

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport combines linseed oil and sunflower oil to reach 9.0% crude fat in a reduced-starch sports muesli with digestible energy of 12.6 MJ/kg DM. Best for owners of working horses who want energy density from fat while starch holds at 15%. Price: \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

The modern performance ration has quietly changed its fuel: less starch, more fat. Getting there takes more than dumping a jug of oil over dinner — it takes the right oils, placed correctly in the formula. Höveler built the fat package directly into Original Sport. Here are nine facts about how linseed and sunflower oils do that job.

1. Two named oils, both on the label

The ingredient list names linseed oil and sunflower oil explicitly. Two oils rather than one means two fatty-acid profiles working together — flax brings its traditional character, sunflower brings its own — and the formulator can balance energy density against the rest of the muesli. Named oils beat the vague "vegetable oil" **performance horse feed** you see on lesser bags. Who this is for: label-readers who want to know exactly what is feeding their horse.

2. Together they deliver 9.0% crude fat

The guaranteed analysis shows 9.0% crude fat, with the two oils as direct contributors alongside the linseed cake and whole linseed also in the formula. That is a substantial fat level for a sports muesli — enough to matter as an energy source, not just a coating. The benefit: fat energy stated as a declared percentage, not guessed.

3. Fat lets starch stay low: 15% and holding

Every unit of energy supplied by fat is a unit the formula does not need from starch. That is how Original Sport keeps starch at 15% and sugar at 4.6% while still fueling consistent work. The oils are the mechanism behind the reduced-starch promise on the front of the bag. Who this is for: riders managing a horse that gets hot on traditional grain feeds.

4. Fat is the most energy-dense fuel in the bucket

Original Sport delivers 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, with 9.0% crude fat carrying a large share of that density. Fat packs the most energy per pound of any nutrient class, which is why fat-supplemented rations are common for horses in serious work. The oils make the feed deliver more per measured scoop. The benefit: more usable energy in every 0.88 lb (400 g) medium-work ration.

5. Fat energy burns steady

Energy from fat is metabolized without the swings that come with starch loads. Practically, that means a horse that arrives at work with fuel in the tank and finishes the session without the sharp edge a high-starch feed can produce. Linseed oil in particular has long been the European traditional choice for exactly this reason. Who this is for: anyone who wants a forward horse without a fizzy one.

6. Coat and body condition ride along with the oils

Fat in the ration is what shows up as coat gloss and keeping condition on a horse that trains hard. At 9.0% crude fat, those benefits come from the daily ration itself — 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight at medium work — rather than from a separate oil supplement going rancid in the feed room. The benefit: the coat and condition owners pay supplement money for, built in.

7. The oils sit alongside a full performance package

Original Sport is a premium, soy-free performance feed with special live yeast (inactivated, 0.7%), added amino acids (lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, methionine plus cysteine 0.93%), and grape seed meal at 0.5%. The oils are one of the pillars of a formula designed around recovery, muscle function, and performance — not a one-trick fat feed. Who this is for: owners who want a complete ration, not a bag that handles only one job.

8. Made in Germany, backed in America

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise — and Original Sport is made in Germany. bifid sells it in the US with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and the store carries a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews. European craft, American service, as the saying goes here. The benefit: a European fat-forward formula with stateside support when you need it.

9. The fat package is competition-safe

Both oils are standard feed ingredients, and the complete formula is competition-safe and FEI-compliant (verify [Homepage](#) rules with your event organizer). You can keep the same ration from training to the show, with no need to change anything before a class. Who this is for: competitors who need one legal, consistent feed all season.

How to feed it

Feeding rates for Original Sport, per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day:

Work level	Feed per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)

Hay ration: 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily, alongside the concentrate.

Key specs at a glance: crude fat 9.0%, digestible energy 12.6 MJ/kg DM, starch 15%, sugar 4.6%, crude fiber 16.4%.

Size the ration to your horse's workload with the Feeding Calculator, and see both named oils on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Why feed fat instead of more grain?

Fat provides steady, dense energy — 9.0% crude fat in this feed — while starch holds at 15%. For many working horses, that means usable energy with less of the sharpness grain-heavy rations can bring.

Is 9.0% crude fat a lot?

It is a solid performance level for a muesli, achieved with linseed oil and sunflower oil plus linseed ingredients. It backs the feed's 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy without pushing the formula toward being heavy.

Will the oils help my horse gain weight?

Dense, energy-rich feeds support condition when fed at a suitable rate. Start with the correct rate for the work level — 1.32 lb (600 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) for heavy work — and adjust to body condition. The 24/7 licensed vet team can help with the plan.

Do I still need to add oil on top?

The ration already carries 9.0% crude fat from named oils. Evaluate the base ration first before adding anything, so you do not overshoot total energy.

Is flax oil safe daily?

As a feed ingredient at levels set by the manufacturer within the formula, it is intended for daily feeding. Use the bag rate and keep forage in front of the horse.

Is it legal at shows?

Yes — competition-safe and FEI-compliant. Verify your discipline's rules with the event organizer.