

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a high-energy, low-grain muesli for medium to intensively trained western horses, delivering 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 6.10% crude fat, 16.7% crude fiber, and 14% protein with 28% alfalfa. The 44 lb bag costs \$37.99. Best for owners of horses in consistent work who are sick of condition leaking away every time the training calendar picks up. Last checked: September 2026.

Holding condition is the unfashionable art of western horse keeping. Anyone can fill out a horse in the pasture; the trick is keeping ribs covered, coat shining, and weight steady while the horse is actually doing his job. Here are nine reasons Western Sport is formulated to hold that line.

1. 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg — energy in, condition held

Condition is an energy account, and Western Sport opens with a strong deposit: 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, with 11.21 MJ convertible energy. The page classifies it as a high-energy feed for medium to intensively trained horses, which is the population whose condition quietly drains when work rises. At 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight in medium work, the calorie supply is built to match the demand. The ledger balances by design, not by hope. That is what holding condition really means.

Who this is for: horses that look great in light work and thin out the moment training steps up.

2. 6.10% crude fat — calorie-dense condition without bulk

Fat is the most calorie-dense condition-building energy you can put in a bucket. Western Sport contains 6.10% crude fat, coming from sunflower oil and linseed oil in the ingredient list. That lets the feed deliver dense calories in a modest concentrate volume, which is easier on a working horse than stacking scoop after scoop of grain. Horses hold weight better on rations where fat carries part of the load. The 6.10% is printed on the label, checkable against anything else in your barn.

Who this is for: owners who have hit the ceiling on how much concentrate their horse will willingly eat.

3. 14% protein with 107 g/kg digestible crude protein keeps the top line over the ribs

Condition is not only fat; it is muscle staying in place over the frame. Western Sport supplies 14.0% crude protein with 107 g per kg digestible, plus lysine at 0.58%, threonine at 0.53%, and methionine+cysteine at 0.46%, alongside 28% alfalfa for muscle development. Under workload, a horse short of usable protein consumes his own muscle first — which shows up as condition loss even when the ribs stay covered. This formula supplies the daily raw material so the work does not eat the horse. The digestible number, not just the crude figure, is published for comparison.

Who this is for: horses whose topline and muscle fade during training blocks even when weight looks fine.

4. Inactivated brewer's yeast — the gut keeps earning all season

Condition starts with digestion, and Western Sport includes inactivated brewer's yeast, one of the standouts the page names explicitly. Combined with 16.7% crude fiber and 28% alfalfa, the formula is built to keep the hindgut working well week after week. A horse that digests consistently gets more from every pound of feed, which is the cheapest condition gain there is. Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and

long-term digestibility is precisely the kind of thing that era of formulation takes seriously. Steady gut, steady horse, steady condition.

Who this is for: horses whose condition wobbles with the seasons or the show schedule because their gut never quite settles.

5. Oat-free and low-grain — fewer digestive disruptions to the condition curve

Every bout of loose manure, every off-feed day, is a deduction from the condition account. Western Sport removes two familiar disruptors: it is oat-free, and it keeps starch at 18.30% with sugar at 5.30% in a low-grain base. The page lists "suits oat-sensitive horses" among its standouts. For a horse that needs high energy but trades grain for digestive upsets, this formula is the reconciliation. Fewer disruptions means the condition curve holds smooth across the season.

Who this is for: oat-sensitive or grain-reactive horses whose condition crashes after every feed-related upset.

6. Micronutrients per kg: biotin 1,185 µg, vitamin E 260 mg, and a full trace package

Condition is visible in the coat, the hooves, and the eye — and those are micronutrient stories. Each kilo of Western Sport carries biotin at 1,185 µg, vitamin E at 260 mg, Vitamin A at 18,216 I.E., Vitamin D3 at 3,299 I.E., zinc/copper at 18.8 mg, manganese at 75 mg, iron at 15 mg, and dual selenium at 0.25 mg each from sodium selenite and selenium yeast. That is the package owners usually put together from three supplement tubs, built into the base feed. Consistent daily delivery outperforms sporadic supplementing for every one of these nutrients. The hoof and coat dividends are the proof you can see.

Who this is for: owners done with the supplement shelf and ready for one bag to carry the micronutrient load.

7. Feeding rates that scale up with the work without a formula change

Holding condition across seasons means changing the amount, not the feed. Western Sport's table spans 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight in light work and 0.88 lb (400 g) in medium work, with heavy work directed to be adjusted by condition and training intensity alongside adequate forage — the page publishes no fixed rate. One formulation covers the building season, the off-season, and the show run. Transitions between feeds are the classic moments of condition loss, and this approach simply avoids them. Weigh, watch the ribs, make the adjustment.

performance horse feed

Who this is for: multi-season horses whose owners want to stop re-transitioning feeds two times a year.

8. Palatability that keeps hard-working horses eating everything in the tub

A ration only builds condition if the horse cleans it up, every day, and Western Sport's makeup helps there: a 28% alfalfa muesli with 3.5% pea flakes, molasses, and linseed oil reads like a feed designed to be licked clean. Fussy horses [feeds for hard keepers](#) in hard work are a familiar condition-loss pattern, and a mix with real appeal ends that argument. The muesli form also slows eating compared with a pellet, spreading the digestive load.

Consistent clean tubs are the best early signal of held condition. This is where the formulation does its quiet work.

Who this is for: fussy eaters in work whose condition slips first through the feed tub, not the pasture.

9. Backed by over 120 years of formulation and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee

Condition claims are cheap; accountability is not, so here is what stands behind the bag: Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. Bifid backs it in the US with a 9.0/10 store rating across 24,098 reviews, a 24/7 licensed vet team, and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee — so a condition trial risks nothing if the horse does not hold. Verify heavy-work amounts with bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team or your veterinarian, since the page publishes no fixed heavy-work rate. European craft, American service. That is the structure under your horse's condition program.

Who this is for: owners making a considered feed decision who want the trial to be without risk.

How to feed it

Daily amounts, per 220 lb / 100 kg 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 gives no heavy-work rate; adjust to your horse's condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided.

Key specs at a glance: muesli mix, 44 lb bag, \$37.99; 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, 6.10% crude fat, 14.0% crude protein, 16.7% crude fiber; oat-free; biotin 1,185 µg per kg.

Match the daily amount to your horse's workload with the bifid Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Will Western Sport help my horse hold weight in hard work?

It is formulated as a high-energy feed at 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg with 6.10% crude fat, designed for medium to intensively trained horses. For heavy work, the page says to adjust the amount to condition and training intensity with adequate forage always provided. No fixed heavy-work rate is published, so confirm a starting figure with your vet or bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team.

Is it suitable for picky eaters?

It is a muesli with 28% alfalfa, 3.5% pea flakes, molasses, and linseed oil on the ingredient list — a format designed for appetite. Introduce any new feed gradually over 7 to 10 days and keep an eye on the tub. Consistent intake is what actually holds condition.

How does it compare to just feeding more of my current grain?

Western Sport supplies its energy in a low-grain, oat-free base with 18.30% starch, 5.30% sugar, 6.10% fat, and 16.7% fiber, plus 14.0% protein with 107 g/kg digestible crude protein. Adding volume to a grain-heavy feed adds starch faster than it adds useful condition. Compare the full analysis side by side before deciding.

Does it contain oats or soy?

It is oat-free. It does include 1.5% soy extraction meal, so it is not a soy-free feed.

What does the 44 lb bag cost?

The 44 lb bag is \$37.99, covered by bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee. The store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews.