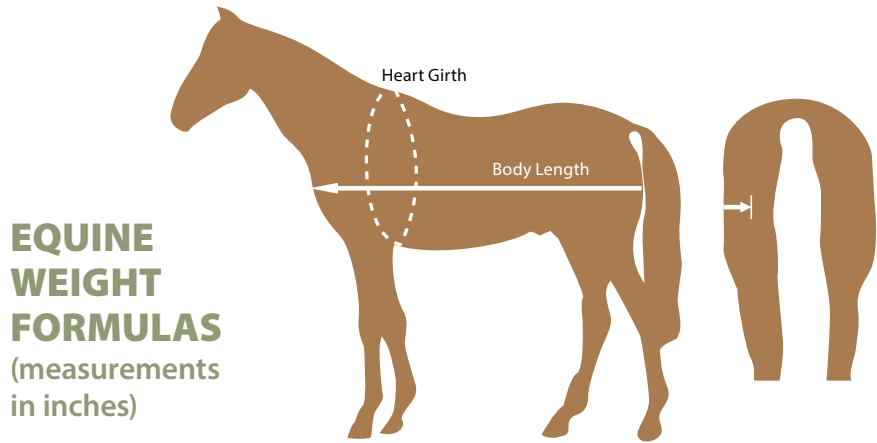


Tips for feeding special needs horses in the winter

Preventing winter weight gain in easy keepers.

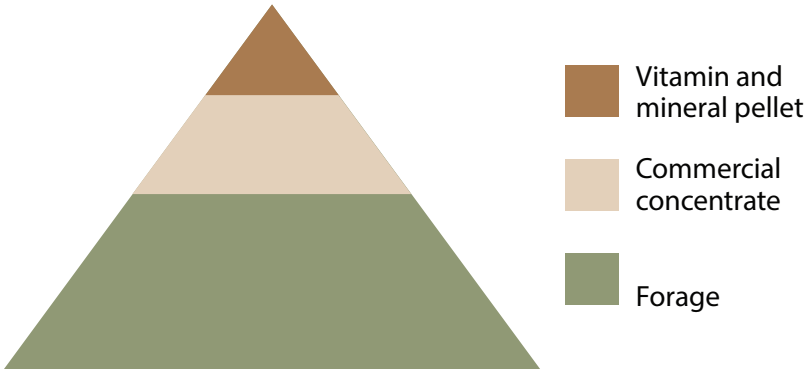
- Monitor your horse’s weight carefully during winter breaks and, if necessary, back off on concentrates.



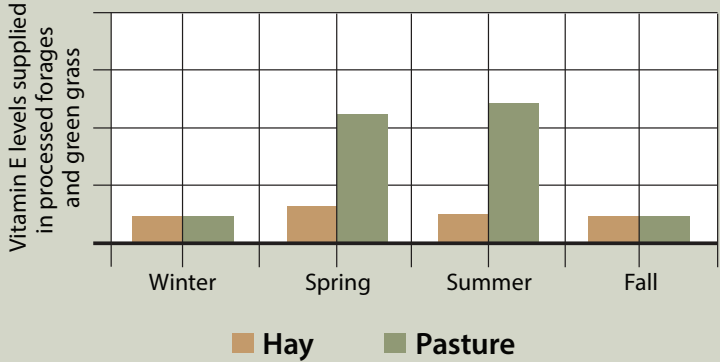
- **Adult Horse:** (heart girth x heart girth x body length) ÷ 330 = body weight in pounds
- **Yearling:** (heart girth x heart girth x body length) ÷ 301 = body weight in pounds
- **Weanling:** (heart girth x heart girth x body length) ÷ 280 = body weight in pounds

When you feed less than the recommended amounts of a commercial concentrate, you need to supplement with a complete vitamin and mineral pellet to ensure your horse’s nutrient requirements are met.

A Horse’s Nutritional Requirements in Winter



Natural vitamin E supplementation is critical in winter months when pastures are dormant and mostly hay is fed.



Weight loss in hard keepers and how to avoid a winter energy crisis.

- Long hair coats often mask weight loss, so monitor your horse’s weight carefully.
- Provide free-choice high-quality forage 24/7, when possible.
- When additional calories are needed, add a high-fat supplement to the diet.
- Provide a digestive tract supplement to ensure digestive health and stimulate the appetite.

Tip for Easy Keepers



Never cut back on hay to reduce calorie intake; instead, change to a more mature grass hay that will provide plenty of fiber but less energy.

Careful winter management reduces the risk of health problems in metabolically challenged horses.

- Continue feeding a low starch and sugar diet throughout the winter months.
- When additional calories are needed to keep your horse warm in cold weather, increase the amount of grass hay you feed.
- If you need even more calories to maintain body weight or provide energy, add a high-fat supplement that is low in starch and sugar to the diet.

Micro-Phase™

Ensure your horse’s nutrient requirements are met this winter. Micro-Phase offers the perfect solution by providing the vitamins and trace minerals necessary to support good health.

Micro-Phase is recommended for:

- Easy keepers
- Horses on restricted diets (processed forages and small quantities of concentrates)
- Horses without access to at least part-time grazing on quality pasture grass
- Horses consuming feeds grown in deficient areas
- Senior horses in need of additional nutrients



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