

Quick answer: Höveler Western Sport is a 44 lb bag of low-grain, oat-free German muesli with sugar at 5.30%, starch at 18.30% and 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy at \$37.99. Best for the easy keeper in steady training who needs work-level nutrition fed with a light hand. Last checked: September 2026.

The easy keeper is the horse that gets fat on a look at grass — so when you put him into training, the **performance horse feed** fear flips: how do you fuel real work without feeding him into a new problem? The answer is a ration with controlled numbers, fed by weight. Here are seven reasons this formula can play that role.

1. Low sugar by design: 5.30%

Sugar sits at 5.30% — a deliberately modest figure for a performance muesli. An easy keeper in work can get work-level feed without a ration loaded with simple sugars.

Who this is for: owners who read the guaranteed analysis before they read the sales copy.

2. Low-grain, oat-free structure

The formula is entirely oat-free and low-grain, with starch held at 18.30%. Energy comes in part from oil at 6.10% crude fat and from fiber at 16.7% crude fiber — a quieter profile than a grain-heavy mix.

The benefit: fuel that does not arrive with a behavioral surcharge.

3. Work-level energy, metered by weight

The feed still carries 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, so the horse in medium to intensive work is fueled properly — but the per-220 lb (100 kg) rates let you feed to condition rather than to habit.

Who this is for: easy keepers whose workload has outgrown forage alone.

4. Protein quality supports the work you are asking for

Training asks an easy keeper to hold itself and use its body properly. Crude protein runs 14.0% with 107 g/kg digestible crude protein, supported by 28% alfalfa and lysine at 0.58% — the profile formulated for muscle development and peak performance.

The benefit: topline built from work and a ration that matches it.

5. Micronutrients in modest portions

Small feed rates can leave micronutrient gaps, but every kilogram supplies Vitamin E at 260 mg, biotin at 1,185 µg, magnesium at 0.23% and the full vitamin/mineral spread. Even an easy keeper eating a smaller concentrate ration gets complete coverage per kilogram, at \$37.99 for the 44 lb bag.

Who this is for: owners feeding a light scoop who still want the ration to count.

6. Brewer's yeast supports the hindgut on a controlled ration

Inactivated brewer's yeast is in the formula, supporting a steady digestive environment. That counts for an easy keeper whose ration is being managed closely from week to week.

Who this is for: horses whose condition shifts when rations change.

7. Competition-safe with a maker behind it

Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant — verify rules with your event organizer. Höveler has made horse feed in Germany since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, and the store rates 9.0/10 across 24,098 reviews with a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee behind the first bag.

The benefit: a metered ration you can take into the show pen.

How to feed it

Rates are given per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight per day:

Work levelDaily rate per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight Light work0.55 lb (250 g) Medium work0.88 lb (400 g) Heavy workNot listed — the page gives no heavy-work rate; adjust to condition and training intensity, with adequate forage always provided.

Key specs at a glance: 44 lb bag, \$37.99, 5.30% sugar, 18.30% starch, 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, 16.7% crude fiber. The page gives no heavy-work rate — for an easy keeper stepping up in work, adjust to body condition and training intensity rather than reaching for a bigger scoop, and keep adequate forage always alongside. A digital scale is your most useful tool here. Plan the ration with the bifid Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Can an easy keeper eat a high-energy feed?

Yes, when it is fed by weight and tuned to condition. Western Sport carries 12.19 MJ/kg digestible energy, but the sugar figure is 5.30% and the formula is low-grain and oat-free, so the rate — starting at 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight for light work — is what controls the outcome.

Is the sugar content low?

At 5.30% sugar, the analysis is restrained for a performance muesli. Always read the complete guaranteed analysis and fit the total ration, including forage, to your horse's requirements.

Will it put weight on my easy keeper?

Fed at the light-work rate and adjusted to condition, it is formulated **grain free performance feed** to fund work rather than add pounds. Watch body condition every two weeks and adjust the rate accordingly.

Does it contain soy?

It contains 1.5% soy extraction meal feed, so it is not soy-free. It is completely oat-free, and the full ingredient list is on the bifid product page.

Is it safe for competition?

Yes — Western Sport is competition-safe and FEI-compliant; check the specific rules with your event organizer.