Feed and Care Guidelines for Horses

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FEEDING

Horses need 1 to 2% of their body weight in feed to maintain weight. Split feedings into at least two times a day. For example 1000 pound horse would preferable be fed 10 to 20 pounds of feed a day. Most of the feed should be in the form of fiber (hay, hay pellets) if a horse needs more calories for weight gain supplement feed can be added.

In Arizona we recommend not feeding off the sand because this is a big cause of colic. Use some kind of a feeder or mat to place feed in.



Deworming

Horses should be dewormed every 2 to 3 months. Foals should be dewormed every six to eight weeks.

Hoof Care

Adults need their feet trimmed every eight weeks on average. Foals would require to be trimmed more often.



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