

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with special yeast and added amino acids. Leisure riders get a premium, soy-free formula at just 15% starch and 4.6% sugar for \$49.99, with rates starting at only 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb body weight for light work. Last checked: September 2026.

The leisure rider's worry is often the reverse of the competitor's: "My horse only gets ridden three or four times a week — is a sports feed too much?" The answer lies in the ration size, not the label. At light-work rates this muesli delivers premium nutrition in small, controlled portions.

1. Premium sports nutrition at a light-work rate

For light work, feed just 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily. That small portion still delivers the whole formula: 15.1% protein, high vitamin E, and the complete amino acid package. The benefit: premium quality without overloading a weekend horse.

Who this is for: leisure horses ridden a few times a week whose owners want quality over quantity.

2. Low sugar and reduced starch respect the easy keeper

Sugar is 4.6% and starch 15%. Leisure horses — many of them easy keepers — are often managed with sugar in mind. This feed was formulated low on both counts, so a modest ration stays modest in sugar too.

Who this is for: owners of easy-keeping breeds watching each gram of sugar.

3. Gut support built into every scoop

Each ration carries 0.7% Diamond V inactivated yeast plus fructooligosaccharides — prebiotic fiber included to help maintain gut comfort. Leisure horses benefit too: changes in turnout, winter stabling, and spring grass all challenge the gut.

The benefit: a gut-support package that works even at a light-work ration.

4. Fiber-first, the way a horse's gut prefers

Crude fiber runs 16.4%, from alfalfa, barley flakes, corn flakes, and wheat bran. The feed is designed to sit alongside forage — hay at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily remains the foundation of the ration.

Who this is for: owners who want the concentrate to complement, not replace good hay.

5. Carrots the horse will actually eat

Carrots at 0.5% make this muesli truly palatable. A fussy horse that picks at standard grain will usually **performance horse feed** clean up a <https://sites.google.com/view/low-starch-horse-feed/> carrot-flecked muesli. Feed that gets eaten is the only kind of feed that works.

Who this is for: picky horses at small barns where appetite varies with turnout changes.

6. Soy-free for sensitive skin and digestion

The full formula is soy-free, with protein from alfalfa, sunflower extraction meal, linseed cake, and pea flakes at 15.1% crude protein. Many leisure horses with itchy coats or loose manure on soy-containing feeds tend to do better without it.

Who this is for: horses that have not done well on soy-based sweet feeds.

7. Amino acids that keep the topline presentable

Lysine 1.0% and threonine 1.0% help maintain muscle function. A leisure horse still needs a topline under the saddle pad — light work supported by the correct amino acids does that job without fuss.

The benefit: muscle maintenance built in, even when the schedule is casual.

8. German craft, American service

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. bifid backs it with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a US operation in Florida. Store rating: 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews.

Who this is for: owners who want European feed-making with local help on call.

9. A risk-free way to try it

The 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee means a leisure rider can switch feeds, watch the horse for a month, and decide with the return window open. Price: \$49.99 per 44 lb bag.

Who this is for: cautious owners making the first feed change in years.

How to feed it

Rates are given per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work level	Feed per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day
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, always alongside the feed.

Key specs at a glance: starch 15%, sugar 4.6%, crude protein 15.1%, crude fiber 16.4%, soy-free, high in vitamin E.

Find your horse's exact portion with the Feeding Calculator, and weigh the ration rather than guessing by scoop.

The full specification and the current bag are on the Höveler Original Sport product page.

Frequently asked questions

Is a sports muesli too much for a leisure horse?

Not if you feed the right rate. Light work calls for 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily — a small, controlled portion of a low-sugar formula at 4.6% sugar and 15% starch.

Will it make my quiet horse fresh?

The reduced-starch, low-sugar profile is designed for even energy rather than fizz. Every horse is an individual, so transition over several days and see.

Is it suitable for an easy keeper?

The sugar-conscious base (4.6% sugar) and small light-work portion make it a common choice for easy-keeping horses in light work. Weigh the ration and keep hay at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb daily as the foundation.

Does it contain soy?

No. The formula is fully soy-free — alfalfa, sunflower extraction meal, linseed cake, and pea flakes supply the 15.1% protein.

What if my horse doesn't take to it?

bifid offers a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee, and its 24/7 licensed vet team can help you review the ration before you decide.