

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 ranch horses that work cattle all week and still need a rideable mind. Last checked: September 2026.

A ranch horse owner has the broadest job description in the horse world: cattle work at dawn, arena schooling at noon, a competition on the weekend. The worry is simple — most feeds do one of those days well and undo the others. You need fuel for the long hours and a mind that stays rideable in the short ones. Here are seven reasons this muesli is formulated for both halves of that equation.

1. 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg for long working days

Ranch work is not a forty-minute session; it is a day. Western Sport supplies 12.19 MJ [best performance feed](#) of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ of convertible energy behind it, from a low-grain muesli base. Because the energy is spread across 28% alfalfa, oils, and 16.7% crude fiber rather than a one starch dump, it releases steadily across hours in the saddle. That is the difference between a horse that finishes the cattle work with something left and one that is out of gas by afternoon. The benefit: a full-day engine that does not come with a full-day buzz.

Who this is for: owners whose horses put in real long working days, not just arena time.

2. Low grain by the numbers: 18.30% starch, 5.30% sugar, no oats

Cattle work needs fast responses, but it needs a horse that thinks first. Western Sport is oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn flakes, and alfalfa, and carries 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar. That profile is intended to support energy without the jumpiness traditional grain programs produce. A ranch horse with a level mind sorts cattle better, scores better, and stays safer to be around. The label prints every figure, so nothing rests on marketing claims.

Who this is for: ranch owners who have watched grain-heavy rations change a good cow horse into a reactive one.

3. 28% alfalfa and 14% protein to build the working frame

Stops, turns, and pulls are work for strength, and strength is muscle. Western Sport leads with 28% alfalfa, included for muscle development and peak performance, backed by 14% crude protein and digestible crude protein at 107 g/kg. Lysine at 0.58%, methionine plus cysteine at 0.46%, and threonine at 0.53% supply the amino acids that rebuild muscle between working days. A horse fed for his frame holds up through a season instead of wearing down through it. The feed room is where durability is decided.

Who this is for: owners keeping ranch horses sound and strong across a long working season.

4. Competition-safe and FEI-compliant for weekend events

Many ranch horses do double duty as competition mounts, and Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant. The feed that worked cattle on Wednesday is the feed in the bucket at the Saturday event — no switching, no transition risk, no digestive unknowns away from home. Verify specific rules with your event

organizer, as the page itself recommends. One feed across working days and show days simplifies the whole program.

Who this is for: riders whose ranch horses also compete and would struggle to manage two feeding programs.

5. Inactivated brewer's yeast for a gut that handles irregular days

Ranch schedules are irregular — early starts, long trailers, different water, variable grass. Western Sport includes inactivated brewer's yeast, chosen to support digestion, alongside 16.7% crude fiber from a forage-led base including sunflower peels and 3.5% pea flakes. A supported hindgut is what keeps attitude and appetite steady when the routine is never steady. On a working ranch, a horse that goes off feed is a horse off the payroll. Gut support is plain economics, not a luxury.

Who this is for: owners of horses whose working lives are irregular by nature and hard on digestion.

6. German formulation with over 120 years behind it

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and Western Sport is made in Germany to European formulation standards. The muesli format itself is a European tradition: palatable, textured, and designed so the horse cannot sort out the good parts. With 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg and a full vitamin package with Vitamin E at 260 mg, the formulation is sport-grade. That is a solid baseline for any working horse, whatever his job title.

Who this is for: buyers who want working-horse feed built with the same discipline as Olympic-discipline feed.

7. \$37.99 a bag, store rating of 9.0/10, and a guarantee on the first order

The 44 lb bag costs \$37.99, and it comes from bifid, a US operation based in Florida with a 24/7 licensed vet team on call. The store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews, and the 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers your first order with the item not required to be returned. For a ranch budget, that is a controlled trial: exact price, real support, and an exit if it does not suit. Cost of feed only matters if the horse actually does well on it.

Who this is for: cost-conscious ranch owners who still expect support and a guarantee behind the price.

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 tune 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

Is this feed intended for actual ranch work, not just the show pen?

The page formulates Western Sport for medium to intensively trained western horses, which is precisely the working-ranch profile. It supplies 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg for long days and 28% alfalfa for muscle, with a low-grain base for a rideable mind.

My ranch horse gets hot on grain. Will this be different?

Western Sport is oat-free, with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, and carries part of its energy in 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber. That profile is selected to support steady energy rather than jumpiness. Feed at the labeled rate and judge on your own horse.

How much do I feed a horse doing heavy cattle work?

The page lists 0.55 lb (250 g) for light work and 0.88 lb (400 g) for medium work per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight. It gives no heavy-work rate and says to adjust to condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided. Bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team can help you set a starting figure.

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 it cost?

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