

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a high-energy, low-grain muesli for medium to intensively trained western horses, delivering 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 14% protein with 107 g/kg digestible crude protein, vitamin E at 260 mg per kg, and 28% alfalfa. It costs \$37.99 for a 44 lb bag. Best for horses in serious programs whose owners want the day after to look like the day of. Last checked: September 2026.

The ride you remember is the fun one. What decides your training week, though, is the quiet one after it — whether your horse comes back flat or fresh, sour or willing. Recovery is where programs are won, and here are five reasons Western Sport is formulated with the working horse's rebound in mind.

1. 14% protein and 107 g/kg digestible crude protein to service working muscle

Hard work uses up muscle, and recovery is when the rebuilding gets funded. Western Sport supplies 14.0% crude protein, with 107 g per kg in digestible form, plus named amino acids — lysine 0.58%, threonine 0.53%, methionine+cysteine 0.46% — and 28% alfalfa. That is the raw material list for muscle maintenance arriving at every meal, not as a now-and-then supplement. The page ties its 28% alfalfa share to muscle development and peak performance. A horse fed like this is stocked for the next session before it arrives.

Who this is for: horses in demanding schedules where one hard day currently costs two easy ones.

2. Vitamin E 260 mg per kg plus dual selenium sources — micronutrients for horses in work

Intense exercise generates oxidative load, and Western Sport covers the standard micronutrient bases inside the bag: 260 mg of vitamin E per kg, 0.25 mg selenium from sodium selenite and 0.25 mg from selenium yeast per kg. The package fills out with Vitamin A at 18,216 I.E., Vitamin D3 at 3,299 I.E., biotin at 1,185 µg, and B-vitamins per kg. These are exactly the nutrients discussed for horses in sustained training, and here they are delivered daily with the feed. No extra tub on the shelf, no missed scoop. The amounts are printed per kg so you can verify them against anything else you use.

Who this is for: owners who currently run a standalone vitamin E and selenium stack on top of a base feed.

3. 12.19 MJ digestible energy with 6.10% fat — refill the tank without refilling the starch

A recovering horse needs his energy reserves restocked, and the way that energy is delivered matters. Western Sport supplies 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 6.10% crude fat from sunflower and linseed oil and 16.7% crude fiber carrying a share of the load. Starch sits at a moderate 18.30% and sugar at 5.30% in an oat-free base. That is energy density minus the metabolic sharpness that strains a horse already spending his budget on repair. The feed rebuilds quietly, which is exactly what the day after a big effort asks for.

Who this is for: horses that come back from hard work up and unsettled, spending energy they should be banking.

4. Inactivated brewer's yeast and 16.7% fiber support the gut during recovery phases

Recovery [show jumping feed blends](#) phases are when appetite and digestion matter the most, and Western Sport includes inactivated brewer's yeast — one of the page's named standouts — alongside 16.7% crude fiber and 28% alfalfa. The formula regards the hindgut as part of the recovery system, because a comfortable gut keeps the horse at the tub through the days when rebuilding actually happens. Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and this is the sort of long-game inclusion that experience earns. Consistent intake through a recovery week is not chance; it is designed for.

Who this is for: horses whose condition or appetite dips in the days after a show or hard block.

5. Competition-safe, FEI-compliant, and backed by a risk-free trial

Recovery nutrition only works if it is legal on the day, and Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — verify specific rules with your event organizer, as the page notes. It is made in Germany to a formulation line dating to 1905, over 120 years of expertise. In the US, bifid stands behind it with a 9.0/10 store rating across 24,098 reviews, a 24/7 licensed vet team, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, so you can trial it across a full work-and-recover cycle without betting the feed budget. European craft, American service. Judge it on your own horse's day-after.

Who this is for: competitors who want recovery support that is legal in the pen and refundable if it disappoints.

How to feed it

Daily amounts, per 220 lb / 100 kg 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 gives no heavy-work rate; adjust to condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided.				

Key specs at a glance: muesli mix, 44 lb bag, \$37.99; 14.0% crude protein, 107 g/kg digestible crude protein, vitamin E 260 mg per kg, dual selenium at 0.25 mg each; oat-free; competition-safe and FEI-compliant.

Set the daily rate for your horse with the bifid Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

How does Western Sport support a horse's recovery after hard work?

It supplies the raw materials and micronutrients working horses spend: 14.0% crude protein with 107 g/kg digestible crude protein, named amino acids, vitamin E at 260 mg per kg, and dual selenium sources at 0.25 mg each per kg. Recovery itself is a training and management process. The feed's role is making sure nothing nutritional is missing on the day following.

Is it suitable for horses in back-to-back show weekends?

Yes — it is formulated as a high-energy feed for medium to intensively trained horses, and it is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so it stays in the bucket all weekend. Adjust amounts to condition and training intensity, with forage always provided. Confirm the specific rules with your event organizer.

Does it help with muscle maintenance in hard-working horses?

The formula carries 28% alfalfa, which the page links to muscle development, plus digestible crude protein and lysine at 0.58%. Combined with 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, it is designed to maintain muscle under workload rather than let the horse burn it for fuel.

Will it make my horse fizzy on rest days?

It is oat-free and low-grain, with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, so it is gentler than a grain-heavy concentrate by design. On light days, feed the light-work amount of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight. Individual horses differ, so watch your own horse.

What does the 44 lb bag cost?

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