



HEYGATES
COUNTRY FEEDS.

HORSE FEED RANGE





An Introduction to Heygates

Heygates Country Feeds is a family owned and run business based in the heart of the Northamptonshire countryside. The Heygate family have been farming in Northamptonshire since 1562 and took over the mill in the early 19th century.

Since then Heygates has grown to be a leading company in animal feed manufacture, specialising in the highest quality compound feeds. At Heygates we are passionate about providing horse and rider with the best quality feeds and exceptional service. Whether you are a leisure rider, are out competing or are involved in breeding we have the right feed for you. Behind our wide range of horse feeds are a team of nutritionists and advisors available to offer you practical advice and support on all your feeding options.

Our horse feeds are formulated using a blend of traditional raw materials based on fresh bran from our own flour mills fortified with the optimum balance of protein, vitamins, minerals and trace elements. All our raw materials are sourced from fully approved suppliers allowing traceability right back to the source. We also manufacture to a strict code of feed safety and our mill is accredited to the Universal Feed Assurance Scheme (UFAS).



FEEDING TIPS

Feed to weight

Use a weightape or weighbridge/scales to determine your horse's weight, monitor their weight regularly to help you monitor any changes and decide what dietary adjustments are needed.

Feed little and often

Horse are trickle feeders and in the wild would spend up to 16 hours a day feeding, for optimal digestion and gut health try to keep meal sizes small by splitting the daily total amount fed into as many feeds as possible. A horse (less for ponies) will not manage to eat more than 2kg in one feed.

Weigh your feed

Feed to weight not volume. Feed scoops can be deceptive so check the weight of feed they provide. As a guide we tell you how much a large round plastic Stubbs scoops equates to approximately next to each of our products in this brochure.

Estimating workload

Your horse's workload will have a considerable bearing on the type of feed you choose and the amount fed. Estimating workload can be hard, you will find some work rate guidelines over the page along with our horse feed selector.

Feed Fibre

Fibre is essential to maintain optimal gut health; feeding good quality forage (hay, haylage, grass) is very important. The forage: concentrate ratio of your horse's diet will be dependant on his work rate.

Slow changes

If you are planning on changing your feed make sure it is done gradually. As a general guide, replace 500g of the old feed for 500g of the new feed, (for horses, less for ponies) every other day. Do this until your horse is completely changed over onto the new feed. Horses that are particularly prone to conditions such as colic may need to be changed over more slowly.



RESTING

Out at grass or stabled.
Not in any work i.e. on box
rest or retired. Normal basal
heart rate.

ELDERLY?

TWILIGHT
YEARS

EQUI
BALANCER

INJURED?

HORSE &
PONY NUTS

MEADOW
OR
TRADITIONAL
BLEND

EQUI
BALANCER

LIGHT WORK

Hacking/recreational riding
for up to an hour 1 to 3 times
per week. Mainly walk and
trot with a small amount of
canter work. Average heart
rate of 80 beats per minute.

IS MORE CONDITION
REQUIRED?

YES

CONDITIONING
CUBES

CONDITIONING
MIX

NO

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MEDIUM

Recreation
schooling, show
and training a
competition w
for up to an ho
to 5 times per w
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FEED SELECTOR

Enter your horse's work rate and choose the correct feed.

MODERATE WORK

Recreational riding, schooling, breaking and low level work. Working for an hour at a time 3 times a week. Walk, trot and canter work, some low level jumping and/or dressage work. Average heart rate of 90 beats per minute.

IS FIZZY ENERGY REQUIRED? E.G. OATS

NO

This is fast release energy from carbohydrates in cereals. This type of energy is ideal for horses and ponies in hard work and competition whose temperament is normal or laid back as it will give them the extra oomph for their work.

YES

CHALLENGER MIX

HARD WORK

Race training, polo ponies, low-medium level eventing, advanced show jumping and advanced dressage. Schooling for an hour each day 5 to 6 days a week. Lateral work, jump work and fast work may all be involved in training. Average heart rate of 110 beats per minute.

