

Quick answer: Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli added to a complete ration, built to support muscle development and stamina in thoroughbreds — 20% raw protein, 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy, and only 5.8% starch for a rideable mind **low starch senior horse feed** on a hot-blooded frame. Competition safe and FEI-compliant, \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag. Last checked: September 2026.

Thoroughbred owners carry a specific worry: the breed runs hot by design, and the wrong fuel can turn brilliant into unrideable in a week. You want stamina and topline without starch-driven sparks. Pur.Muskel was designed for exactly that trade — dense protein and fat-driven energy in a low-starch frame. Here are five reasons it works for a thoroughbred.

1. 5.8% starch — fuel without the fireworks

This is the number thoroughbred owners look at right away. Pur.Muskel holds starch at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, drawing its energy from 15.0% raw fat instead of grain — a profile formulated for metabolically sensitive breeds and rideable temperaments.

Who this is for: thoroughbreds that spook, sharpen, or sizzle on grain-heavy mixes.

2. 20% raw protein for the topline racing and sport ask of them

A thoroughbred in work is asked to carry condition over the back and drive from behind. Pur.Muskel delivers 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, and its rated Functionality is Muscle Building. It is a supplementary feed fed as part of a full ration — not a standalone complete feed.

Who this is for: thoroughbred sport and event horses building topline over a training season.

3. Stamina with a named owner behind it

Jessica's March 14, 2019 review of **muscle building feed for horses** Pur.Muskel is titled "Noticeable difference in stamina" — an owner's own words. The numbers back it up: 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy (11.9 MJ metabolizable) delivered in gram-scale amounts, 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight in medium work.

The benefit: fuel for long gallops and long days without a larger feed tub.

4. No added vitamins or minerals — the ration stays custom

Thoroughbreds often run on carefully balanced plans. Pur.Muskel contains no added vitamins or minerals, so it integrates into a custom feeding plan without duplicating anything. It is also alfalfa-free and easy on the stomach — useful for a breed with a name for touchy digestion.

Who this is for: owners balancing a sensitive system alongside a balancer and their veterinarian's plan.

5. European craft, competition safe, risk covered

Pur.Muskel is made in Germany by a house that has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and it is competition safe and FEI-compliant. It rates 4.55 from 2 reviews on the product page, and bifid backs the purchase with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team; the store rates 9.0/10 across

24,098 reviews, with the US operation based in Florida. It costs \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag, and the product page carries the full details.

Who this is for: owners retraining or competing a thoroughbred who want a premium feed with the trial risk handled.

How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a supplementary feed mixed into a complete ration — forage stays the base, and it is never a standalone complete feed. Rates per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work level Daily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight
Light work 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g)
Medium work 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g)
Heavy work 0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g)

Example: a 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. These are small gram-range rates — weigh the feed rather than scooping on sight, and adjust to condition and the week's work. [bifid's feeding calculator](#) works out the daily amount for your horse.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$52.99, raw protein 20%, raw fat 15.0%, starch 5.8%, sugar 4.1% — a supplementary feed added to a complete ration.

What an owner said

"Noticeable difference in stamina" — Jessica, March 14, 2019. Rated Quality 4, Value 5, Price 4.

Frequently asked questions

Is Pur.Muskel a good fit for thoroughbreds?

Yes — it supports muscle development with 20% raw protein and supplies 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy while starch is held at 5.8% for a level mind. It is added to a complete ration, not fed on its own.

Will it heat up my thoroughbred?

Energy comes from 15.0% raw fat instead of starch, which is held at 5.8% with sugar at 4.1%. The profile is formulated for metabolically sensitive breeds and rideable temperaments.

Is it suitable for a thoroughbred with a sensitive stomach?

The fact sheet lists Pur.Muskel as gentle on the stomach, and it is alfalfa-free. It contains soy (soy flakes), so it is not soy-free.

How much do I feed?

Per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight: 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) light work, 0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) medium work, 0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g) heavy work. Weigh each serving and adjust to condition.

What does it cost?

\$52.99 for a 44 lb bag, with bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team behind it.