

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with special yeast and added amino acids, formulated for horses in regular work. It holds sugar to 4.6% and starch to 15% while delivering 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy — a profile that suits the easy-keeping quarter horse with a serious job. The price is \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Quarter horses are famously easy keepers that also, increasingly, hold down serious jobs — from ranch work to timed events to long days in the saddle. That combination is the feeding challenge: the metabolism says "careful", the workload says "more". Höveler, making horse feed in Germany since 1905 with over 120 years of expertise, built **performance horse feed** Original Sport around precisely that balance. Here are seven reasons it fits the breed.

1. Sugar at 4.6% for an efficient metabolism

Quarter horse metabolisms are efficient, and sugar is the number to watch first. Original Sport measures just 4.6% sugar and 15% starch, keeping the concentrate in low territory.

The benefit: work nutrition that works with the breed's thrifty engine.

Who this is for: quarter horses that keep weight on air but now work hard enough to need real feed.

2. Energy from fiber and oil: 16.4% fiber, 9.0% fat

Fuel comes from alfalfa, green meal, linseed oil, and sunflower oil — 16.4% crude fiber and 9.0% crude fat — rather than heavy grain. Slow-release energy fits long working days.

Who this is for: quarter horses asked for steady output across hours, not just minutes.

3. 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy when the job ramps up

Hard ranch days <https://sites.google.com/view/low-starch-horse-feed/> and speed events need fuel on demand. Digestible energy is 12.6 MJ/kg DM (11.0 MJ/kg DM metabolizable), with heavy-work feeding at 1.32 lb (600 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily.

Who this is for: quarter horses in demanding seasons whose rations must move with the calendar.

4. Gut support with 0.7% Diamond V yeast and prebiotics

The 0.7% Diamond V inactivated yeast and fructooligosaccharide fiber support digestive comfort — useful for a breed often fed around a busy schedule.

Who this is for: quarter horses whose routines shift between pasture, trailer, and work.

5. Amino acids at 1.0% lysine for muscle and stop

A working quarter horse works his hindquarters and topline hard. Original Sport adds lysine 1.0%, threonine 1.0%, and methionine+cysteine 0.93% on 15.1% crude protein to support muscle function.

Who this is for: quarter horses in disciplined work whose power needs nutritional support behind it.

6. High vitamin E and grape seed antioxidants at 0.5%

Hard work adds oxidative load; the formula is high in vitamin E and includes grape seed meal at 0.5% for antioxidant support.

Who this is for: quarter horses in tough or repetitive work weeks.

7. Complete, transparent, and guaranteed

The full analysis is published — calcium 1.2%, phosphorus 0.6%, magnesium 0.7%, sodium 0.6% — and the feed is soy-free and made in Germany.

Who this is for: no-nonsense owners who want the whole label published and a guarantee behind it.

How to feed it

Rates are per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day, with forage always alongside. For an easy-keeping breed, begin low and let the workload scale the rate:

Work level	Feed per day	Hay per day
Light work	0.55 lb (250 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Medium work	0.88 lb (400 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight
Heavy work	1.32 lb (600 g)	3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight

Key specs at a glance: 4.6% sugar, 15% starch, 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy, 16.4% crude fiber, 9.0% crude fat, lysine 1.0%.

Work out exact amounts with the Feeding Calculator, and let the season's workload set the ration.

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Frequently asked questions

Is a performance feed too rich for a quarter horse?

Not as formulated here — sugar is 4.6% and starch 15%, and rates start at just 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily at light work. Feed for the workload and monitor condition.

My quarter horse gets hot on grain. Will this?

The energy comes from oil and fiber instead of heavy starch, a profile designed to support level behavior in work. Introduce it gradually and watch your horse's response.

Does it support the muscle a working quarter horse uses?

Yes — 15.1% crude protein with added lysine 1.0% and threonine 1.0% is designed to support muscle function alongside correct work.

What if it does not suit my horse?

The 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee covers the trial, and the 24/7 licensed vet team can help fine-tune the plan.