CHALLENGER MIX

BREEDING & FOALS

STUD MIX

STUD NUTS

STUD BALANCER

NO

IS SLOW RELEASE ENERGY REQUIRED? E.G. OILS

This is energy coming from oils (e.g. linseed) rather than carbohydrates (cereals). Feeds which are higher in oil are ideal for horses and ponies which are prone to excitability. Slow release energy is also ideal for horses involved in stamina disciplines such as endurance and eventing.

YES

NO

HORSE & PONY NUTS

TRADITIONAL BLEND

EQUI BALANCER

MEADOW BLEND

CONDITIONING CUBES

CONDITIONING MIX

LEISURE RANGE

HORSE & PONY NUTS

A non heating high fibre ration based on fresh bran products from the Heygates flour mills fortified with minerals and vitamins. Horse and pony nuts are a safe non heating diet suitable for horses and ponies with low to medium energy requirements.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	9.0
Oil (%)	3.0
Protein (%)	11.0
Fibre (%)	19.0



One level Stubbs scoop of Horse & Pony holds around 1.9kg

TRADITIONAL BLEND

Our best selling coarse mix, Traditional Blend is a non heating ration suitable for horses and ponies in light to moderate work, or as a light feed for resting horses. The raw materials have been carefully selected and include traditional cooked flaked cereals for improved digestibility.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	10.0
Oil (%)	3.0
Protein (%)	9.0
Fibre (%)	16.0



One level Stubbs scoop of Traditional/Meadow Blend holds around 1.5kg

MEADOW BLEND COARSE MIX

Meadow Blend contains the same quality raw materials as Traditional Blend but with added herbs, garlic and live yeast. Yeast has been shown to improve fibre digestion and mineral uptake as well as improving hoof and coat condition. Meadow Blend is suitable for all horses and ponies in light to moderate work or at rest.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	10.5
Oil (%)	2.5
Protein (%)	10.0
Fibre (%)	12.0



One level Stubbs scoop of Meadow Blend holds around 1.5kg



EQUI BALANCER

A low calorie, low starch nutrient dense feed balancer for horses and ponies, formulated with quality protein sources rich in essential amino acids to support muscle tone and topline. Equi Balancer has a superior vitamin and mineral profile for optimum nutrition to maintain good health, support performance and balance the diet. Biotin is added for improved foot and coat condition together with linseed which is a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids to help boost the immune system, maintain supple joints and support overall health and wellbeing.

Equi Balancer is ideal for good doers, overweight horses and ponies and those prone to laminitis. It can be fed as the sole concentrate, alongside forages and straights to balance the diet or with reduced levels of compound feeds.



Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	11.0
Oil (%)	5.0
Protein (%)	25.0
Fibre (%)	9.0

Equi Balancer should be accurately weighed or use the Heygates measuring cup

Approx. height	Approx. weight	Kg of Heygates Equi Balancer/day
12 - 12.3hh	230 - 300kg	200 - 300g
13 - 13.3hh	300 - 350kg	300 - 350g
14 - 14.3hh	350 - 450kg	350 - 450g
15 - 15.3hh	450 - 550kg	450 - 550g
16 - 16.3hh	550 - 650kg	550 - 650g

Do not exceed 200g/100kg body weight of Heygates Equi-balancer. Divide into at least 2 feeds. Ensure a minimum intake of forage of 2kg/100kg body weight. Feed with a fibre source such as chaff.



*Feeding levels are for guidance purposes only; actual levels should be altered according to condition of your horse along with temperament and level of work. A horse will not manage to eat more than 2kgs in any one meal. If your horse requires more than 4kgs of feed per day, it is important to divide the total amount of feed into as many meals as possible.



CONDITIONING FEEDS

CONDITIONING CUBES

A versatile ration designed to add and maintain condition on all horses and ponies. This feed can also be used for increased workloads. Energy is balanced between oil and carbohydrate sources for safe nutrition. Quality protein sources help promote muscle tone and develop top line whilst linseed provides Omega 3 fatty acids to help maintain hoof and coat condition and support immune function as well as providing a source of slow release energy. Contains a live yeast supplement to improve fibre digestion, mineral uptake and hoof and coat condition.

