



ST DAVID'S EQUINE

FACTSHEET

Information for owners keeping horses on Soil Association certified organic land

Horses are kept on many organic farms but do not have organic status. The Soil Association has created equine standards to protect the integrity of those farms where horses are kept but are not managed to full organic standards. These standards can be downloaded in full by logging on to www.soilassociation.org and clicking on the 'standards' link.

Feed

Horses kept on organic land must be fed on a non-GM feed. The following feed mills provide organic and non-organic non-GMO horse feed:

Allen & Page Ltd - Norfolk Mill, Shipham Thetford, Norfolk IP25 7SD
Freephone: 0800 0281496. Freepost: ANG4981, Shipdham Thetford IP25 7ZZ
T: 01362 822903 F: 01362 822910
E: allanandpage@dial.pipex.com W: www.allanandpage.co.uk
Produce non-organic non-GMO feed for horses, rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters.

Badminton Horse Feeds – Station Mill, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, SP6 1BY
T: 01425 658450 F: 01425 652625
E: info@badmintonfeeds.co.uk W: www.badmintonfeeds.co.uk
Produce non-organic non-GMO feed for horses. Their 'Country Feeds' and their pet range are also non-organic non-GMO feeds

Baileys Horse Feeds - Four Elms Mills, Bardfield Saling, Braintree, Essex, CM7 5EJ
T: 01371 850247 F: 01371 851269
E: info@baileyshorsefeeds.co.uk W: www.baileyshorsefeeds.co.uk
Produce a range of non-organic non-GMO feed for horses.

Batchley Mill - Grendon Bishop, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4TH
T: 01885 483377 F: 01885 483321
Does not produce a specialist horse mix at present but does have organic cereals so could make one up.

Bowerings Animal Feeds Ltd - The Docks, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 3EX
T: 01278 458191 F: 01278 445159
Produce non-organic non-GMO horse and pony nuts.

British Horse Feeds - The Mill, Masham, Ripon, North Yorkshire, HG4 4JB
T: 01765 680300 F: 01765 680301
E: enquiries@britishhorsefeeds.com W: www.britishhorsefeeds.com
All products, including those marketed under l'Ansons Bros Ltd and Masham Micronized Feeds are produced in a non-organic non-GMO certified feed mill, accredited under the Feed Materials Assurance Scheme (FEMAS) and Cert-ID Non-GM.

**Dengie Crops Ltd - Heybridge Business Centre, 110 The Causway, Maldon, Essex
CM9 4ND**

T: 01621 841188 F: 01621 842111

E: feeds@dengie.com W: www.dengie.com

Fibre feeds including Alfa-A, Hi-Fi, Hi-Fi Lite, Good Do-er, Alfa-Beet and Alfalfa pellets are all non-organic non-GM. Fibremix feeds are not guaranteed GMO-free, although Dengie do not knowingly use GM ingredients.

Dodson and Horrell Ltd - Ringstead, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 4BX

T: 01933 624221 F: 01933 625461

E: enquiries@dodsonandhorrell.com W: www.dodsonandhorrell.com

Produce non-organic non-GMO horse feed.

Hi-Peak Feeds - Sheffield Road, Killamarsh, Derbyshire, S21 1ED

T: 0114 248 0608 F: 0114 247 5189

E: info@hipeak.co.uk W: www.hipeak.co.uk

Produce organic horse feed.

W& H Marriage & Sons Ltd- Chelmer Mills, New Street, Chelmsford

Essex CMI 1PN

T: 01245 612000 F: 01245 612001

E: sales@marriagefeeds.co.uk W: www.marriagefeeds.co.uk

Produce non-organic non-GMO horse feed.

Spillers Speciality Feeds Ltd - Old Wolverston Rd, Old Wolverston, Milton Keynes

MK12 5PZ

T: 01908 222888 F: 01908 222800

E: helpline@spillers-feeds.com W: www.spillers-feeds.com

All feeds are non-organic non-GMO

Vitrition Ltd (Division of Optivite Ltd) -Main Street, Laneham, Retford,

Nottinghamshire

DN22 0NA

T: 01777 228741 F: 01777 228737

E: optivite@compuserve.com W: www.optivite.co.uk

Can produce organic and non-organic non-GMO horse feed if orders are over 1 tonne.

Animal health

The equine standards recommend that rotational and multi-species grazing should be used to control worms in order to prevent the routine use of wormers and other veterinary treatments.

Where five or more horses are kept on the organic holding a pasture management plan outlining control of internal parasites including a plan for limiting the use of Avermectin based products, a plan for weed control and maintenance of soil fertility will be required. This is the responsibility of the owner/tenant of the land.

In all cases animals treated with Avermectin based products must ideally be housed, or if this is not possible then dung must be removed from the pasture for 48 hours after treatment.

Below are the most common wormers and the chemical groups they fall into:

Benzimidazole

Panacur 10 per cent suspension
Panacur Equine Granules
Panacur Equine Guard
Panacur Equine Paste
Telmin
Telmin Paste
Zerofen 22 per cent equine granules

Levamisole

Embotape
Exodus
Provid Paste
Pyratape P
Strongid Caramel
Strongid-P Granules
Strongid-P Paste

Avermectin

Animec oral paste for horses
Equest (moxidectin)
Equest Pramox (also contains praziquantel)
Equimax (also contains praziquantel)
Eqvalan
Eqvalan Duo (also contains praziquantel)
Eraquell
Maximec
Vectin oral paste
Vectin chewable tablets

Praziquantel

Equitape (specific tapeworm treatment).

Faecal Egg Counts for horses

Faecal Egg Counts (FEC) can be used to give a picture of the worm burden your horse is carrying and can help to ensure more targeted worming which is strongly recommended by the Soil Association. This service is available from our practice laboratory please ask your vet for details.

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