

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with sugar at 4.6%, starch at 15%, and 16.4% crude fiber, formulated for horses in consistent work. Soy-free and competition-safe, \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

The off-season creates a worry of its own: you cut the work, and either the horse drops condition or holds it with a feed that will be wrong the moment training restarts. Here are five reasons this muesli earns its place in the bucket through the quiet months.

1. Low sugar at 4.6% suits a lighter workload

When hours under saddle drop, sugar-heavy feeds continue delivering energy the horse is no longer using. Here sugar is 4.6%, reduced by design. The benefit: a horse that stays level and does not blow up between seasons.

2. 16.4% crude fiber keeps the ration gut-first in quiet months

Crude fiber comes in at 16.4%, and the formula includes fructooligosaccharides as prebiotic fiber plus inactivated yeast at 0.7%. The off-season is when you look after the hindgut for the season ahead. Who this is for: owners who see the break as maintenance, not a pause.

3. Protein and amino acids hold muscle instead of rebuilding it

Crude protein is 15.1% with essential amino acids added, lysine at 1.0% and threonine at 1.0%. A lighter rate of this feed helps maintain muscle function so spring [performance horse feed](#) starts from strength, not from [get more info](#) scratch. Who this is for: horses returning from a short break that cannot afford to lose their topline.

4. One feed covers the transition back into work

The rates move from 0.55 lb (250 g) at light work to 1.32 lb (600 g) at heavy work per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily. When training restarts, you raise the rate, not the feed. The benefit: no risky feed change in the first weeks back.

5. Over 120 years of expertise, backed by a guarantee

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. bifid's Florida-based US operation — a store rated 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews — backs Höveler Original Sport with a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee. Who this is for: owners who want the off-season to be simple and safe.

How to feed it

Work level	Rate 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

Key specs at a glance: crude fiber 16.4%, sugar 4.6%, starch 15%, crude protein 15.1%. Work out the off-season rate with the [Feeding Calculator](#).

Frequently asked questions

Should I switch to a lighter feed in the off-season?

You can often keep the same feed and simply reduce the rate to the light-work figure of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily. Adjust to the horse's condition, and check the numbers with the Feeding Calculator.

Will a performance feed make my horse fresh when work drops?

This one is reduced-starch (15%) and low-sugar (4.6%), designed for even energy. Many owners keep reduced-starch feeds in the bucket through downtime for that reason.

Can it help hold muscle through the break?

It supplies 15.1% crude protein with lysine and threonine added at 1.0% each, which help maintain muscle function. Muscle maintenance still depends on some regular movement.

Is it worth keeping on a competition horse through winter downtime?

Yes, because the feed is competition-safe and FEI-compliant, so the return to work needs no feed change. Confirm rules with your organizer as usual.

What if I change my mind?

bifid offers a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee and their 24/7 licensed vet team is on hand for feeding questions. Make any feed change gradually over 7 to 10 days.