Nutritional Analysis

Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.2
Oil (%)	4.5
Protein (%)	12.0
Fibre (%)	13.0

One level Stubbs scoop of Conditioning Cubes holds around 1.9kg



CONDITIONING MIX

A palatable molassed coarse mix with a similar specification to the Conditioning Cubes and with the same live yeast supplement added.

Nutritional Analysis

Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.5
Oil (%)	3.0
Protein (%)	12.0
Fibre (%)	9.0

One level Stubbs scoop of Conditioning Mix holds around 1.3kg



FEEDING GUIDE- LIGHT TO MODERATE WORK*

Approx. height	Approx. weight	Kg of Heygates feed/day	Kg of forage/day (minimum)
10 - 11.3hh	120 - 230kg	0.5 - 2.0kg	2.5 - 3.5kg
12 - 12.3hh	230 - 300kg	1.0 - 2.5kg	3.5 - 4.5kg
13 - 13.3hh	300 - 350kg	1.5 - 3.0kg	4.0 - 5.0kg
14 - 14.3hh	350 - 450kg	2.0 - 3.5kg	4.5 - 7.0kg
15 - 15.3hh	450 - 550kg	2.5 - 4.5kg	5.5 - 8.0kg
16 - 16.3hh	550 - 600kg	3.0 - 5.0kg	7.0 - 9.0kg
17+ hh	600+ kg	3.5 - 5.5kg	9.0+ kg

COMPETITION FEEDS

CHALLENGER COARSE MIX

Challenger is a high energy coarse mix for horses and ponies in hard work and competition. Energy is supplied from both cereal and oil sources for balanced, safe nutrition. Rolled oats and highly digestible flaked cereals provide quick release energy for optimum performance. Linseed provides Omega 3 fatty acids to help maintain hoof and coat condition and support immune function as well as providing a source of slow release energy. Quality proteins support muscle tone, development and repair whilst added Vitamin E supports immune function and general health. Live yeast is added for its beneficial effects on digestion and coat condition.

Nutritional Analysis

Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.3
Oil (%)	4.25
Protein (%)	13.0
Fibre (%)	6.5

One level Stubbs scoop of Challenger Mix holds around 1.3kg



FEEDING GUIDE- MEDIUM TO HARD WORK*

Approx. height	Approx. weight	Kg of Heygates feed/day	Kg of forage/day (minimum)
12 - 12.3hh	230 - 300kg	1.5 - 3.0kg	3.0 - 5.0kg
13 - 13.3hh	300 - 350kg	2.0 - 3.5kg	4.0 - 6.0kg
14 - 14.3hh	350 - 450kg	2.5 - 4.5kg	5.0 - 7.0kg
15 - 15.3hh	450 - 550kg	3.0 - 5.5kg	5.5 - 8.0kg
16 - 16.3hh	550 - 600kg	3.5 - 6.0kg	6.0 - 9.0kg
17+ hh	600+ kg	4.0 - 7.0kg	9.0+ kg

SENIOR FEEDS

TWILIGHT YEARS MIX

A superior quality coarse mix made with soft palatable cooked flaked cereals. High energy and quality protein sources to help maintain condition and prevent muscle wastage. Linseed provides omega 3 fatty acids and live yeast aids fibre digestion, mineral uptake and condition. An enhanced mineral and vitamin package is included for health and wellbeing.

Nutritional Analysis

Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	11.0
Oil (%)	4.00
Protein (%)	13.0
Fibre (%)	14.0

One level Stubbs scoop of Twilight Years Mix holds around 1.4kg



FEEDING GUIDE*

Approx. height	Approx. weight	Kg of Heygates feed/day	Kg of forage/day (minimum)
10 - 11.3hh	120 - 230kg	0.75 - 2.0kg	2.0 - 3.5kg
12 - 12.3hh	230 - 300kg	1.5 - 2.75kg	3.5 - 5.0kg
13 - 13.3hh	300 - 350kg	2.0 - 3.0kg	4.0 - 5.5kg
14 - 14.3hh	350 - 450kg	2.5 - 4.0kg	4.5 - 7.0kg
15 - 15.3hh	450 - 550kg	3.0 - 5.0kg	5.5 - 8.0kg
16 - 16.3hh	550 - 600kg	3.5 - 5.5kg	7.0 - 9.0kg
17+ hh	600+ kg	4.0 - 6.0kg	9.0+ kg


