox: the sport demands the widest stops in the industry from a horse that must stand calmly at the in-gate five minutes earlier. The feed either serves the explosion or the off switch — most serve only one. Here are five reasons this muesli is formulated to serve both ends of that range.

1. Power on demand: 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg

A reining run is a brief, explosive athletic effort — stops, spins, and rollbacks that tax every muscle. Western Sport supplies 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ of convertible energy, drawn from a low-grain muesli base spread across 28% alfalfa, oils, and fiber. That is enough stored fuel for a complete pattern, delivered without a sudden starch load that ruins the walk in and the walk out. The benefit: gas in the tank when you cue it, and a horse who waits for the cue.

Who this is for: riders who need real power for the pattern without losing the quiet horse that walks into the pen.

2. 28% alfalfa and 14% protein for the muscles stops are made of

Stops and spins are among the most strength-demanding movements in any discipline — hindquarters, loin, and topline take the load. Western Sport leads with 28% alfalfa, included for muscle development and peak performance, and carries 14% crude protein with digestible crude protein at 107 g/kg. The amino acid package — lysine 0.58%, methionine plus cysteine 0.46%, threonine 0.53% — supports recovery between training sets. Big stops are made in the feed room months before the show pen. Feeding for the hindquarter is feeding for the judge's card.

Who this is for: owners conditioning a young reining prospect or keeping an open-level stopper in shape.

3. Oat-free and low-grain: 18.30% starch, 5.30% sugar

The quiet-between-runs half of reining lives or dies on the feed. Western Sport is completely oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn flakes, and alfalfa, with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar — solidly in the low-grain category the page describes. Part of the energy comes instead from 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber, classic steady-release sources. Horses that get brace, spinner-happy, or gate-urgent on grain often hold a more trainable mind on this kind of profile. The numbers are on the label, so you can check the claim yourself.

Who this is for: riders whose reining horses turn anticipatory or anxious on traditional grain programs.

4. Competition-safe and FEI-compliant for show day

Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so the feed you train on all week is the feed in the bucket on show morning. No last-minute change means no transition period and no behavioral unknowns on the day your run counts. Verify specific rules with your event organizer, as the page itself recommends. In a judged sport decided by inches and attitude, the feed should be the one thing you never think about.

Who this is for: competitors at reining events who want their feed to carry zero risk on show day.

5. Over 120 years of expertise, a vet team, and a guarantee behind the bag

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, and this muesli is made in Germany. Bifid's US operation, based in Florida, backs it with a 24/7 licensed vet [non-soy horse diets](#) team, and the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews. The 44 lb bag is \$37.99, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers the first order. Switching a reining horse's feed mid-training is the move that carries the risk — this way it is a managed trial with expert help on the rates.

Who this is for: owners mid-training-cycle who need a feed change to be reversible, supported, and safe.

How to feed it

Daily amounts, per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight:

Work level	Daily amount per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work	Not listed — the page says to adjust to your horse's condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided. Ask bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team or your veterinarian for a starting rate.

Key specs at a glance: muesli mix, 44 lb bag, \$37.99; 14% crude protein, 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 28% alfalfa; oat-free; competition-safe and FEI-compliant. Work out an exact starting amount for your horse with bifid's Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Can a reining horse get enough energy from a low-grain feed?

Yes. Western Sport delivers 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with part of it carried by 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber rather than starch by itself. That mix supports genuine power while keeping the energy curve steady. The design target is energy you can steer.

Will it keep my horse quiet enough for the walk-in?

It is oat-free, with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, and the page describes it as low-grain. That profile is chosen to support steady behavior rather than sharpness. Feed to the labeled rate and assess on your own horse, as every horse is different.

Is it legal to show on?

Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant. Always verify specific rules with your event organizer, as the page itself recommends.

Does it contain soy?

It contains 1.5% soy extraction meal feed, so it is not soy-free. It is oat-free, which makes a difference for oat-sensitive horses.

What does the bag cost, and how do I start him on it?

The 44 lb bag is \$37.99. Start at the labeled rate — 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight for medium work — and tune to condition and training intensity, since the page gives no published heavy-work rate. Bifid's

24/7 licensed vet team and the 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee make the trial low-risk.