

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a high-energy, low-grain muesli for medium to intensively trained horses, with 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 14% protein, and 28% alfalfa. It is oat-free, competition-safe and FEI-compliant, and the 44 lb bag costs \$37.99. Best for endurance and long-distance horses that need hours of steady fuel, not minutes of it. Last checked: September 2026.

Endurance owners share one core fear: a feed that burns hot and fades by mile 30 leaves your horse empty at mile 40, and a feed too gentle leaves him running out of gas at mile 20. Distance work wants a steady, level energy curve and a gut that stays comfortable for hours. Here are seven reasons this muesli is formulated for that kind of day.

1. 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, delivered on a level curve

Distance work is a problem of managing energy, and Western Sport brings the right numbers: 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ of convertible energy. Crucially, that energy comes from a low-grain base spread across 28% alfalfa, oils, and fiber rather than a starch spike. Fat and fermentable fiber are classic slow-release fuels, which is exactly what a horse draws on in hours four, five, and six. The benefit: fuel that goes the distance, not just the first loop.

Who this is for: riders conditioning horses for endurance rides and long distance clinics.

2. 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber — the slow-burn duo

Western Sport contains 6.10% crude fat, with sunflower oil and linseed oil in the ingredient list, plus 16.7% crude fiber. Fat and fiber are the two energy sources endurance nutrition leans on, because the hindgut releases them gradually. That means the horse in front of you at hour three is drawing on the same supply as the horse at mile one. Moderate fat levels also help working horses keep weight on through a conditioning season. The numbers are printed, so you can set them against your current distance ration.

Who this is for: owners trying to keep condition and energy on horses in a heavy conditioning block.

3. 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar — low-grain by the label

"Low-grain" is only useful if you can check it, and Western Sport prints the proof: 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar. Keeping starch moderate supports hindgut comfort over long hours of work, when gut function is under genuine strain. For horses that have tied up or gone loose on starch-heavy distance rations, this profile is a intentional break. The muesli is also entirely oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn <https://sites.google.com/view/performance-horse-feed/> flakes, and alfalfa.

Who this is for: riders whose horses have come unstuck on high-starch feeds during long rides.

4. 28% alfalfa and 14% protein to hold muscle through the season

A season of distance conditioning slowly strips muscle if the ration cannot rebuild it. Western Sport leads with 28% alfalfa, included for muscle development, and carries 14% crude protein with digestible crude protein at 107 g/kg. The key amino acids are covered too: lysine 0.58%, methionine plus cysteine 0.46%, threonine 0.53%. That is the toolkit for repairing work-worn muscle between conditioning sets. Recovery nutrition is where the next ride is won.

Who this is for: owners whose horses drop topline and hindquarter condition over a hard season.

5. Competition-safe and FEI-compliant for ride day

Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so the feed he works on is the feed he competes on. No pre-ride feed change means no transition risk on the trailer and no digestive surprises at the vet check. Verify specific rules with your ride organizer, as the page itself recommends. Distance riders change plenty of variables already — the feed does not need to be one of them.

Who this is for: competitors who need a single feed from the first conditioning mile to the final vet check.

6. Inactivated brewer's yeast to support the working hindgut

The ingredient list includes inactivated brewer's yeast, chosen to support digestion, alongside 16.7% crude fiber. Hours of work stress the hindgut harder than any arena session, which is why yeast and fiber show up in distance-focused rations. A hindgut that keeps working keeps releasing energy — the difference between finishing with something left and finishing flat. The 5.30% sugar content also keeps the mix palatable without loading it with sweeteners.

Who this is for: owners who think about gut health as performance equipment, not an afterthought.

7. Over 120 years of formulation expertise, with service and a guarantee behind it

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, and this muesli is made in Germany. Bifid's US team, based in Florida, backs it with a 24/7 licensed vet team, and the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews. The 44 lb bag is \$37.99, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers your first order. Formulation experience combined with a risk-free trial is a practical way to change a distance ration.

Who this is for: distance riders who want an experienced maker and a simple way back if the feed does not suit.

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 adjust 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 a western performance feed suitable for endurance work?

The formulation targets medium to intensively trained horses, and its numbers — 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 6.10% **performance horse feed** crude fat, 16.7% crude fiber — suit slow-release distance energy. The western name describes the market, not a restriction on the horse.

Will the low starch content leave my horse short of energy?

No. Western Sport delivers 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with part of it carried by 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber. That mix supports steady energy over long work rather than quick bursts. Feed to the labeled rate and adjust to your horse.

How do I feed a horse in heavy distance training?

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 land on a figure.

Does it contain soy?

It does — 1.5% soy extraction meal feed is in the ingredient list, so it is not soy-free. It is oat-free, which suits oat-sensitive horses.

What does the bag cost, and is there any guarantee?

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