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STUD FEEDS

STUD NUTS

A nutritionally balanced nut for pregnant and lactating mares, foals, yearlings and stallions. Suitable for feeding from 3 months onwards, the balanced energy and protein levels in Stud Nuts allow for controlled growth in foals and support milk production in mares. Quality protein sources are used to aid muscle and tissue development whilst linseed provides a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids to support fertility, immune function and healthy skin and coat. A live yeast supplement is added along with a superior vitamin and mineral package with added Vitamin E to support immune function and general health.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.2
Oil (%)	4.2
Protein (%)	16.0
Fibre (%)	7.5




One level Stubbs scoop of Stud Nuts holds around 1.9kg

STUD MIX

A molassed, palatable coarse mix with the similar specification to the Stud Nuts and including live yeast.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.4
Oil (%)	4.0
Protein (%)	16.0
Fibre (%)	7.0



One level Stubbs scoop of Stud Mix Blend holds around 1.25kg

FEEDING GUIDE*


	Kg per 100kg of bodyweight
Pregnant mares- 0 - 8 months	0.5 kg
Pregnant mares- 9 months - foaling	0.75 kg
Lactating mares- 0 - 3 months	0.75 - 1.0kg
Lactating mares- 3 months - weaned	0.5 - 0.75kg
Foals- creep feeding	0.75 - 1.0kg
Foals- Weaned	1.0 kg
Yearlings	0.75 kg
Stallions	0.5 - 1.0kg

*Feeding levels are for guidance purposes only; actual levels should be altered according to condition of your horse along with temperament and forage being fed. A horse will not manage to eat more than 2kgs.

STUD BALANCER

Stud Balancer is a high specification, low starch, nutrient dense balancer suitable for pregnant and lactating mares, yearlings, stallions and foals (from 3 months of age). Stud balancer is ideal to be fed alongside forages as the sole concentrate to horses that hold their condition well; alternatively it can be fed with straights or alongside a reduced level of compound feed where additional energy is required. Quality proteins aid muscle development and promote even controlled growth whilst linseed provides a rich source of Omega 3 fatty acids to support fertility, immune function and healthy skin and coat. Stud Balancer is rich in antioxidants, vitamin E and selenium to support skeletal and tissue development as well as immune function. A live yeast supplement is added.

Nutritional Analysis	
Digestible energy (MJ/KG)	12.5
Oil (%)	5.0
Protein (%)	32.0
Fibre (%)	7.0



Stud Balancer should be accurately weighed

FEEDING GUIDE- WHEN FED AS SOLE CONCENTRATE


	Age	Amount of Stud Balancer
Foals and Youngstock	3-6 months	550g/100kg bodyweight
	6-12 months	350g/100kg bodyweight
	12- Adult	250g/100kg bodyweight
Pregnant Mares	To be fed throughout pregnancy	250g/100kg bodyweight
Lactating Mares	1-3 months	400g/100kg bodyweight
	4-6 months	300g/100kg bodyweight
Maiden and Barren		150g/100kg bodyweight

FORAGE

COUNTRY HERB CHAFF

A lightly molassed straw chaff with added herbs and limestone. Ideal for adding to compound feed, if fed at low rates (<1kg) to encourage chewing and prevent bolting of feed.

Nutritional Analysis	
Oil (%)	0.6
Protein (%)	5.5
Fibre (%)	20.0



One level Stubbs scoop of chaff holds around 0.35kg



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Heygates feeds are based on a combination of traditional raw materials and modern technology resulting in the best possible quality and value for money. All rations produced at Bugbrooke meet the standards of the Universal Feed Assurance Scheme.