

FIBER FRESH
Optimising Nature's Brilliance



FiberMix®

Everyday Superfood for Optimal Health and Performance.

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FiberMix® is a moist, high energy, low protein, digestible forage fibre feed comprising lucerne and whole oat crop freshly harvested at the dough stage. FiberMix® is suitable for most horses, but especially race and sport horses in more vigorous exercise programmes where additional sustained energy is required from the forage component of the diet.

With its blend of traditional forage fibres seasoned with oat grain, FiberMix® is highly palatable, especially for the performance horse accustomed to cereals in the diet, or horses with poor appetite.

Containing high levels of structural fibre balanced with 10% starch and soluble sugars combined, FiberMix® is an excellent way to increase the forage fibre content of the diet and provide slow-release, sustained energy.

FiberMix® is designed as a quality forage feed to complement energy-dense grains or concentrate feeds, plus it aids in the management of metabolic and digestive health in horses. Moist and low in total protein, feeding FiberMix® will assist in preventing dehydration whilst still supplying a good level of lysine and other amino acids for muscle and immune function.

FiberMix® is completely safe, consistent and ideal as the primary forage in the ration of horses with additional energy requirements.

FiberMix® Feeding Recommendation

When planning a diet, the most important consideration is that a horse must receive an absolute minimum of 1.5% of its bodyweight in forage fibre – e.g. Fiber Fresh and/or hay, pasture per day. The remaining diet must then be balanced according to the quality and composition of that forage fibre and the physiological demands of the horse e.g. growth, lactation, exercise for extra energy, protein etc.

FiberMix® can be fed on its own in the feed bowl or mixed with supplements.

When introducing to the diet, increase daily amounts by 0.5kg increments until the desired quantity is reached.

We recommend feeding a minimum of 2kg per day, but there is no limit on how much FiberMix® can be fed.

When extra energy is required increase the amount of FiberMix® first. If even more energy is needed in the form of concentrates or grain, only feed up to half the weight of FiberMix® in the diet, creating a healthy 2:1 ratio mixed; e.g. 2kg FiberMix® and 1kg concentrate in the feed bowl per meal. This ratio is ideal to buffer the stomach against excessive acidity caused by grain. It increases saliva production, slows intake and increases digestion and metabolism of both the grain and fibre portion, and maintains healthy gut function and hydration.

Feeding FiberMix® at the correct ratio increases the digestibility of concentrates by 20-30%, therefore the daily amount of concentrates can be reduced. How much to reduce this by will depend on the individual horse and can be reviewed by regular condition scoring.

Most sport/race horses do best on 4-6kg of FiberMix® per day in addition to added energy such as grains/concentrate feeds and fat/oil.

A traditional blend of forage fibres for horses with higher energy requirements.

- Fresh cut lucerne and traditional whole oat plant
- Delicious blend of legume and cereal forage fibres seasoned with oat grain
- Sustained energy balanced with low protein
- Strength and hydration for performance.

TYPICAL ANALYSIS Dry Matter Basis

CRUDE PROTEIN	18.0%
CRUDE FIBRE	30.9%
CRUDE FAT	2.9%
CALCIUM	8.0g/kg
PHOSPHORUS	2.6g/kg
SODIUM	0.2g/kg
VITAMIN E	36.8mg/kg
SELENIUM	0.02mg/kg
LYSINE	9.5g/kg
METHIONINE	2.7g/kg
CYSTEINE	2.0g/kg
NUTRITIONAL JUICES (AS FED)	58.1%
DIGESTIBLE ENERGY (DE)	12.35Mj/kg

RECOMMENDED DAILY FEEDING RATES

For general health (as fed)

LIGHT WORK <i>(resting/pleasure)</i>	2kg - 4kg
MODERATE WORK <i>(showjumping/dressage/eventing)</i>	4kg - 6kg
HEAVY WORK <i>(racing, endurance)</i>	4kg - 8kg