

# Nutritional advice form

**Whether you want to ensure that your horse's diet is balanced, or need specialised advice on a feed related problem.**

NRM has highly qualified Nutritionists and equine experts who along with the help of Kentucky Equine Research, have developed a horse feed for every need. Our staff will take your information and analyse your horses diet using the ration analysis software Microsteed, which incorporated the nutrient requirements developed by NRM and KER. We will advise of any deficiencies and may also recommend some alternative feeding practices.

Instructions: For diet analysis and feeding advice, please answer the following questions as clearly and accurately as possible and return to  
**Viterra (NZ) Ltd: 7a Pacific Rise, Sylvia Park, Mt Wellington, Auckland 1060**

**Contact details (PLEASE PRINT ALL DETAILS, CLEARLY AND IN CAPITAL LETTERS.)**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What would you like out of this service:  A more economical feeding programme  A nutritionally balanced diet  Help with a nutritional problem

**Horse's details**

Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex:  Mare  Stallion  Gelding  
 Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How was weight determined:  Scales  Weight tape  
 G<sup>2</sup> x L formula / Nomogram  
 Estimate  
 Does your horse have any behavioral problems (tick all that apply)  
 Cribbing / Wind sucking  Weaving  Nervousness  
 Wood chewing  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Has your horse ever suffered any serious medical condition (tick all that apply)  
 Laminitis  Tying Up  Colic  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Energy requirement details**


What best describes your horses work load (tick all that apply)  
 Growing  Maintenance  
 Breeding (go to section 1)  Performance (go to section 2)  
**1.) Breeding horse**  
 Trimester of pregnancy / No of mares served per week: \_\_\_\_\_  
**2.) Performance horse**  
 Discipline and level: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe the type of work your horse does during training:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours wk per day: \_\_\_\_\_ Days worked week: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Any other relevant information:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Condition details**


All horses have different metabolisms and therefore require different feeding practices to control their weight.

What is your horses metabolism type:  
 Very good doer  Good doer  Fair doer  
 Poor doer  Very poor doer  
 How's your horses weight responding to your current feeding programme:  
 Gaining  Holding  Losing  
 Circle the condition score which best describes your horse:

Score 0      Score 1      Score 2



Score 3      Score 4      Score 5



Would you like your horse to:  
 Gain weight  Hold weight  Lose weight

**General information**

How many horses do you have: \_\_\_\_\_  
 What disciplines are you involved / interested in: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of the retailer you usually purchase your feed and supplements from:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Where did you find out about this service / obtain this form from  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Feeding details:**

The horse requirements are calculated on a daily intake basis so all feeds need to be entered on an as feed per day basis. There are quite large variations in feed weights so to ensure an accurate feeding programme please weight your feeds (kitchen scales) and supply your feeding rates in kilograms.

Does your horse have access to pasture:  Yes  No  
 If so how many hours per day: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pasture type:  Improved  Irrigated  Native  
 Tropical grasses (Kikuyu, Buffel, Seteria)  
 Pasture Quality:  
 very good  good  average  poor  very poor  
 Pasture / paddock size: \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many times a day do you feed your horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you feed your horse any chaff or hay:  Yes  No

Hay / Chaff type	Kgs / day

Do you feed any raw grain or prepared feeds:  Yes  No

Grain type / feed name	Kgs / day

Do you feed any additional supplements:  Yes  No

Supplement name	Dose / day

Please feel free to include any extra information that you feel is relevant to your horse.