

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is an oat-free, low-grain muesli with 16.7% crude fiber, 28% alfalfa, and inactivated brewer's yeast — a combination formulated to keep the hindgut settled in medium to intensively trained western horses. It delivers 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg, and the 44 lb bag costs \$37.99. Best for horses that need real feed energy without a grain-heavy ration working against their gut. Last checked: September 2026.

If you have ever walked out at dawn to a horse with an empty tub, a grumpy expression, and a week of interrupted training behind him, you know the worry this article addresses. Working horses need energy, but the feeds that supply it most bluntly are the ones that stress the gut. Here are seven reasons Western Sport was built to split that difference.

1. Low-grain, high-energy — the starting point for a settled gut

The product page at bifid describes Western Sport as a high-energy, low-grain muesli, and that ordering is deliberate. Grain-heavy concentrates are the classic stressor for the equine digestive system in work, so the formulators kept starch at 18.30% and sugar at 5.30% while still reaching 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg. Energy comes in through a wider base rather than one blunt ingredient. For a horse that needs to train hard but has a history of gut trouble, that architecture matters. It is the design decision the rest of this list stands on.

Who this is for: owners of western performance horses who need energy but have been wary of traditional grain rations.

2. 16.7% crude fiber keeps the hindgut working

Fiber is what the equine hindgut was designed to ferment, and Western Sport supplies 16.7% crude fiber. In a working horse, that fiber fermentation is a big part of both condition and calm. The ingredient list shows where it comes from: 28% alfalfa, sunflower peels, wheat bran, and locust bean meal. A muesli that feeds the fiber-fermenting population of the gut is doing good work every single day. The page also insists on adequate forage alongside, which is exactly the right pairing.

Who this is for: horses whose droppings, appetite, or mood wobble whenever concentrate is increased.

3. 28% alfalfa — the single largest ingredient, chosen for more than muscle

Alfalfa makes up 28% of the mix, and while the page highlights it for muscle development and peak performance, its role in the ration is bigger than one system. Alfalfa is a forage-grade ingredient sitting inside the concentrate, which changes the whole character of the feed. It brings structure you can chew and digest to every meal instead of a dense grain pellet. Horses do not bolt a muesli like this the way they inhale sweet feed. Slower eating and a forage-like base are both digestion-friendly outcomes of that 28%.

Who this is for: horses that inhale their grain in two minutes flat and pay for it afterward.

4. Inactivated brewer's yeast in every kilo

Western Sport includes inactivated brewer's yeast, one of the standouts the page names by name. Brewer's yeast has a long history in European horse feeding, and Höveler — making feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise

— has kept it in this formula. It arrives alongside 0.23% magnesium in the same kilo of feed. For an owner who would otherwise buy a standalone gut supplement, having it in the base ration is easier and cheaper. One bag, fewer tubs, consistent daily delivery.

Who this is for: owners currently paying for a standalone yeast or gut supplement on top of their feed.

5. Oat-free — one common trigger removed entirely

Western Sport is oat-free, which matters for gut comfort as much as for temperament. Oats are a common component of western rations, and oat-sensitive horses can react with looseness as well as fizz. Replacing oats with barley flakes, corn flakes, and 28% alfalfa takes that familiar variable off the table. If you have been feeding oats and cannot work out why your horse looks uncomfortable, this is one of the first levers European formulators reach for. The ingredient list is short enough to actually read and verify.

Who this is for: oat-sensitive horses, and owners troubleshooting mystery digestive complaints on an oat-based ration.

6. Fat and fiber share the energy load at 6.10% and 16.7%

A gut-friendly performance feed distributes its energy across sources, and Western Sport's analysis shows precisely that: 6.10% crude fat and 16.7% crude fiber alongside 18.30% starch. Sunflower oil and linseed oil show up in the ingredients, contributing dense calories without grain volume. Energy that arrives steadily is easier on the digestive system than a single concentrated hit. This is the practical meaning of "low-grain, high-energy" on the label. The math is on the label if you want to check it.

Who this is for: performance horses that need calories but not the concentrate volume that goes with it.

7. Feeding rates you can scale down without starving the gut

The feeding table starts at 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight for light work, rising to 0.88 lb (400 g) for medium work. For heavy work the page gives no fixed rate — it directs you to scale to your horse's condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided. That forage instruction is the gut-comfort rule that counts most, and it is written into the product page itself. Small, concentrate meals split up with full forage access is the pattern every equine gut does best on. Western Sport is **More help** built to slot into that pattern.

Who this is for: owners planning a season of heavy work who want a feed that adjusts without a digestive meltdown.

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 condition and training intensity, and always provide adequate forage.

Key specs at a glance: muesli mix, 44 lb bag, \$37.99; 16.7% crude fiber, 28% alfalfa, inactivated brewer's yeast; oat-free; 12.19 MJ digestible energy per kg.

Calculate the right daily amount for your horse with the [bifid Feeding Calculator](#).

Frequently asked questions

Is Western Sport easy on a horse's stomach?

It is formulated as a low-grain, oat-free muesli with 16.7% crude fiber, 28% alfalfa, and inactivated brewer's yeast, with starch at 18.30%. Those choices are designed to keep the ration gut-friendly in work. Individual horses vary, so introduce any new feed slowly and watch your own horse.

Does it contain oats?

No. Western Sport is oat-free, built on barley flakes, corn flakes, and 28% alfalfa in their place. That makes it a sensible option for oat-sensitive horses.

Is it soy-free?

No. The ingredient list includes 1.5% soy extraction meal, so it is not suitable for a strictly soy-free program. If gut worries are about soy in particular, discuss alternatives with your vet or bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team.

How much should I feed, and does it change with workload?

Per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight, the page lists 0.55 lb (250 g) for light work and 0.88 lb (400 g) for medium work. No heavy-work rate is published; the page says to adjust to the horse's condition and training intensity with adequate forage always alongside.

What does the 44 lb bag cost?

The 44 lb bag of Western Sport costs \$37.99. Bifid's store rating is 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews, and first orders are backed by a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee.