

The cheapest feed is not always the best value:

ex: A basic feed costs \$5.50 per bag and recommends that you feed 8 lbs per day

Feed Cost per day $5.50 / 50 \text{ lbs} \times 8 = .88$ per day

A premium feed costs \$7.50 per bag and recommends you feed 5 lbs per day

Feed Cost per day $7.50 / 50 \text{ lbs} \times 5 = .75$ per day

5 Every horse is different.

Some horses are "easy keepers" and will require very little feed to maintain their weight others (ex: thoroughbreds) are harder to keep weight on and must be fed more.

Growing horses will require more feed than mature horses and older horses may require easier to digest and more nutrient dense feed. The guidelines on the feed tags are good starting points and you will have to adjust according to how each horse is doing. If possible ask the prior owner how they were feeding the horse.

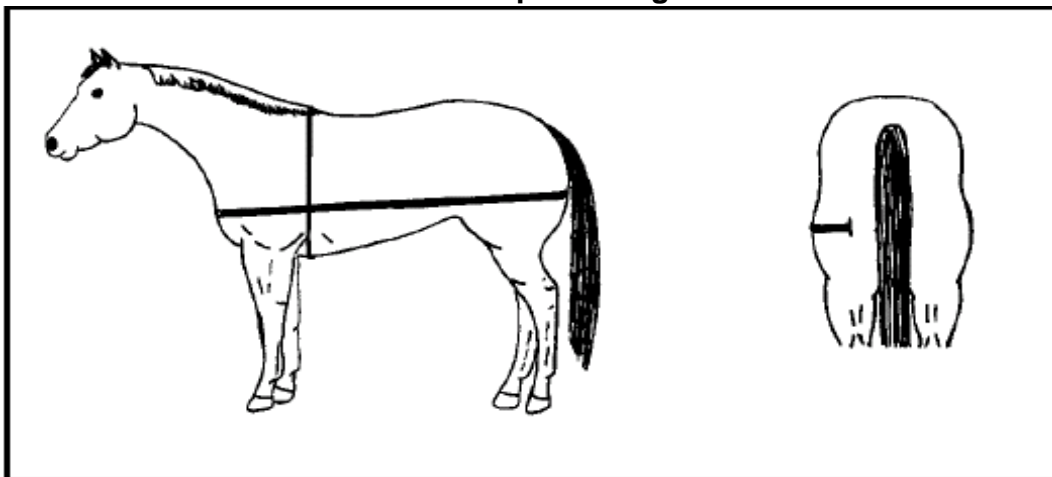
6 Exercise

The amount of exercise your horse gets is one of the biggest variables in how much grain you give him or her. The harder you ride, the more you feed.

ex: A horse working hard (riding 5 or 6 times per week) will require approximately twice as much grain as one with light work (1 to 2 times week).

** These are all general recommendations, always read and follow label directions. If you have questions contact your feed supplier.

Texas A & M Equine Weight Formula



Girth x Girth x Length

330 *

* Use 330 for a mature horse, 280 for weanlings and 301 for yearlings.