

HORSE BEET - United Farmers

Members & Staff Questions & Answers



Q. What is Horse Beet?

A. **Horse Beet** is a Quick Soaking Unmolassed Sugar Beet Flake which is naturally high in fibre. It contains no added sugar.

Q. How does Horse Beet differ from traditional beet pellet and shreds?

A. Traditional sugar beet pellets need to be soaked for up to 24 hours and sugar beet shreds need soaking for up to 12 hours. **Horse Beet** has been cooked and flaked which reduces the soaking time to 10 minutes making it much more convenient and safer to feed.

Q. How much water should I use to soak Horse Beet?

A. **Horse Beet** is best prepared using a ratio of 1 part Horse Beet to 5 parts water by weight. So for example 250g of Horse Beet needs 1.250 litres of water (1 litre of water = 1kg). For further information please visit our website – www.horsebeet.com where you can watch a video showing all you need to know about mixing.

Q. Why should I feed Horse Beet?

A. **Horse Beet** is made from pure unmolassed beet pulp and so is very low in sugar and starch but high in easily digestible fibre which is ideal for slow release energy. The horse is designed to eat grass which is high in fibre and contains 95% water. Horse Beet therefore has a similar profile.

Q. Is Horse Beet suitable for feeding to laminitic horses and ponies?

A. Yes. Because **Horse Beet** contains very low levels of sugar and starch it is ideal for horse and ponies prone to laminitis. Horse Beet contains lower levels of starch and sugar compared to most other feeds including forage. Unmolassed beet pulp is recommended by The Laminitis Trust.

Q. Can Horse Beet be used as an alternative to traditional forage?

A. When there is a limited supply of forage, mix 1 part of soaked chaff/chopped straw to replace or extend forage supplies.

Q. Can Horse Beet be used to help reduce weight?

A. Because **Horse Beet** will absorb more than recommended amount of water, you can increase the ratio of Horse Beet to water by 1 part Horse Beet to 7 parts water. The effect is to make the gut feel fuller and therefore the horse will tend to eat more slowly. This is best timed prior to turn out or before offering forage.

Q. Can I use Horse Beet to add condition?

A. **Horse Beet** can be offered in greater amounts to increase weight and condition. Once ideal weight has been achieved, then the amount should be reduced.

Q. After preparing Horse Beet, how long can it be kept for?

A. Ideally, it should be fed within 24 hours, and kept covered to protect from flies and rodents etc.

Q. The bag contains a BETA NOPS logo. What is this?

A. The logo represents a code of practice and is issued by the British Equine Trade Association (BETA). It demonstrates that the manufacturer has produced the product within strict guidelines so as to minimise the risk of Naturally Occurring Prohibited Substances (NOPS) being present.

Q. Is Horse Beet made from Non GM beet?

A. **Horse Beet** is made exclusively from UK grown, Non GM beet pulp.
