

Quick answer: Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli (pellet mix) formulated to support muscle development, with 20% raw protein, 15.0% raw fat, and only 5.8% starch and 4.1% sugar. It is added to a complete ration — never a standalone feed — and carries no added vitamins or minerals. A 44 lb bag costs \$52.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Every horse owner recognizes the pattern: condition swings with the calendar. Grass arrives and fades, workload rises and falls, and by the time you spot the topline has changed, the season has already done the damage. The fix is a feed that moves with the year instead of working against it. Pur.Muskel is built to be the muscle-support piece of a complete plan across a changing calendar. Below are 9 reasons it handles seasonal condition changes.

1. A stated protein floor all year round

Pasture quality shifts by the month; the concentrate doesn't have to. Pur.Muskel supplies 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg of digestible crude protein in each bag, designed for muscle building. Whatever the season is doing to the pasture, the supplementary protein holds steady.

Who this is for: owners tired of chasing condition that changes with the seasons.

2. Amino acids declared, season after season

The label states lysine 0.85%, methionine 0.25%, methionine+cysteine 0.5%, and threonine 0.6%. Muscle maintenance depends on those raw materials being present, and a declared profile lets you hold the ration steady while everything else changes.

The benefit: one constant in a ration that has to take on a **low starch complete feed** lot of seasonal ups and downs.

3. Energy that flexes without starch

Seasonal workloads shift; Pur.Muskel's energy profile does not spike. It provides 14.1 MJ/kg of digestible energy and 11.9 MJ/kg of metabolizable energy with starch at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, carried by 15.0% raw fat. You adjust the rate to the season, not the formula.

Who this is for: owners who shift between light and heavy work over the year.

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4. Rates that map onto the calendar

The feeding rates are made to flex: light work is 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily, medium 50–80 g, heavy 80–100 g. A 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. Grass season, show season, quiet season — the rate changes, the feed stays the same.

Who this is for: owners who want to adjust one number instead of reworking the whole ration each season.

5. Metabolically sensitive breeds across changing grass

Seasonal grass is the hard part for easy keepers, with sugar rising in spring and fall. Pur.Muskel's own numbers stay low — starch 5.8%, sugar 4.1% — a profile the fact sheet specifically notes suits metabolically sensitive

breeds. The mix adds support without chasing the pasture's sugar wave.

Who this is for: owners of metabolically sensitive horses whose condition moves with the grass.

6. Gentle on the stomach through every transition

Season changes are diet changes, and guts notice. Pur.Muskel is alfalfa-free and made to be gentle on the stomach, with 18.7% crude fiber and a muesli base of meadow lyegrass, flaxseed, sweet lupine flakes, pea flakes, and linseed oil.

The benefit: a supplementary feed meant to ease, not add to, seasonal transitions.

7. No added vitamins or minerals — clean seasonal adjustments

Pur.Muskel contains no added vitamins or minerals. When the season changes, you adjust your balancer and forage, and the supplementary piece keeps doing one job only. That targeted integration is exactly what a supplementary feed is designed for, as included in a full nutrition plan.

Who this is for: owners who tune their base plan seasonally and want a component that never complicates it.

8. Over 120 years of formulation behind the consistency

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905 — over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. Consistency bag to bag is what lets a ration survive a season change, and the ingredient list — featuring grape seed flour and rosehip — reflects that depth of formulation.

Who this is for: owners who want a feed whose recipe will not surprise them in the middle of the season.

9. \$52.99 across the whole year, with backup on call

A 44 lb bag is \$52.99, and at modest daily rates it lasts for weeks at any point in the calendar. bifid backs the purchase with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and a 24/7 licensed vet team, and holds a 9.0/10 store-wide rating across 24,098 reviews. (That rating is bifid's store-wide score; the product itself holds 4.55 from 2 reviews.) The full listing is on the product page.

Who this is for: owners budgeting a year of feeding at a single known per-bag cost.

How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a supplementary feed — always added to a complete ration, never fed alone. Rates are per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight per day:

Work level	Daily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight
Light work	0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g)
Medium work	0.11–0.18 lb (50–80 g)
Heavy work	0.18–0.22 lb (80–100 g)

For example, a 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. These gram ranges are modest, so use a scale rather than scooping it. Forage always stays alongside.

Key specs at a glance: 20% raw protein, 15.0% raw fat, 5.8% starch, 4.1% sugar, 14.1 MJ/kg digestible energy, 44 lb bag, \$52.99.

When the season turns and the workload with it, work out your horse's exact amount with the feeding calculator.

What an owner said

"Excellent performance 9" — Jessica, May 21, 2024 (Quality 5, Value 4, Price 5). Her comment notes the horses maintain stronger muscle condition on it.

Frequently asked questions

How do I adjust Pur.Muskel between seasons?

By the rate, not the feed. Light work is 0.07–0.11 lb (30–50 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily, medium work 50–80 g, heavy work 80–100 g. Move the rate up or down as the season shifts the workload.

Will it keep condition steady when the grass changes?

The supplementary feed holds its own numbers constant — 20% raw protein, 5.8% starch, 4.1% sugar — whatever the pasture does. It is designed to be part of a full nutrition plan you tune around it.

Is it a complete feed?

No. It is a supplementary feed with zero added vitamins or minerals, added to a complete ration that contains forage and a balancer.

Does it contain soy?

Yes. Soy flakes are on the ingredient list along with meadow lyegrass, flaxseed, sweet lupine flakes, and pea flakes. It is alfalfa-free, but it is not soy-free.

What does a 44 lb bag cost?

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