

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a 44 lb bag of low-grain, high-energy German muesli delivering 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, 14% protein and 28% alfalfa at \$37.99. Best for owners of medium to intensively trained western horses who need weight and condition to survive the training week. Last checked: September 2026.

He looked great in the spring. Two months of real work later the ribs are back and the topline has gone soft in the wrong direction. Holding condition on a horse in steady training is a rate problem, energy-quality problem and muscle-support problem rolled into one. Here are nine ways this feed is formulated for it.

1. High energy at 12.19 MJ per kg of digestible energy

This is classed as a high-energy feed for a reason: 12.19 MJ/kg of digestible energy, matched to convertible energy at 11.21 MJ/kg. A horse burning calories all week gets enough fuel coming in to hold condition instead of burning through it.

Who this is for: horses that drop weight as soon as training steps up.

2. 28% alfalfa feeds muscle, not just the scale

Alfalfa makes up 28% of the formula, driving 14.0% crude protein and 107 g/kg of digestible crude protein. Condition is not just fat cover — it is muscle over the topline and hindquarter, and alfalfa supplies the raw material.

The benefit: weight that lands as usable muscling.

3. Amino acids to actually build with

Protein only works if it is well-equipped. The mix carries lysine at 0.58%, methionine plus cysteine at 0.46% and threonine at 0.53% — the principal limiting amino acids for muscle development. Protein quality matters as much as quantity. The full panel is listed on the bifid product page.

Who this is for: owners chasing topline that stays on through a show season.

4. 6.10% crude fat adds calm condition

Crude fat sits at 6.10%, supported by sunflower oil and linseed oil in the ingredient list. Fat is a dense, steady energy source that supports condition without the heat of a starch-heavy ration.

The benefit: condition put on without a fizzier horse.

5. Starch at 18.30% — energy without the grain load

The formula is deliberately low-grain, holding starch at 18.30%. It shows you can feed high energy without pouring grain into the bucket, which is kinder to horses whose digestion or temperament suffers on traditional mixes.

Who this is for: hard-working horses that fall apart on high-grain rations.

6. Inactivated brewer's yeast supports feed efficiency

Inactivated brewer's yeast is in every kilogram, supporting a stable gut environment. A horse that digests well gets more out of every meal — which is exactly what a condition-challenged horse needs.

The benefit: more condition gotten from the same ration.

7. Oat-free by design

The formula is entirely oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn flakes and 28% alfalfa. Oat-sensitive horses that lose condition on scratchy, grain-heavy mixes often do better on this kind of forage-led base.

Who this is for: the horse that never did well on oats, no matter how much you fed.

8. A full vitamin and mineral package in every kilogram

Each kg supplies Vitamin A at 18,216 I.E., Vitamin E at 260 mg, biotin at 1,185 µg, and zinc/copper at 18.8 mg, with selenium at 0.25 mg from sodium selenite plus 0.25 mg from selenium yeast. Condition shows in coat, hoof and muscle — all dependent on micronutrients.

The benefit: the deficient-looking horse gets sorted out at the feed bucket, not the supplement shelf.

9. Feeding support that takes the guesswork out

The light- and medium-work rates are printed clearly — 0.55 lb (250 g) and 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight — and a 24/7 licensed vet team is available if your horse is dropping weight despite correct feeding. At \$37.99 for 44 lb, holding condition does not have to break the bank.

Who this is for: owners who need a plan, not just a sack.

How to feed it

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

Work level	Daily rate 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.
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Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$37.99, 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, 14.0% protein, 6.10% crude fat, 18.30% starch. The page gives no heavy-work rate — for a horse in hard training, adjust the amount to body condition and training intensity, and always provide adequate forage alongside. Calculate the daily ration at the [bifid Feeding Calculator](#).

Frequently asked questions

What should I feed a horse that keeps losing weight in work?

Start with an energy-dense feed at the correct rate: Western Sport delivers 12.19 MJ/kg of digestible energy, and the medium-work rate is 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily. Tune the amount to condition, keep forage high, and have your vet rule out teeth, worms and health issues if weight keeps sliding.

How much protein does it have, and is that enough for muscle?

It carries 14.0% crude protein and 107 g/kg of digestible crude protein, with 28% alfalfa and key limiting amino acids such as lysine at 0.58%. That is formulated to support muscle development in working western horses.

Will the extra energy make my horse hot?

Not by design — the energy comes with starch at just 18.30%, sugar at 5.30% and 6.10% crude fat, a low-grain make-up designed for level output. Energy density and behavior are independent variables here.

How long until I see condition change?

Weigh out the correct rate, transition over several days, then check body condition again in a month or so. A 44 lb bag at \$37.99 makes the trial <https://sites.google.com/view/competition-horse-feed/> affordable, and the 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers the risk.

Does it contain soy?

Yes — the ingredient list includes 1.5% soy extraction meal feed. It is not soy-free. It is, however, entirely oat-free, and the ingredient list is the final word on any product claim.