

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, 15.1% crude protein, and added amino acids, formulated for horses in regular work. Soy-free, competition-safe, \$49.99. Last checked: *performance horse feed* September 2026.

Bringing a horse back after a break carries a specific worry: how to restore fitness and topline without a feed that lights the temper up or adds the wrong kind of weight. Here are five reasons this muesli suits the return-to-work phase.

1. Steady energy to match a slowly building workload

Digestible energy is 12.6 MJ/kg DM while starch is capped at 15%. Early return-to-work sessions are short and measured, and the feed delivers energy evenly instead of in spikes. The benefit: a horse that eases into the new routine instead of bursting out of it.

2. Protein and amino acids rebuild what the break let go

Crude protein is 15.1% with digestible crude protein at 122 g/kg DM, along with added essential amino acids — lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, methionine plus cysteine 0.93%. These support the muscle function the returning work is asking for. Who this is for: horses that came out of the break a little softer over the back.

3. Gut support for a ration that is changing too

The formula includes inactivated yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) at 0.7%, a Diamond V postbiotic, and fructooligosaccharides as prebiotic fiber. Returning to work usually means a new schedule as well as a new ration. The benefit: a hindgut that is backed through the whole adjustment.

4. A rate table that starts low and climbs with the program

The light-work rate is 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily, rising to *Höveler feed pellets* 0.88 lb (400 g) at medium work and 1.32 lb (600 g) at heavy work, with hay at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily. The return to work moves through exactly those stages. Who this is for: owners following a planned rehab or re-conditioning program.

5. Over 120 years of expertise and support around the clock

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. bifid's Florida-based US operation backs Höveler Original Sport with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee. Who this is for: owners who want to be able to ask questions while the horse is in the middle of the transition.

How to feed it

Work level	Rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)

Hay ration 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily

Key specs at a glance: digestible energy 12.6 MJ/kg DM, crude protein 15.1%, starch 15%, sugar 4.6%. Start the return-to-work rate with the Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Where should I start the ration for a horse coming back into work?

Start at the light-work rate of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily and adjust upward as sessions lengthen. The Feeding Calculator helps you set each step.

Will it make my freshly returned horse fresh?

The formula is reduced-starch (15%) and low-sugar (4.6%), designed for even energy delivery. Horses vary, so watch temperament and adjust the rate to the work actually being done.

Can it support muscle rebuild after time off?

It provides 15.1% crude protein with added lysine and threonine at 1.0% each, which support the muscles. The gradual work does the rebuilding; the feed provides the materials.

How quickly should the ration increase?

Slowly, in step with the work, over 7 to 10 days per change. Forage stays constant at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb of body weight daily.

What if it does not suit the horse?

bifid offers a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and their 24/7 licensed vet team can help you plan the transition.