

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 trail horses on long rides that need steady energy and a sensible mind. Last checked: September 2026.

Trail riders share a specific worry: miles from the trailer, a feed that turns against you shows up as a horse that is either out of gas or out of his mind — and neither is fixable at mile eight. Long rides want a level energy curve, a comfortable gut, and a brain that remains where you put it. Here are nine reasons this muesli is built for exactly that kind of day.

1. 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg for all-day rides

A long trail day is an endurance test in boots and a saddle pad. Western Sport supplies 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ of convertible energy, from a low-grain muesli base. The energy is spread across 28% alfalfa, oils, and 16.7% crude fiber instead of arriving as one starch spike, so it comes out gradually across hours. That is fuel for the last hour of the ride, not just the early miles. The benefit: a horse still walking willingly when the trailer comes back into view.

Who this is for: riders whose trail days go long and who are tired of their horse emptying before the ride does.

2. A level energy curve: 18.30% starch, 5.30% sugar, zero oats

Out on the trail, a sharp reaction is a safety problem, not a training note. Western Sport is oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn flakes, and alfalfa, and carries 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar — solidly low-grain. Part of the energy comes from 6.10% crude fat and fiber, both steady-release sources. Horses that rush or spook on grain-heavy rations often stay level-headed on a profile like this, fed at the labeled rate. The label prints every number, so you are not taking the marketing at its word.

Who this is for: trail riders who have taken a spook or two too many from a hot feed.

3. 28% alfalfa to support muscle over a season of riding

Hills, water crossings, and long climbs are genuine muscular work, done over and over across a season. 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% support recovery between rides. A trail horse fed for his muscles bounces back faster on Sunday and is ready for the next outing. Conditioning begins in the bucket.

Who this is for: owners whose horses drop condition or come back stiff after big trail days.

4. Inactivated brewer's yeast and fiber for a gut that travels

Trail days break the routine — different water, trailer hours, unfamiliar grass. Western Sport includes inactivated brewer's yeast to support digestion, alongside 16.7% crude fiber from a forage-led base with sunflower peels and 3.5% pea flakes. A supported hindgut keeps appetite and attitude steady when the routine is not. A horse that keeps eating and drinking on the road is a horse that finishes the day well. Gut comfort is trail safety equipment.

Who this is for: owners of horses that go off feed or get prone to colic when their routine breaks.

5. Feed it to the actual workload

Trail horses vary enormously — some hack an hour weekly, others do back-to-back ten-mile days. The feeding table covers both: 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight at light work, 0.88 lb (400 g) at medium work, and tune to condition and training intensity above that. One 44 lb bag serves either horse at the right dose. Feeding a premium base at a measured dose beats pouring in filler. The rate follows the ride, not the other way round.

Who this is for: owners whose horses' workloads range between an easy week and a big trail weekend.

6. Complete vitamins and minerals in every feeding

Trail horses often live partly out on grass with limited hard feed, which is where gaps in micronutrients creep in. Every kilogram of Western Sport supplies Vitamin [performance horse feed](#) A at 18,216 I.E., Vitamin E at 260 mg, biotin at 1,185 µg, and selenium at 0.25 mg plus 0.25 mg from selenium yeast, plus the B-vitamin range and key minerals. Even the light-work rate of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) delivers a complete micronutrient package. One formulated bag can replace the base feed and the balancer.

Who this is for: owners of easy keeper trail horses on small rations who still want complete nutrition.

7. Competition-safe if a trail challenge is on the calendar

Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so entering an organized ride, competitive trail challenge, or endurance-lite event needs no feed change. Leisure and competition stay on one bucket. Verify specific rules with your event organizer, as the page itself recommends. The feed is already ready for whatever the season brings.

Who this is for: trail riders toying with an organized ride who do not want to replan the ration for it.

8. Over 120 years of formulation behind a \$37.99 bag

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and Western Sport is made in Germany. That European muesli craft arrives in a 44 lb bag at exactly \$37.99, sold by bifid, a US operation based in Florida. The muesli format is textured and palatable, designed so the horse is not able to pick out the good parts of the mix. For a trail budget, that is premium formulation at a working price.

Who this is for: owners who want to stop paying for filler and start paying for formulation.

9. A 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee on the trial

Bifid backs first orders with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, holds a 9.0/10 store rating across 24,098 reviews, and runs a 24/7 licensed vet team for feeding questions. If the muesli does not suit your trail horse, the trial will not cost you anything. The vet team can also check your starting rate before you open the bag. That is the sensible way to change a feed that may not be working for your long rides.

Who this is for: owners ready to change feeds but wary after a bad experience with the last one.

How to feed it

Daily amounts, per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight:

Work levelDaily amount per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight Light work0.55 lb (250 g) Medium work0.88 lb (400 g) Heavy workNot 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

My trail horse is not a sport horse — is this feed overkill?

No, as long as you match the amount to the workload. At light work the rate is 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight, and the low-grain profile supports steady energy rather than jumpiness. The formulation is premium; the amount matches ***grain free performance feed*** the ride.

Will it make my horse hot out on the trail?

Western Sport is oat-free, with 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar, and part of its 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg comes from 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber. That mix is intended for steady, usable energy. Feed to the labeled rate and judge on your own horse.

We ride in remote areas with different water — will his gut handle it?

The muesli includes inactivated brewer's yeast to support digestion, plus 16.7% crude fiber from a forage-led base. Those choices are made to keep digestion settled when routine changes. Keep forage available on each ride, as the page itself advises.

Does it contain soy?

It contains 1.5% soy extraction meal feed, so it is not soy-free. It is oat-free, which matters for oat-sensitive horses.

How much does it cost, and can I return it?

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