

Feeding Recommendations for Weight Gain

- For weight gain, horses should be fed 2-3% of their body weight in dry matter (20-30 lb for 1000 lb horse).
- Once ideal weight is achieved, horses should be fed 1.5-2% of body weight in dry matter for maintenance (15-20 lb for 1000 lb horse)
- Additional calories should be added in the form of fat, which is much safer than sugar or starch. Sweet feed is not recommended.
- High quality hay should be fed free-choice. Nutrient-dense hay such as alfalfa is a good choice.
- Maximize pasture access.
- Feeding changes should be made slowly over 7-14 days.

Hard Keeper, underweight, or in heavy work (not metabolic): high fat						
Feed	NSC (starch+sugar)	Protein	Fat	Fiber	Calories kcal/lb	Feeding rate/ 1000 lb
Triple Crown Senior Gold	11.40%	15%	13%	18%	1,800	6+ lb
Nutrena Proforce Fuel	20.00%	13%	13%	10%	1,590	2.5+ lb
Nutrena Proforce Fuel XF	18.00%	13%	13%	16%	1,550	2.5+ lb
Purina Ultium Competition	17.50%	12%	12%	19%	1,900	4.5+ lb
Triple Crown Senior Active+	12.90%	14%	12%	16%	1,535	5+ lb
Triple Crown Complete	23.50%	12%	12%	15%	1,700	6+ lb
Tribute Kalm Ultra	23.50%	12%	12%	12%	1,540	4+ lb
Triple Crown Senior	14.70%	14%	10%	17%	1,546	6+ lb
Tribute Resolve	17.50%	14%	10%	18%	1,510	4+ lb
Tribute Senior Sport	16.50%	14%	10%	18%	1,510	4+ lb
Tribute Kalm Performer	24.00%	10%	10%	10%	1,520	4+ lb
Tribute Kalm N Fit	23.50%	14%	10%	10%	1,510	4+ lb
Tribute Wholesome Blends Performance	25.00%	14%	10%	13%	1,520	4+ lb
Nutrena SafeChoice Perform	24.00%	14%	9%	15%	1,430	2+ lb
Sentinel XT Pro	10.00%	14%	10%	17%	1,480	4.5+ lb
Sentinel XT Show	17.30%	12%	12%	15%	1,565	5.5+ lb
Sentinel LifeTime LT	14.50%	14%	10%	20%	1,500	4.5+ lb
Sentinel Performance LS	14.00%	12%	12%	20%	1,565	4.0+ lb
Purina Impact Professional Performance	17.50%	14%	8%	15%	1,575	5.75+ lb

Fat supplements for additional calories:

Cocosoya oil (liquid)	99% Fat	Feed 1-8 oz a day
Cool Calories 100 (powder)	99% Fat	Feed 2-8 oz a day
Tribute K Finish (pellet)	25% Fat	Feed ½-3 lb a day
Nutrena Empower Boost (pellet)	22% Fat	Feed ½-3 lb a day
Purina Amplify	30% Fat	Feed 1-4 lb a day
Renew Gold	17% Fat	Feed 1-1.5 lb a day