Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a low-grain, oat-free 44 lb muesli mix made in Germany for medium to intensively trained western horses. Energy comes in at 12.19 MJ per *feeds for hard keepers* kg of digestible energy with starch held to 18.30% and sugar to 5.30%, at $37.99. Best for a fizzy or hot horse that needs real fuel without the rocket-fuel feel of sweet feed. Last checked: September 2026.

You ask for the lope and get a launch. Hot behavior under saddle often starts at the feed bucket, where high-starch, high-sugar mixes flood energy faster than a horse can use it. Here are seven ways this muesli is designed to put usable energy back in your reins.

1. Starch capped at 18.30%

Starch **performance horse feed** spikes are the classic driver of fizzy behavior. Western Sport holds starch at 18.30% — low-grain by design — while still delivering a high-energy 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg. Energy arrives steadier when starch stays sensible.

Who this is for: horses that get strong, jumpy or bottleneck-hot on traditional sweet feeds.

2. Sugar at just 5.30%

Sugar sits at 5.30%, well under the sweetness level of molasses-heavy feeds. Less sugar per meal means fewer of the peaks that turn a quiet colt into a corkscrew. Pull your current bag off the shelf and compare.

The benefit: fuel without the sugar rush.

3. Completely oat-free

Oats are the traditional "hot" grain, and oat-sensitive horses often show it in their behavior. This formula contains no oats at all — energy comes from barley flakes, corn flakes, sunflower oil and 28% alfalfa instead. You can check that on the bifid product page before the bag is even opened.

Who this is for: owners who have had their suspicions about oats and want them gone from the bucket.

4. Alfalfa-based energy at 28% of the mix

A full 28% of the muesli is alfalfa, a forage. Forage-based energy is released more slowly than grain-based energy, which supports a calmer, more rideable feel — while the 14.0% crude protein still feeds muscle.

The benefit: work energy that feels like stability, not explosiveness.

5. Vitamin E at 260 mg per kg supports muscle function

Each kilogram carries 260 mg of Vitamin E, an antioxidant that supports normal muscle function in horses in hard work. A horse whose muscles feel good is a horse that argues less with its rider.

Who this is for: performance horses that get sore or resentful through the back late in the week.

6. FEI-compliant and competition-safe

The formula is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — check the rules with your event organizer. That matters for a hot horse: the goal is a calmer partner, not a doped one, and this feed gets there through formulation, not additives.

The benefit: ride it all season, from schooling to the show pen, with peace of mind.

7. Backed by a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee

A feed trial on a hot horse is stressful. Bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers the experiment, and the store holds a 9.0/10 rating across 24,098 reviews. Höveler itself has been making horse feed in Germany since 1905 — over 120 years.

Who this is for: owners who want to try the low-starch route without financial risk.

How to feed it

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

Work levelDaily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight Light work0.55 lb (250 g) Medium work0.88 lb (400 g) Heavy workNot listed — the page gives no heavy-work rate; adjust to condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, $37.99, 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, 18.30% starch, 5.30% sugar, 14.0% protein, oat-free muesli. For heavy work the page gives no fixed rate — adjust the amount to your horse's condition and training intensity, and always provide plenty of forage. Size the ration precisely at the bifid Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Will a low-starch feed give my horse enough energy for hard work?

Yes — Western Sport delivers 12.19 MJ of digestible energy per kg, which is why it is classed as a high-energy feed for intensively trained western horses. The difference is how the energy is packaged: 18.30% starch and 5.30% sugar instead of a heavy grain-and-molasses load.

What makes horses hot in the first place?

Large starch and sugar loads are the most frequent dietary cause, which is why this formula caps starch at 18.30% and sugar at 5.30%. Training, turnout and fitness all play their part. A feed change backs up the picture; it does not replace good riding.

Is it safe to show on?

It is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — always verify rules with your specific event organizer. It works through nutrition, not substances.

Does it contain oats?

No. The formula is completely oat-free, built instead on 28% alfalfa, barley flakes, corn flakes and added oils. That is a big part of why it suits oat-sensitive, easily excitable horses.

How long before I see a calmer horse?

Plan a 7–10 day transition onto the new feed, then give the ration a few weeks at the right rate — 0.88 lb (400 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight for medium work. The behavior follows the ration, not the day the bag lands.