



How to **MAXIMIZE FORAGE POTENTIAL**

Using hay extenders to help
your horse feel their best

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Explained:

HOW TO USE HAY EXTENDERS TO MAXIMIZE FORAGE POTENTIAL

Hay stretcher. Forage extender. Forage replacer. Whatever you're used to calling them, ultimately these all have the same goal – to provide a consistent, high-quality source of fiber when forage is limited or of poor quality. To keep things simple, we'll refer to all of these products as hay extenders.

Providing a consistent, high-quality source of fiber not only helps horses maintain body condition, but also helps ensure they get the right amount of balanced nutrition – so they feel their best.

When should you consider a hay extender?



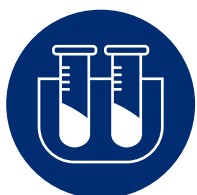
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Many horse owners and caretakers keep hay extenders on hand for forage solutions when traveling. With increasing drought and harsh weather impacting both supply and access to high-quality hay, more and more barns are proactively incorporating hay extenders into their horse's diet.



POOR TEETH

Some horses, particularly older horses, with poor dentition or issues with digestion may benefit from the digestibility of a hay extender. These products are often pelleted, chopped or cubed and can easily be made into a mash.



POOR HAY ANALYSIS

Hay extenders can also save the day in the case of a poor hay analysis. Unlike traditional forage and hay supplies, a hay extender product comes with a guaranteed analysis – allowing you to confidently control your horse's fiber intake and nutrition levels.

FORMS OF HAY EXTENDERS

There are various forms of hay extenders on the market. The form you choose should be based on your horses needs and preferences. There are also different kinds of hay to choose from:

- Timothy – highly palatable grass forage
- Alfalfa – high-protein, legume hay
- Orchard grass – highly digestible and protein-rich grass forage



CHOPPED

Sun-cured, immature hay, chopped to an average length of two inches and blended with a small amount of liquids to maintain product consistency and leaf integrity.

Helps support: Horses with poor teeth who like to chew but struggle to break down longer stem hay.



HIGH FIBER FEED

Complete feeds formulated with high fiber ingredients – such as beet pulp – to help reach fiber goals without grazing or supplements.

Helps support: Horses that have a difficult time with chewing. A high fiber hay extender has a softer texture and should be easier to chew and digest.



CUBES

Dried, chopped hay compressed into cubes.

Helps support: Horses with poor teeth who like to chew but struggle to break down longer stem hay.

ADDING A HAY EXTENDER TO YOUR FEEDING PROGRAM

Remember, a full-grown horse should consume about 1.5% of their body weight in forage per day.

A pound of chopped or cubed hay extender is equal to a pound of forage and can be fed alone, as a mash or mixed into other feed and forage. Always be sure to reference the feeding recommendations on the bag. And if your horse is at a boarding facility – ask how they weigh their forage, and request an additional hay extender product if your horse isn't meeting the daily forage requirement for their weight.

Whether you need to replace all of the forage in your horse's diet or just some of it, hay extenders are a simple way to make sure your horse's diet stays consistent, complete and high quality.

TIPS FOR FEEDING HAY EXTENDERS

1 – DO THE MATH

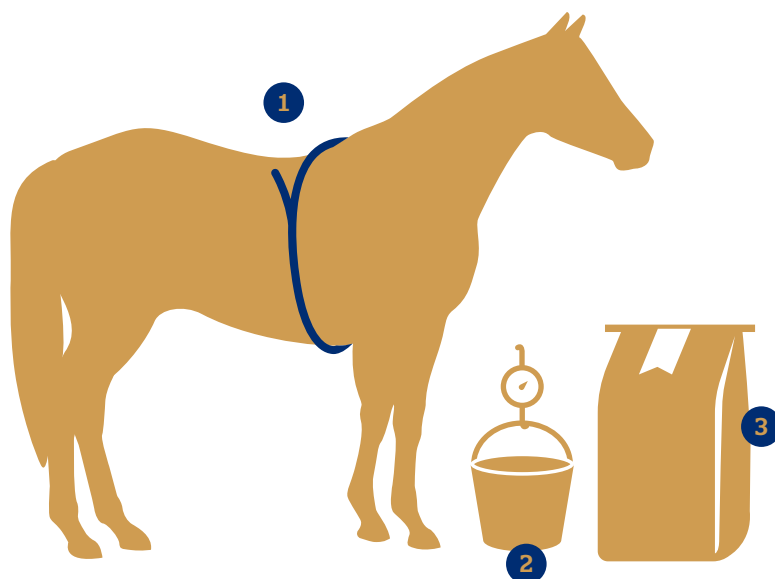
Take some time to weigh your horse, so you can accurately calculate the amount of forage needed in their daily feeding program.

2 – WEIGH YOUR HAY

Not all flakes are equal. Measuring hay by volume, and not by weight can lead to over or under feeding.

3 – HAVE A HAY EXTENDER HANDY

It is recommended to have a hay extender on hand for travel, unexpected weather or other scenarios where pasture and quality forage are unavailable.



TRIPLE CROWN HAY EXTENDERS

- All forage cubes
- All chopped forage products
- Senior
- Senior Gold

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