

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli for horses in regular winter work, with 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, starch at 15%, and sugar at 4.6%. It is soy-free, competition-safe and FEI-compliant, priced at \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Winter changes the equation. Cold burns energy, frozen ground changes the work, and hay rations go up while hard schooling often drops off. Owners worry the feed that worked in autumn may not hold up now. Here are seven reasons this one is built for the workload winter brings.

1. 12.6 MJ/kg DM of digestible energy for cold-weather work

Digestible energy sits at 12.6 MJ/kg DM, with metabolizable energy at 11.0 MJ/kg DM. That is **performance horse feed** fuel for keeping weight on and work going when temperatures fall. Who this is for: owners whose horses tend to slip a condition score between December and February.

2. Starch stays at 15% even when the ration goes up

When winter rations grow, starch-heavy feeds push more starch into the gut. Here starch is capped at 15%, so you can raise the daily rate to the heavy-work figure without changing the character of the feed. The benefit: more energy delivered in the same steady way.

3. Digestible crude protein at 122 g/kg DM supports muscle through the winter program

Winter is the base-building season, and muscle is the target. Digestible crude protein comes in at 122 g/kg DM, backed by added essential amino acids with lysine at 1.0% and threonine at 1.0%. Who this is for: riders using the quiet months to develop strength for spring.

4. Inactivated yeast at 0.7% supports the hindgut when hay takes over

Horses eat more forage in winter, and the hindgut carries the load. The formula contains inactivated yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) at 0.7%, a Diamond V postbiotic, plus fructooligosaccharides as prebiotic fiber. The benefit: gut support that suits the season's forage-heavy rations.

5. Grape seed antioxidants and vitamin E for muscles in the cold

Grape seed meal is included at 0.5% for antioxidant support, alongside high vitamin E. Horses working on harder ground place more demand on their muscles, and this formula is designed with recovery in mind. Who this is for: horses staying in serious work straight through winter.

6. A ration table that fits the changing week

The feeding rates flex with the week: light work 0.55 lb (250 g) and medium work 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight, with hay at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily. Snow days off, arena days on — you adjust the scoop, not the bag. The benefit: one feed across a stop-start winter schedule.

7. Made in Germany since 1905, served from Florida

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, and the muesli is made in Germany. bifid's US operation in Florida backs Höveler Original Sport with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee. Who this is for: owners who want winter feeding to be one less thing to worry about.

How to feed it

Work levelRate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day Light work0.55 lb (250 g) Medium work0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work1.32 lb (600 g) Hay ration3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily

Key specs at a glance: crude protein 15.1%, starch 15%, sugar 4.6%, metabolizable energy 11.0 MJ/kg DM. Size the winter ration with the Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Should I feed more of this in winter?

Adjust to condition and workload, not the calendar. The rate runs from 0.55 lb (250 g) at light work up to 1.32 lb (600 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily, and the Feeding Calculator helps you land on the right figure.

Does it help keep weight on in cold weather?

It delivers 12.6 MJ/kg DM of digestible energy with 9.0% crude fat, formulated for horses in consistent work. Combined with the hay ration of 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb of body weight daily, it is designed to maintain condition through winter.

Is the sugar level a problem when grass is dormant?

Sugar in the mix is 4.6%, a deliberately reduced figure. Pasture sugar is a separate matter, but the concentrate itself is low-sugar by design.

Can I stay competition-ready on this through winter?

high energy endurance feed

Yes. It is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so winter training on it flows straight into spring shows. Confirm event rules with your organizer as usual.

What if it does not suit my horse over the season?

bifid offers a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and their 24/7 licensed vet team is there to help you adjust. Transition gradually over 7 to 10 days.