



Spring is an exciting time as we welcome warmer temperatures and the return of luscious green pastures. It's also a time to be cautious when putting your horses back out to pasture. Spring pasture can be dangerous, especially for horses suffering from laminitis and metabolic diseases. Here are some tips to help provide the safest transition for your horse and to keep your pastures healthy.

Tips to Manage Your Pasture:

- Horses should not be turned out until grass reaches 6-8"
- Set up a rotational grazing system and monitor grazing conditions; rotate to a new pasture when grass reaches 3-4" to allow time for regrowth
- Avoid overgrazing areas which can impact the quality of your pasture

Tips to Transition Horses to Pasture:

- Horses need a gradual transition from hay to pasture; introduce grazing in 15-20 minute increments, increasing by 15-20 minutes daily
- Spring pasture can be dangerous for metabolic horses; turn out in the early morning hours before grass sugars rise
- Metabolic/obese-prone horses should use grazing muzzles when on pasture
- Extremely sensitive horses should be kept off pasture and on dry lots with hay

Springtime Feeding Recommendations:

Whether your horses transition to 24/7 pasture living or still receive a combination of grazing time and hay, we recommend each horse gets at least one daily feeding of a ration balancer, like **Triple Crown Balancer** or **Triple Crown Balancer Gold**, to help ensure all vitamin and mineral needs are met. Even the best looking pastures and hays can still be short on nutrients such as copper, zinc or Vitamin E.

For metabolic horses and ponies not on pasture, **Triple Crown Safe Starch® Fortified Forage** provides low starch and sugar hay, vitamins and minerals, as well as a comprehensive digestive support package. Low starch and sugar feeds, like **Triple Crown Lite** and **Triple Crown Low Starch**, can also be fed.



AVOID THE SUGAR RUSH.

Triple Crown® addresses high sugar and starch concerns by testing the hay used in its forage products. Our Safe Starch® Fortified Forage is a great option if you are worried about sugar-rich spring pastures.

