



Getting it right in your feed bowl with Fiber Fresh

When preparing a diet for your horse, take care not to overlook a crucial aspect for optimal health and performance.

Providing your horse with consistent, quality forage is the best way to enhance gastrointestinal (gut) health and subsequently performance.

The easiest way to give your horse the correct amount of fibre is to ensure your feeds are balanced in the feed bowl. This balance also plays an important role in their ability to digest hard feeds. It is recommended to maintain at least half of your horse's diet as forage to meet their requirement for fibre and maintain gut health.

Superior moist HNF® (High Nutritional Fiber), exclusive to *Fiber Fresh* and the base of all our feeds, can substitute traditional dry forms of forage, such as chaff, in the diet and supply better levels of digestible energy and protein, helping you to balance out your horses meal and provide the correct ratio of forage to grain.

To take the guess work out of applying these principles, we have created an easy to use, 3-step guide so you can have peace of mind you are feeding the correct amount of forage to grain every day and are on the right path to optimising gastrointestinal health and superior performance in your horse.



EQUINE FEEDING PROGRAM

1 How many kilograms am I currently feeding?

We all use different containers to measure out our feeds and it's difficult to know exactly how much we are really feeding. Using the conversion table below will help you convert the amount of different *Fiber Fresh* products you are currently feeding from litres (found commonly on buckets and other containers) to kilograms of feed.

Conversion: Litres to kilograms		Feed Weight (kg)					
Product	1 kg	2 kg	3 kg	4 kg	5 kg	6 kg	
FiberProtect®	4 L	8 L	12 L	16 L	20 L	24 L	
FiberMix®	4 L	8 L	12 L	16 L	20 L	24 L	
FiberEzy®	5 L	10 L	15 L	20 L	25 L	30 L	
FiberSure®	2.5 L	5 L	7.5 L	10 L	12.5 L	15 L	
FiberEdge®	3 L	6 L	9 L	12 L	15 L	18 L	

The *Fiber Fresh* feed bucket also lists the volume to weight conversions for all of the *Fiber Fresh* products, allowing you to get your base feed calibrated correctly every time. Simply fill the bucket to your usual level and, in the conversion table above or on the bucket, match this amount in litres (to the closest litre) to the corresponding amount in kilograms for the product you feed. Then top up the bucket with your hard (concentrate) feeds and supplements if required, ensuring you always feed at least two parts forage to one part concentrate.

2 How much Fiber Fresh feed should I be feeding?

Refer to the following tables for recommended daily feeding rates for *Fiber Fresh* feeds. These amounts are calculated to help correct the forage to grain ratio and provide a base of quality nutrition. Forage should make up at least 50% of the horses daily feed intake. Feeding levels are calculated to provide 50% of the daily forage requirements of the horse.

Used at the following recommended daily feeding rates, *Fiber Fresh* feeds will help ensure optimum nutrition, general health, good behaviour and improved performance in your horse.

Recommended Daily Feeding Amounts – General Health

Base Fibre Feeds (Primary Feeds)				FiberProtect® Health & Protection		FiberEzy® HEALTH & DIGESTION	FiberMix® HEALTH & PERFORMANCE
Body weight	Resting	Light Work	Moderate Work	Heavy Work	Weanlings & Yearlings	Breeding Stallions	Lactating Broodmares
Feeding rate per 100 kg BW*	0.75 kg	1 kg	1.25 kg	1.75 kg	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	1.75 kg
300 kg	2.25 kg	3 kg	3.75 kg	5.25 kg	4.5 kg	4.5 kg	5.25 kg
400 kg	3 kg	4 kg	5 kg	7 kg	6 kg	6 kg	7 kg
500 kg	3.75 kg	5 kg	6.25 kg	8.75 kg	For growing horses provide at least 1.5 kg per 100 kg BW	7.5 kg	8.75 kg
600 kg	4.5 kg	6 kg	7.5 kg	10.5 kg		9 kg	10.5 kg

Total Mixed Ration (Primary Feeds)				FiberSure® HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT		FiberEdge® Protection & Performance	
Body weight	Resting	Light Work	Moderate Work	Heavy Work	Weanlings & Yearlings	Breeding Stallions	Lactating Broodmares
Feeding rate per 100 kg BW*	1 kg	1.25 kg	1.5 kg	1.75 kg	1.5 kg	1.5 kg	1.75 kg
300 kg	3 kg	3.75 kg	4.5 kg	5.25 kg	4.5 kg	4.5 kg	5.25 kg
400 kg	4 kg	5 kg	6 kg	7 kg	6 kg	6 kg	7 kg
500 kg	5 kg	6.25 kg	7.5 kg	8.75 kg	For growing horses provide at least 1.5 kg per 100 kg BW	7.5 kg	8.75 kg
600 kg	6 kg	7.5 kg	9 kg	10.5 kg		9 kg	10.5 kg

*Intended as a guide only. Assumes additional energy and nutrients will be supplied through pasture or other sources. Adjust these feeding amounts according to the desired body weight and condition.

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How should I transition my horse up to the correct daily feeding amount?

If you are not already feeding the recommended feeding rates, here is a simple guide on how to reach the ideal rates to achieve optimal health and performance over a six week period.

Fiber Fresh Equine Feeding Program						
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
Feeding amount	1 kg	2 kg	3 kg	4 kg	5 kg	6 kg
Feeds to replace	Forages and other fibres	Forages and other fibres	Forages, other fibres and protein supplements	Protein supplements and straight grains	Straight grains and concentrates	Straight grains and concentrates

Starting at 1 kg per day, or your current feeding amount, increase the daily feed amount by 1 kg each week until you reach the amount recommended for your horse. This will ensure your horse gets used to the feed and transitions to higher amounts in a gradual and safe manner.

What to expect

Research has shown that increasing the daily feeding amount of *HNF® (High Nutritional Fiber)* will provide proportionally more benefits in horse health and performance. The nutritional advantages built into every *Fiber Fresh* feed are compounded in the horse when fed at progressively increasing amounts. Over a six week period you will notice higher feed intake, better faecal colour and consistency, improved behaviour, better hoof and coat condition and, increased body condition and muscle development. Higher feeding rates help avoid digestive stress and achieve optimal gastrointestinal health and function and improved performance in your horse.

Remember

Always feed by weight and not volume and preferably use scales to ensure accurate quantities. Feed at least 50% of your horse's daily dry feed intake as forage and at least half of that as *HNF® (High Nutritional Fiber)*. Avoid excessive use of grain based feeds and prolonged periods without forage-based fibre. Evenly divide the recommended daily feed amount into two or more equally spaced feeds per day. Always provide free access to water.



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