

Draft Horse

Draft horses remain an important part of the national equine business. They continue to be used by many for their original purpose, whether it is pulling farm equipment or carriages. Recent years have seen an increased popularity by those that enjoy their generally good temperaments in conjunction with their obvious impressiveness due to their size and mass.

Generally speaking the nutritional needs for draft horses do not particularly vary from their smaller cousins. From a strictly theoretical basis they may require energy to lesser degree on a body weight basis, if one uses the metabolic body weight (Kg Body Weight^{3/4}). But on a practical basis differences in feedstuffs, use, and management are much greater variables to meeting the nutritional needs of draft horses.

One of the practical considerations that all draft horse owners must consider is the absolute volume of feed these horses consume. A 2000 pound horse consuming 2.5% of body weight per day will consume 50 pounds of dry matter or 60 pounds of hay and grain. From a strictly economic basis many draft horse owners prefer to use straight grains (corn and oats) rather than a complete horse feed. Unfortunately these feeds will leave the draft animal lacking for key amino acids, vitamins and minerals.

Prince Regency Draft Formula should be mixed with a producer's grains to meet the supplemental needs. Prince Regency Draft Formula can either be locally mixed or used as a top dress. As with other equine uses, the amount of grain feeding is dependent upon work levels required and the quality and amount of the forage consumed.

Prince Regency Draft Formula can also be used if designing a low glycemic diet, as it is very low in nonstructural carbohydrates (NSC). We can assist in designing a feeding program using locally available feedstuffs to meet the needs of these special horses.

Key Features of Prince Regency Draft Formula (#210004)

- Designed for on farm mixing.
 - Use for draft Horses
 - Use in developing low glycemic diets.
- Concentrate feed for minerals and vitamins.
- Chelated Mineral-superior biological availability
- Contains Natural Vitamin E- Greater biological availability with increased plasma concentrations compared to synthetic forms.