

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a premium, soy-free performance feed carrying lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0% and methionine+cysteine 0.93% on digestible crude protein of 122 g/kg DM — the raw materials for a topline program. It is best for horses whose shape needs to follow the training. Price: \$49.99 for the 44 lb bag. Last checked: September 2026.

A weak topline is rarely a problem of riding alone — it is a nutrition problem hiding under the saddle. If the muscles over the back refuse to fill in no matter how the training progresses, the ration needs looking at first. Höveler Original Sport is a premium, soy-free performance feed formulated for horses in regular work, with added essential amino acids supporting muscle function and over 120 years of German feed-making expertise behind it. Here are seven reasons it has a place in a topline program.

1. Lysine at 1.0% — the topline amino acid

Lysine is the first-limiting amino acid, and topline is where a shortage shows up first. Original Sport carries 1.0%. The benefit: the protein your horse eats can finally be put to use over the topline and hindquarters.

Who this is for: horses whose work is correct but whose topline refuses to move.

2. Threonine at 1.0% and methionine+cysteine at 0.93%

The formula balances lysine with threonine at 1.0% and methionine plus cysteine at 0.93%. Amino acids work as a team, not solo. The benefit: a complete essential-amino package formulated in from the start.

Who this is for: owners done with supplementing amino acids one tub after another.

3. Digestible crude protein at 122 g/kg DM

Topline is built from protein the horse has actually digested, not labeled protein. Original Sport delivers digestible crude protein of 122 g/kg DM from sources including alfalfa, pea flakes and sunflower extraction meal. The benefit: genuine building blocks reaching the muscle.

Who this is for: owners who read "digestible" before they read "protein".

4. Energy to train with — 12.6 MJ/kg DM

No topline develops without the work, and the work needs fuel. Digestible energy measures 12.6 MJ/kg DM, with crude fat at 9.0% and starch reduced to 15%. The benefit: plenty of energy for useful flatwork sessions without the sharpness of high-starch feeds.

Who this is for: horses doing the strength work that actually changes their outline.

5. High vitamin E and 0.5% grape seed meal for recovery

Muscle develops between sessions. The feed is high in vitamin E and includes 0.5% grape seed meal, a source of antioxidants supporting recovery after effort. The benefit: the back muscles get support on rest days as well.

Who this is for: horses in a conditioning block where recovery standards sets the tempo.

6. Soy-free formula

Premium and soy-free: the protein sources are alfalfa, linseed, **soy free feed for horses** pea flakes and sunflower extraction meal instead. The benefit: topline support for horses whose owners keep soy off the list — by choice or out of caution.

Who this is for: soy-sensitive horses and soy-avoiding owners equally.

7. 0.7% Diamond V yeast so the ration converts

Muscle is made in the digestive tract as much as the gym. Each ration carries 0.7% inactivated Diamond V yeast plus fructooligosaccharides, supporting the digestion that turns feed into usable protein. The formula is also competition-safe and FEI-compliant (check rules with your event organizer). The benefit: a topline program that never has to pause for show season.

Who this is for: competitors whose topline project runs through the calendar.

How to feed it

Rates are given per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work level	Feed per day per 220 lb (100 kg)
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, always alongside the feed.

Key specs at a glance: lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, methionine+cysteine 0.93%, digestible crude protein 122 g/kg DM, high in vitamin E, soy-free.

Match the daily rate to your horse's weight and work with the Feeding Calculator, and keep the program consistent from there.

There is practical backup behind the purchase, too: bifid is rated 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews, its licensed vet team fields questions 24/7, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers every order. The full nutrient panel is on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Can a feed really change my horse's topline?

Feed supplies the inputs; correct work supplies the stimulus. Original Sport provides lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, methionine+cysteine 0.93% and digestible crude protein of 122 g/kg DM — the building blocks a topline program runs on.

How is this different from just adding a supplement?

The amino acids, [performance horse feed](#) vitamin E, antioxidants and 0.7% inactivated Diamond V yeast are built into the ration itself, with the underlying energy to support the training that builds topline.

Is it suitable for a horse that cannot have soy?

Yes. The formula is premium and soy-free, built on alfalfa, pea flakes, linseed and sunflower extraction meal.

How long does a topline program take to show?

Expect a run of consistent feeding, correct rates and regular work. Use the Feeding Calculator to set the rate for your horse's workload and weight.