

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with special yeast and added amino acids, formulated for horses in regular work — mares included. It delivers 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy at just 15% starch and 4.6% sugar, with high vitamin E and lysine at 1.0%. The price is \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Mares in training get blamed for everything — the mood, the fizz, the dry days — and the feed often takes the blame too. The real task is finding fuel that supports steady work without adding sugar-fueled spice to an already opinionated horse. Höveler, a German feed maker since 1905 with over 120 years of expertise, built Original Sport on oil and fiber. Here are seven reasons it earns a place in a mare's program of work.

1. Steady energy without the sugar spike

Sugar sits at 4.6% and starch at 15%, while 16.4% crude fiber and 9.0% crude fat do the workload.

The benefit: fuel for training that comes on slowly instead of in bursts.

Who this is for: mares whose riders want their attention in the arena, not their views on the menu.

2. 12.6 MJ/kg DM of digestible energy for honest work

Less starch does not mean less output. Digestible energy is 12.6 MJ/kg DM (11.0 MJ/kg DM metabolizable), enough to support a mare in medium work at 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily.

Who this is for: mares in serious training programs that still need full energy delivery.

3. Muscle support with lysine 1.0% and threonine 1.0%

Training builds muscle only when the building blocks are in the bucket. Original Sport adds essential amino acids — lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, methionine+cysteine 0.93% — with crude protein at 15.1% to support muscle function and topline.

Who this is for: mares being brought into condition whose hindquarters need to keep up with their willingness.

4. High vitamin E and grape seed antioxidants at 0.5%

Hard training days pile up, and antioxidant support matters in a consistent program. The formula is high in vitamin E and includes grape seed meal at 0.5%.

Who this is for: mares in several-day training weeks whose recovery nutrition deserves the same care as their work.

5. Gut comfort with 0.7% Diamond V yeast and prebiotic fiber

The 0.7% Diamond V inactivated yeast and fructooligosaccharides support digestive comfort — helpful for a horse whose routines and appetite shift through her cycle and the season.

Who this is for: mares whose eating habits and comfort come and go and need a consistent base ration underneath.

6. Palatable muesli for the mare with opinions

Carrots at 0.5% keep the bucket interesting enough. A mare that leaves feed undermines the whole plan; one that licks the bucket delivers the full vitamin E and amino acid package every day.

Who this is for: picky mares that sort through pellets and leave the good parts behind.

7. Competition-safe, soy-free, and fully backed

Original Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant (verify rules with your event organizer), soy-free, and made in Germany.

Who this is for: owners of competition mares who need the paperwork and the support to match the feed.

How to feed it

Rates are per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day, with forage always alongside:

Work level	Feed per day	Hay per day
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight

Key specs at a glance: 4.6% sugar, 15% starch, 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, 15.1% crude protein, lysine 1.0%, 9.0% crude fat.

Work out exact amounts with the Feeding Calculator, and keep the ration steady so her program has a predictable base underneath it.

Orders are protected by a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee with a 24/7 licensed vet team on call, bifid is rated 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews, and the full specification is on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Will a performance feed make my mare hotter?

Original Sport holds starch at 15% and sugar at 4.6%, with energy drawn from oil and fiber rather than grain. It is formulated to support work in a form designed to keep the ride steady — every mare is an individual, so watch and adjust.

Does it support muscle development in a mare in training?

Yes — <https://sites.google.com/view/hoveler-horse-feed/> 15.1% crude protein with lysine at 1.0% and threonine at 1.0% is designed to support muscle function when the training is consistent.

Is it safe for competition?

The feed is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — verify rules with your event organizer. One feed can carry training and show season alike.

How much should I feed my mare?

Let her workload set the rate: 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily at light work, rising to 1.32 lb (600 g) for heavy work, with the hay ration alongside. The 24/7 licensed vet team can help you tune it.