



## PRYDE'S FEED TIPS FOR GOING INTO WINTER



### 1. Prepare early

If you have a horse prone to getting light over winter, start building condition in Autumn so they have a buffer of condition through the cold months. Make sure teeth, worming etc have been done prior to winter if due. Your vet will advise you on the right worm drench for this time of year for your area and this is important to get right.

### 2. Getting condition right and keeping the diet balanced

#### **\*Does your horse get too fat over winter?**

If your horse is holding condition on grass/hay alone and won't require a 'hard feed' for calories then use a vitamin/mineral balancer pellet instead (e.g. the Pryde's 150 or 300 pellet). This will help avoid the development of any issues over winter e.g. mineral deficiencies, hoof issues, dull coat and poor immunity etc. Balancer pellets are designed at a low feeding rate so read the label carefully.

If your horse is currently getting 'hard fed' and is too fat, cut back on high calorie 'hard feeds' or go to a less conditioning feed e.g. EasiRide. If you find you are not hitting the minimum recommended rates on the bag when you cut back, balance the diet with a vitamin and mineral balancer (e.g. Pryde's 150 pellet or the 300 pellet -the latter is a more concentrated version). Always feed to condition first though and top up vitamins and minerals if you need to.

#### **\*Does your horse need more condition over winter?**

Include higher-caloried feeds e.g. extruded grain feeds (e.g. EasiResponse and EasiResult) that have multiple calorie sources e.g. the grain, oil etc. These are the highest digestible energy meaning your horse gets the maximum out of them. A 500kg horse is likely to be on 2-4 kg a day if you need to put condition on. