

FITZPATRICK Haylage



What is Haylage?

Haylage is forage made for horses from weed-free meadow grasses. It is cut at an optimum time and then sealed using a technique unique to Fitzpatrick Haylage. The packaging allows natural fermentation to take place, which preserves the grass and its nutrients and results in dust free forage that is low in mould spores, highly palatable and nutritious. This method also removes the dust and spores found in chaff and hay.

Benefits for your horse

- Weed-Free
- Natural – no preservatives or additives
- Higher nutritional content and better hygienic quality than hay
- Up to 40% more natural Omega-3 & Omega-6 than any other feed
- Sweet smelling & highly palatable – tempt the most fussy horse
- Maintains a healthy digestive tract for your horse – reducing the risk of gastric ulcers
- Dust-free – ideal for horses with dust allergies
- High in the correct type of fibre for all horses
- Consistent quality & supply – not effected by drought
- Haylage retains 90% of the feed value of fresh grass
- High in vitamins & Amino acids.
- Highly palatable – happy healthy horses
- Increases your horses water intake

Benefits for you

- Weather resistant packaging – can be stored outdoors
- Minimal losses of horse feed when fed
- Every bag guaranteed - batch numbered for traceability
- Quality is higher and more consistent between bales
- Our unique packaging - no wastage and no mess
- Cost effective – feeding Haylage means you can reduce your feed additive bill
- A one-stop feeding solution – ideal for performance horses, pony clubbers or as a maintenance diet



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Haylage-the Correct Feed for Your Horse

Haylage is a beneficial forage solution for horses. Horses enjoy grazing as their natural means of gathering food. A horse selects its feed on smell, taste, texture and moisture content. A diet with balanced protein, energy and minerals in forage is very important. Hard feeds usually contain high starch and protein and cannot be fully utilised in the small intestine. This causes residues of starch that overflow into the large intestine that can be rapidly fermented to D-lactic acid, which has adverse effects on digestion.

FAQs About Haylage

How much haylage should I give my horse?

This is dependent on many factors, age, work, type and size but a rough guide is that 1 bale of Fitzpatrick Haylage should last a 15 hand horse about 3 days. Fitzpatrick Haylage has been analysed to establish its nutritional content and hygienic status. This analysis helps you be sure you are feeding the correct diet for your horse.

Will my horse eat the haylage very quickly?

This may happen when you have just started feeding Haylage, your horse will think all its Christmas' have come at once! – it should soon settle down to acceptable amounts. If you think your horse is still eating too much we suggest you use 2 or even 3 haynets inside one another to make your horse work a little harder to get it.

Can I feed it ad lib?

Yes. You will find that your horse will ration itself once the excitement of such delicious forage has worn off.

Is it more expensive than hay?

Yes. However, you will find that due to the higher natural nutrient content and the assured quality you will be able to feed fewer additives, which will save you money.

Haylage is high in fibre, does my horse need fibre?

Horses need fibre for proper stomach functioning of their intestinal tract, and it is often overlooked. Horses get fibre from good hay and pasture grazing. Grain feeding should be kept to a minimum as it can be unhealthy for the horse to eat a diet high in carbohydrates.

What is the shelf life of Haylage?

An unopened bale with no holes in the plastic lasts for up to 12 months. However, as soon as the bale has been opened, we recommend that it be used within 4 days. (This varies by season however – the colder it is, the longer it keeps).

Will my horse like Haylage?

Yes, Haylage is highly palatable for horses, and even horses that are picky eaters usually enjoy Haylage. UK Studies have shown that given the choice between Haylage and hay, horses prefer Haylage. This is because it is sweeter and has a more natural, fresh taste of grass. Haylage smells different from ordinary hay, because of the fermentation process. Horses love the smell of Haylage.

Why Fitzpatrick Haylage

- The Fitzpatrick family are specialist grass growers and have been producing quality fodder for generations in County Down, Northern Ireland. They now offer the best in Irish fodder technology and experience in a feed that will have your horse ready to run the Melbourne Cup!
- A correct balance between lysine and other essential Amino acids is found in our grass blends. The more the horse is fed high-quality Haylage, the better it can absorb all the necessary nutrients in a natural, balanced form.
- We can offer Haylage with differing levels of protein and energy, depending on your horse's requirements (young horse, breeding, sport etc), with natural vitamins and minerals.
- The quality of Fitzpatrick Haylage is carefully monitored using lab analysis and advanced forage production techniques. Highest quality grassland is guaranteed weed-free. Other crucial aspects such as soil preparation and soil quality are carefully selected to produce optimal meadow grasses for cutting.
- Sown grown and mown in Australia The forage is harvested, pressed, baled and wrapped using state of the art specialised machinery. Fitzpatrick's unique packaging system ensures consistently high quality forage guaranteed to please your horse.

Does Fitzpatrick Haylage come with a guarantee?

Yes. Should a bale not live up to your expectations, it will be replaced with a new one.

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