



BENCHMARK
HORSE FEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

Benchmark Balancer Mash®

A concentrated nutritional formula packed with essential nutrients and amino acids but without the carbohydrates. The applications for **Benchmark Balancer Mash®** are numerous and include:

- All horses who react to feeds high in starch and sugar.
- Horses at risk of, or suffering from laminitis, cushings, IR, PSSM or EMS.
- Horses on box rest or recovering from injury, illness, or surgery.
- Horses requiring more topline or muscle mass.
- To supplement horses grazing limited or poor-quality pasture.
- Horses prone to weight gain that require a low dose, low carb concentrate.
- Growing youngstock that require a ration high in protein but low in starch and sugar.

WHAT IS A GENUINE BALANCER?

Balancers or concentrates are a very useful nutritional tool that can make a valuable contribution to your horse's diet.

A balancer contains a concentrated amount of nutrition in a small daily dose.

Genuine balancers contain high levels of essential amino acids (the building blocks of protein), vitamins and minerals and importantly contain no grains or grain by-products.

A balancer can be fed alone (with the addition of fibre) or it can be fed in conjunction with Benchmark Super Fibre Mash, grains or a high fat energy source.

Feeding the recommended daily rate of **Benchmark Balancer Mash® to your horse will improve any ration by topping up nutritional deficiencies that may occur in fibre, pasture, grains, or poor-quality complete feeds.**

HOW TO PREPARE BENCHMARK BALANCER MASH FOR YOUR HORSE:

By volume -

To 1-part Balancer Mash add 1-1.5 parts cold or warm water.

Soak for 5 mins before feeding.

Vary the amount of water to achieve your preferred mash consistency.

Benchmark Balancer Mash Pellets can be fed either as a mash or dry.

Benchmark Balancer Mash® should be introduced gradually over 7-14 days to allow your horse's gut enzymes to adjust to the new feed.

FEEDING GUIDE

	BODYWEIGHT IN KGS	300	400	500	600
IDLE HORSES/PADDOCK REST/SPELLING		400g	500g	750g	1.0kg
LIGHT TO MEDIUM WORK		500g	750g	1.0kg	1.25kg
HORSES RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS, INJURY OR SURGERY		500g	750g	1.0kg	1.25kg
HORSES REQUIRING TOPLINE OR MUSCLE MASS*		300g	400g	500g	600g
FOALS 6-12 MONTHS**		400g	500g	750g	1.0kg
WEANLINGS/YEARLINGS**		500g	750g	1.0kg	1.0kg
BROODMARES- EARLY-STAGE PREGNANCY		500g	700g	900g	1.0kg
BROODMARES- LATE-STAGE PREGNANCY		600g	800g	1.0kg	1.25kg
LACTATING MARES		700g	900g	1.25kg	1.5kg
STALLIONS AT STUD		750g	1.0kg	1.25kg	1.5kg

*added to a complete feed

**Bodyweight is expected mature weight

Daily Minimum Fibre Requirement for Horses

To enable a horse to maintain a properly functioning hindgut with natural microbial fermentation for complete gut and body health, it is highly recommended that at least 1% of the horse's body weight be fed as fibre.

For a 500kg horse, this is equal to a minimum of 5kg a day in the form of pasture, hay and/or quality alternative high-fibre products.

Balancer Mash Meal Plan

Create a highly nutritious, protein rich ration that is very low in starch and sugar by adding **Benchmark Balancer Mash®** to a base of **Benchmark Super Fibre Mash®**.

Visit benchmarkfeeds.com.au and click on the Meal Plans tab.

Ingredients

Soy hulls, canola meal, lupins, Benchmark vitamin, mineral and amino acid premix, cold pressed canola oil, limestone, lysine, di-calcium phosphate, magnesium oxide, salt, Agrimos® Prebiotic and Yea-Sacc® Probiotic



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Nutritional Analysis (as fed)

Energy DE	MJ/kg	12
Protein	%	24
Fat	%	9.8
Fibre	%	19
Salt	%	1.0
Starch	%	1.3
Sugars (ESC)	%	5.8

Nutrient Levels in 1 Kg

Essential Amino Acids

Lysine	g/kg	19.8
Methionine	g/kg	3.9
Leucine	g/kg	17.6

Vitamins and Minerals

Calcium	g/kg	10.1
Phosphorous	g/kg	5.7
Magnesium	g/kg	3.7
Sodium	g/kg	4.4
Chloride	g/kg	8.2
Potassium	g/kg	11.0
Zinc	mg/kg	443
Copper	mg/kg	208
Manganese	mg/kg	33
Iron	mg/kg	228
Selenium	mg/kg	0.7
Iodine	mg/kg	1.1
Chromium	mg/kg	3.0
Vitamin A	IU	45000
Vitamin B1	mg/kg	30.8
Vitamin B2	mg/kg	10.5
Vitamin B3	mg/kg	49.5
Vitamin B5	mg/kg	9.5
Biotin (B7)	mg/kg	24.0
Folate (B9)	mg/kg	15.0
Vitamin D	IU	2000
Vitamin E	IU	207
Agrimos®	mg/kg	600
Yea-Sacc*	mg/kg	600



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