

## EquiFeed Find out what your horse is eating

The composition of hay or silage varies from batch to batch, so it's a good idea to have roughage analysed. The EquiFeed nutritional value analysis, especially for horses, reveals exactly how much nutrients your horse absorbs from the hay or silage it eats.

Balanced nutrition is very important for your horse to enjoy good health and perform at its best. Research shows that no less than 60% of all health complaints in horses are caused by inadequate nutrition.

EquiFeed, an analysis of nutritional value especially for horses, provides accurate insight into how much energy, proteins, sugars, fibres, vitamins and minerals the roughage supplies. Using high quality roughage from your own land makes it easier to ensure the ration is stable and covers all needs.

#### Quick and easy sampling

Taking a feed sample is easy, and takes very little time. The sampling pack contains everything you need: clear instructions about taking the sample, and a shipping box so you can easily send it.

#### **Clear results**

You will receive a clear analysis report with the composition of the roughage within 10 working days of receipt of the sample. With this, you can fine-tune how many concentrates or supplements you need to add to the feed.



# How to take a sample of horse roughage

#### Purpose

Take a sample of the roughage (hay, silage, and/ or bales) that is as representative as possible of what you feed or will feed your horses.

- 1. Plastic sample bag
- 2. Request form
- 3. Cardboard box for sending the sample
- 4. An address sticker for the box

#### Instructions on how to take a sample of roughage.

- 1. Collect the roughage sample in the plastic sample bag.
- 2. Select pieces of roughage at random by hand from the hay bale or the opened silage bale which you use to feed your horses, and fill the sample bag.
- 3. If you want to take a sample from several batches of roughage, pick pieces from all these batches and place them in the sample bag. If you open sealed bales, there is a risk that they may develop mould, so always tape over the holes of bales you are not currently using for feed.
- 4. Fill the plastic sample bag to about 75. Compress the roughage in the bag, so that as little air as possible remains.
- 5. When the sample bag is sufficiently filled, tie a knot in the bag to keep the sample airtight.
- 6. Fill out the enclosed request form.
- Fold the cardboard box into shape, put the sample and the completed application form in the box, then fold it closed.
- 8. Send the sample to Eurofins Agro. All you have to do is put the reply sticker on the box. Write your name and address on the reply sticker, and take the box to the nearest post office.

#### How to fold the cardboard shipping box

- 1. Place the unfolded box so that the longest sides are at the bottom with the blue area, with the Eurofins Agro logo at the top.
- 2. Press the long back with the recess inwards.
- 3. Press the shorter sides inwards.
- Press the remaining long side with protrusion inwards, then insert the protrusion into the recess.

### About Eurofins Agro

Eurofins Agro is a leading laboratory, with almost 100 years of experience. With our complete range of services covering sampling, innovative analyses and clear, personalised advice, you can adjust the production process at your farm. This method means your crop gets exactly what it needs, and you are guaranteed the highest possible yield and quality at the lowest possible cost.

Eurofins Agro is part of Eurofins Scientific, a laboratory organisation which is growing internationally. We provide innovative analyses, accurate and up-to-date data, and clear advice. Our products and services are the result of practical expertise backed up by scientific research. We help you with the correct data, and provide insights that allow optimal fertilisation and healthy soil and crops. In short... we do everything for growing insight! Insight from which you reap the benefits.



Besides EquiFeed, Eurofins Agro also offers a fertilisation analysis service especially for horse pastures: EquiSoil. This analysis generates insight into the availability of main elements such as nitrogen and phosphate, and trace elements such as magnesium and selenium. It also provides information on acidity and soil fertility. Together with the analysis report, you receive clear advice on the best fertilisers to apply.

If you have any questions or would like to request a sampling pack, please contact Eurofins Agro's customer service. Customer service can be contacted during office hours (08:30 to 17:00) by calling +31 (0)88 876 1010 or e-mailing customerservice@eurofins-agro.com.

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