

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a high-energy, low-grain muesli for medium to intensively trained western horses, with 14% protein, 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, and 28% alfalfa. It is oat-free, competition-safe and FEI-compliant, and it comes in a 44 lb bag for \$37.99. Best for western horses in regular to hard work whose owners want level energy without the fizz. Last checked: September 2026.

Every owner of a working western horse knows the fear: feed for energy and you may also feed for silliness. Clean energy is energy your horse can use for the job, not for spooking at his own reflection. Here are five reasons this German-made muesli is formulated for precisely that.

1. 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg — fuel you can train on

Energy is the central purpose of a sport feed, and Western Sport supplies 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ of convertible energy behind it. That is real working fuel drawn from a low-grain muesli base rather than a blunt starch dump. The energy arrives spread across alfalfa, oil sources, and fiber, so your horse has something to draw on through a full training session. The benefit: a horse with gas in the tank and a level head about how to spend it.

Who this is for: owners of medium to intensively trained western horses who want feed energy that shows up in the arena, not in the attitude.

2. 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar — moderate by sport-feed standards

Clean energy starts with what is not in the bag. Western Sport carries 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, figures that keep it in the low-grain category the page describes. Horses that turn sharp on traditional grain rations often hold a calmer work ethic when starch and sugar are kept in this range. The numbers are printed on the label, and the full analysis is listed on the bifid product page, so you can compare them against your current feed side by side. That transparency is part of why the page describes it as a high-energy, low-grain muesli.

Who this is for: owners who have watched one too many grain-heavy feeds turn a good mind into a hot one.

3. Oat-free formula — designed for oat-sensitive horses

Some horses simply do poorly on oats. Western Sport is oat-free, formulated instead on barley flakes, corn flakes, and 28% alfalfa. If your horse has ever gotten hot, fizzy, or loose on an oat-based ration, this formula takes that variable off the table. It is a deliberate European formulation choice, and it fits oat-sensitive horses without sacrificing the energy density a western sport horse needs. Fewer variables means simpler troubleshooting when something shifts.

Who this is for: anyone managing a horse that has responded badly to oats in the past.

4. Fat and fiber carry part of the load

The energy in this muesli does not entirely come from starch. Western Sport contains 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber, and oils such as sunflower oil and linseed oil show up in the ingredient list. Fat and fermentable fiber are time-tested steady-release energy sources, which is precisely what clean energy looks like in practice.

Combined with 28% alfalfa, the mix gives the hindgut something reasonable to work with. The result is an energy curve you can work with, not brace against.

Who this is for: riders who want their horse willing and forward through a long training set, not explosive for ten minutes and flat after.

5. Competition-safe, so the energy is legal on show day

Clean energy also means worry-free energy at the venue. Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so it can stay in the bucket right through show season. That matters more than it sounds: many owners switch feeds before a big event and end up managing a digestive or behavioral wobble they caused themselves. One feed, from first prep ride to final run, means zero transition risk. Always verify specific rules with your **grain-free hay alternatives** event organizer, but the formulation is designed to travel to the arena with you.

Who this is for: competitors in western performance events who cannot afford a feed change or a feed-related problem on show weekend.

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 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% 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 the [Bifid Feeding Calculator](#).

Frequently asked questions

Will Western Sport make my horse hot?

It is formulated as a low-grain, oat-free muesli with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, and energy also comes from 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber. That profile is chosen to support steady energy rather than heat. Every horse is an individual, so feed to the labeled rate and judge on your own horse.

How much should I feed a horse in hard work?

The page gives rates for light work at 0.55 lb (250 g) and medium work at 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight. For heavy work it says to adjust the amount to your horse's condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided. Bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team can help set a starting figure.

Is it safe to feed through show season?

Yes. Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so there is no reason to change feeds before an event. Verify specific rule details with your event organizer, as the page recommends.

What does the muesli actually contain?

The list opens with 28% alfalfa, barley flakes, sunflower peels, and linseed cake, and includes 3.5% pea flakes, inactivated brewer's yeast, and linseed oil. It is oat-free. Note that it contains 1.5% soy extraction meal, so it is not suitable for a soy-free program.

How much does the 44 lb bag cost?

The 44 lb bag of Western Sport costs \$37.99. If it does not fit your horse, bifid backs first orders with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews.