

Quick answer: Höveler Original Sport is a reduced-starch sports muesli with 15.1% crude protein, added lysine and threonine at 1.0% each, and Diamond V inactivated yeast at 0.7%. Formulated for horses in regular work, competition-safe, \$49.99. Last checked: September 2026.

Early training is when young muscles meet real structure, and the owner's worry is simple: fuel the work without pushing a horse that is not yet finished learning to carry itself. Here are nine reasons this feed suits the early-training block.

1. Amino acids support the muscle being built right now

The formula supplies essential amino acids, lysine at 1.0% and threonine at 1.0%, with methionine plus cysteine at 0.93%. Early training is new muscle learning new jobs, plain and simple, and these are its building blocks. Digestible crude protein is 122 g/kg DM. Who this is for: horses in their first proper conditioning block.

2. Reduced starch at 15% keeps the young brain on the job

Starch is held at 15%, deliberately reduced for a sports feed. Energy comes in steadily, which helps keep focus during the repetition-heavy work early training demands. The benefit: a horse that learns instead of launching.

3. Sugar held at 4.6% for level sessions

At 4.6% sugar, the formula fits owners who want a trainable temperament first and sparkle second. Low sugar supports an even outlook across the training week. Who this is for: riders stepping horses up into structured work.

4. Diamond V inactivated yeast at 0.7% for a gut adjusting to new work

Inactivated yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) is added at 0.7%, a Diamond V postbiotic from multi-stage fermentation, along with fructooligosaccharides as prebiotic fiber. The hindgut is doing new things in early training, and the formula is there for it. The benefit: digestion that stays in step with the program.

5. 12.6 MJ/kg DM digestible energy to match growing workload

Digestible energy reads 12.6 MJ/kg DM, metabolizable energy 11.0 MJ/kg DM. As sessions get longer, the ration scales without turning starchy. Who this is for: owners moving from hacking into serious training.

6. Grape seed antioxidants at 0.5% for recovering muscles

Grape seed meal is added at 0.5% as an antioxidant source, and the formula is rich in vitamin E. New workloads bring new muscle stress; this **Höveler feed pellets** feed is built around recovery. The benefit: a horse ready for the next session, not stiff through it.

7. Soy-free and palatable, with carrots at 0.5%

The mix is soy-free and includes 0.5% carrots to keep the bucket interesting. Horses settling into a training routine need every meal eaten, not considered. Who this is for: owners whose young horses pick at their feed while everything is still new.

8. Feeding rates that grow with the program

Rates range from 0.55 lb (250 g) at light work up to 1.32 lb (600 g) at heavy work per 220 lb (100 kg) body weight daily, with **performance horse feed** hay at 3.31 lb (1.5 kg) per 220 lb body weight daily. Early training rarely moves in a straight line, and the table moves with it. The benefit: one feed through the entire foundation phase.

9. Craft since 1905 with American support behind it

Höveler has made horse feed since 1905, over 120 years of expertise, made in Germany. bifid's Florida-based US operation adds a 24/7 licensed vet team and a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee to Höveler Original Sport. Who this is for: owners who want seasoned advice while the horse is still working things out.

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 protein 15.1%, lysine 1.0%, starch 15%, digestible energy 12.6 MJ/kg DM. Match the rate to the training week with the Feeding Calculator.

Frequently asked questions

Is this feed right for a horse new to structured training?

Yes, it is formulated for horses in regular work, which includes the early-training phase. Start at the light-work rate of 0.55 lb (250 g) per 220 lb (100 kg) of body weight daily and raise the amount as sessions build.

Will it make a young horse too sharp?

The formula is reduced-starch (15%) and low-sugar (4.6%), made for steady energy. Young horses vary, so keep an eye on temperament as work builds and adjust from there.

Can it support muscle development in early training?

It adds lysine at 1.0% and threonine at 1.0%, essential amino acids that support muscle function, on top of 15.1% crude protein. The work does the building; the feed supplies the materials.

How quickly should I increase the ration?

Increase gradually as workload builds, moving through the table from 0.55 lb (250 g) toward 1.32 lb (600 g) at heavy work. Make feed or rate changes slowly, over 7 to 10 days.

Is there support if something does not look right?

Yes, bifid's 24/7 licensed vet team is on hand for feeding questions, and there is a 30-Day Money-Back Guarantee.