

Quick answer: Höveler Pur.Muskel is a supplementary muesli for muscle development, carrying 20% raw protein with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein and the key amino acids lysine 0.85% and threonine 0.6%. It is added to a complete ration, is FEI-compliant, and costs \$52.99 for a 44 lb bag — a solid pick for horses in training that need protein above what their base ration provides. Last checked: September 2026.

Every owner building a horse's condition knows the frustration of it: weeks of correct work, and the topline still does not fill. Muscle is built from protein quality, not just the amount — and that is exactly where Pur.Muskel is engineered to contribute. Here are nine reasons it is the feed for the job, added to a full ration.

1. 20% raw protein is the headline number

Muscle is protein, and [low starch horse feed](#) Pur.Muskel brings 20% raw protein to the ration. That is a serious protein contribution from a muesli format, which is why the product's stated Functionality is Muscle Building.

Who this is for: horses in training that need protein above what their base ration delivers.

2. Digestible crude protein of 160 g/kg, not just crude numbers

A protein percentage only counts if the horse can use it. Pur.Muskel delivers 160 g/kg digestible crude protein, so more of that 20% actually reaches the muscle-building machinery.

The benefit: fewer wasted protein dollars in each scoop.

3. Lysine at 0.85% — the first-limiting amino acid

Lysine is the amino acid most often short in horse rations. Pur.Muskel supplies 0.85% lysine, working to maintain the amino acid balance a horse needs to support muscle development.

Who this is for: owners whose base feed omits a lysine figure.

4. Methionine and threonine complete the picture

Beyond lysine, Pur.Muskel lists 0.25% methionine and 0.6% threonine, with methionine+cysteine at 0.5%. These essential amino acids support muscle protein and coat quality together.

The benefit: a full amino acid profile in one supplementary feed.

5. Built from real protein sources: soy flakes, pea flakes, sweet lupine

The ingredient list does the proving: soy flakes, sweet lupine flakes, and pea flakes are the protein carriers, alongside meadow lyegrass and flaxseed. Soy flakes are included on purpose — this feed contains soy and is not marketed as soy-free.

Who this is for: owners who study the ingredient list before price tags.

6. Energy to fuel the work, not just the protein

Muscle needs training stimulus and fuel. Pur.Muskel adds 11.9 MJ/kg metabolizable energy with 15.0% raw fat, so the horse has energy to put in proper work while the protein backs development.

The benefit: protein and energy coming together, in the correct ratio.

7. Gentle on the stomach at 5.8% starch

Muscle-building plans fall apart when horses go sour or fizzy. Pur.Muskel holds starch at 5.8% and sugar at 4.1%, and is described as easy on the stomach — so the plan stays consistent.

Who this is for: metabolically sensitive breeds that also need to build muscle.

8. No added vitamins or minerals, so your plan stays custom

Pur.Muskel is alfalfa-free and contains no added vitamins or minerals. That means you can add targeted protein and energy without unknowingly doubling your micronutrient package — the main point of a supplementary feed in a custom plan.

Who this is for: owners running a balancer or a vet-planned micronutrient program.

9. Owner-reported results, competition safe, and risk-free to try

The product rates 4.55 from 2 reviews, and Jessica's May 21, 2024 review notes the horses maintain stronger muscle condition. It is competition safe and FEI-compliant, made in Germany by a firm with over 120 years of experience, and backed by bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee.

Who this is for: anyone who wants evidence before committing to a 44 lb bag.

How to feed it

Pur.Muskel is a supplementary feed added to a complete ration — never a standalone complete feed. Rates per 220 lb (100 kg) of 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)
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Example: a 1,000 lb horse in medium work gets 50–80 g daily. Forage every time alongside.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$52.99, raw protein 20%, digestible crude protein 160 g/kg, lysine 0.85%, starch 5.8% — a supplementary feed added to a complete ration. The full label is on the Höveler Pur.Muskel 44 lb bag page.

Match the rate to your horse with the feeding calculator.

What an owner said

"Excellent performance 9" — Jessica, May 21, 2024 (9/10). Her comment notes the horses maintain stronger muscle condition.

Frequently asked questions

What protein level does Pur.Muskel have?

20% raw protein, with 160 g/kg digestible crude protein. It also supplies lysine at 0.85%, threonine at 0.6%, and methionine at 0.25%.

Is it a complete feed for muscle building?

No. It is a supplementary feed, added to a complete ration with forage. Its role is to bring muscle-building protein and energy into a full nutrition plan.

Can a metabolically sensitive horse use it?

Yes. Starch is 5.8% and sugar 4.1%, and the summary specifically recommends metabolically sensitive breeds. It is also gentle on the stomach.

Does it contain soy?

Yes — soy flakes are a core protein source. Pur.Muskel is not soy-free, so skip it if your horse has a soy sensitivity.

How soon will I see a difference?

No supplement replaces correct training, but Jessica's May 2024 review notes horses maintain stronger muscle condition. The product rates 4.55 from 2 reviews, and bifid's 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee lets you assess it over a full trial.