

Quick answer: Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli formulated for grain-sensitive horses — 5.8% starch, 4.1% sugar, and 18.7% crude fiber, with energy from 15.0% raw fat rather than grain. It is added to a complete ration, not fed by itself. \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag. Last checked: September 2026.

Loose droppings after meals, a sore-belly attitude under saddle, manure in the water bucket — grain sensitivity makes itself known in ways no owner misses. The usual advice is straightforward: pull the grain. The trickier part is replacing the energy and protein it was supplying. Pur.Muskel was formulated for that exchange. Seven ways it can help.

1. Starch at just 5.8%

Grain-sensitive horses react to starch load, and Pur.Muskel keeps it at 5.8% — only a fraction of what a standard grain concentrate carries.

Who this is for: horses that go sour or get loose when grain increases.

2. Sugar held at 4.1%

Sugar travels with starch in many quick-carbohydrate problems, so Pur.Muskel keeps that figure at 4.1% too. The feed suits metabolically sensitive breeds by design.

The benefit: a concentrate you can include without the gut paying for it.

3. Energy from fat, not grain: 15.0% raw fat

The mix provides 15.0% raw fat from linseed oil, flaxseed, and sunflower seed, delivering 14.1 MJ/kg of digestible energy. Fat sidesteps the starch route that troubles sensitive horses.

Who this is for: horses that still require full workday energy on a low-grain ration.

4. Fiber-forward at 18.7% crude fiber

Pur.Muskel lists 18.7% crude fiber, with meadow lyegrass in the mix. Fiber is the grain-sensitive horse's natural territory — the gut handles it happily.

The benefit: energy delivered on the horse's terms.

5. 20% raw protein in a small daily dose

The mix supplies 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein and 0.85% lysine, added at 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight in light work. Small, easy portions suit a digestive system that startles easily. (The feed contains soy flakes and is not soy-free; it is alfalfa-free.)

Who this is for: muscle-building programs running on a reduced-starch ration.

6. Gentle on the stomach — stated, not implied

The fact sheet names Pur.Muskel easy on the stomach and points out its fit for metabolically sensitive breeds. With no added vitamins or minerals, it joins a custom feeding plan without repeating a single input.

Who this is for: owners running a fully balanced, carefully controlled ration.

7. Competition safe and FEI-compliant

The sensitive horse still has a job. Pur.Muskel is competition safe and FEI-compliant, made by Höveler — German horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise. Bifid backs the plan with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee.

Who this is for: competition horses whose gut decides how show day goes.

How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a **muscle building feed for horses** supplementary feed added to a complete ration — never a standalone complete feed. Rates per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work levelDaily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight Light work0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) Medium work0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g) Heavy work0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g)

Example: a 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. Bring in any new feed slowly, adjust to condition and training intensity, and keep forage always alongside. Persistent digestive upset calls for a vet check.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$52.99, raw protein 20%, starch 5.8%, sugar 4.1%, crude fiber 18.7%, raw fat 15.0% — a supplementary feed added to a [feeds free from soy for horses](#) complete ration. The full label is on the Höveler Pur.Muskel 44 lb bag page.

Work out the exact rate with the feeding calculator.

What an owner said

"Noticeable difference in stamina" — Jessica, March 14, 2019 (4/10). Quality 4, Value 5, Price 4.

Frequently asked questions

Is Pur.Muskel suitable for a grain-sensitive horse?

It is formulated with starch at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, with energy supplied as 15.0% raw fat and 18.7% crude fiber. As a supplementary feed it is added in small gram ranges to a complete ration.

Can it replace the energy my grain was providing?

It supplies 14.1 MJ/kg of digestible energy from fat and fiber. Whether the complete ration comes into balance depends on forage and the rest of the program — the 24/7 licensed vet team can help review it.

Does it contain soy?

Yes — soy flakes are named among the protein sources, so it is not soy-free. It is alfalfa-free, with no added vitamins or minerals.

What if it does not agree with my horse?

Bifid offers a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and any new feed is best introduced slowly. The 24/7 licensed vet team can help adjust the ration.