

Equibeet

Equibeet is a highly palatable, high digestible fibre feed for horses and ponies, ideal for promoting gut health. It is suitable for laminitic animals, 'fussy eaters' and those with poor condition or digestion.

Typical Analysis (on a dry matter basis)

Dry matter (%)	Crude protein (%)	Oil (%)	NDF (%)	Starch (%)	Sugar (%)	Fibre (%)	DE (MJ/Kg)
89.0	8.4	1.8	44.9	0.0	9.0	18.5	11.0

What are you trying to achieve?

Need	Feature	Benefit
Encourage intake	A highly palatable feed.	An excellent feed for 'fussy feeders'.
Gut health	High proportion of the energy as digestible fibre.	Increases energy and vitamin B supply through improved digestion. Suitable for animals with digestive problems or those struggling to maintain or improve condition.
Non-heating		Allows energy intakes to be increased without the problems associated with high grain diets. Promotes calm behaviour - ideal for box rest.
Feed suitable for laminitic or sugar sensitive horses	Low sugar content.	Ideal feed for animals requiring a controlled diet, providing the optimum supply of fibre.
Encourage water intake	High water content and a good source of electrolytes.	Excellent feed after hard work. <i>Equibeet</i> is useful to encourage horses who often do not want to drink after exercise, or during hot weather, when intake may be inadequate.
Traceability	Produced in the UK from non – GM, UK grown sugar beet.	A short and local supply chain creates peace of mind and stringent quality assurance.

The predicted responses (benefits) assume that the specified nutrient, physical or structural dietary components are limiting livestock performance in the current ration.

Recommended daily feed rates (per head basis)

Workload	Pony(350kg)	Hack (500 kg)	Hunter (600kg)
Resting	1.0	1.5	1.7
Light work (occasional hacking)	1.3	1.9	2.3
Moderate work (short schooling/daily hacking)	1.5	2.2	2.6
Training (preparation for competition)	1.8	2.6	3.1
Hard work (competing/full fitness)	2.3	3.3	4.0

Feeding rates are produced as a guide only and should be adjusted to take account of other feeds in your horse or ponies' diet as well as their condition and workload. A minimum of 50%, by weight, of your horse's daily requirement should be forage (grass/hay/silage/chaff) to maintain gut health and function.

Soaking of Equibeet

- *Equibeet* requires **soaking for a minimum of 24 hours**, after which it can be combined with other horse feeds.
- Any horse that has been fed unsoaked sugar beet should be seen by a veterinarian immediately.
- Add 1 litre of water to every 200g of *Equibeet* (5: 1) and drain off any excess water before feeding.
- Soaked sugar beet should be used up in a couple of days. In hot weather, soaked sugar beet may start to ferment changing its palatability and nutritional value. Only soak enough pellets to last one day in summer months.
- Use each batch of soaked sugar beet completely before preparing the next batch. Do not keep on 'topping up' the sugar beet left to soak.
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Availability, handling and storage

Equibeet is available from regional distributors, UK wide, in 20kg bags. It must be stored in a secure shed, bunker, bin or hopper and kept cool, dry and free from vermin. Make sure horses and ponies cannot gain access to unsoaked *Equibeet*. *Equibeet* should be used within 12 months.

Additional information:

Method of production

Sugar beet is a root crop, resembling a turnip, which is commonly grown in Northern Europe for sugar production. Once the sugar has been diffused out from the beet, the remaining fibrous residues are dried and then pelleted to produce the final product.

Quality Assurance

Equibeet is FEMAS assured (or a recognised equivalent) and is marketed by Trident who are UFAS-accredited. *Equibeet* (Dried (sugar) beet feed) is listed under number 4.1.10 in the EU Catalogue of Feed Materials.

Legal disclaimer

Suggested feeding rates are produced as a guide only and many other factors may have an overriding effect on animal response; no performance guarantee can be given. Rations should be carefully balanced and be fortified with an appropriate vitamin and mineral supplement. Animals must have constant access to clean water.

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Detailed Typical Analysis (fresh basis other than where stated)

Dry matter	%	89.0	Salt	g/kg	3.75
Oil A	%	0.65	Calcium	g/kg	12.0
Oil B	%	1.60	Magnesium	g/kg	1.30
Crude protein	%	7.50	Phosphorus	g/kg	0.33
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Fibre	%	16.5	Sodium	g/kg	1.50
Ash	%	8.50	Chloride	g/kg	0.60
DE	MJ/kg DM	11.0	Sulphur	g/kg	3.33
NDF	%	40.0	Copper	mg/kg	4.00
Starch	%	0.00	Manganese	mg/kg	53.0
Sugar	%	8.00	Selenium	mg/kg	0.09
Lysine	% of CP	6.53	Zinc	mg/kg	25.0
Methionine	% of CP	1.86	Saturates	% of oil	23.0
Cysteine	% of CP	1.63	Monounsaturates	% of oil	11.0
Histidine	% of CP	3.73	PUFAs	% of oil	66.0
Threonine	% of CP	6.06	Long chain PUFAs	% of oil	0.00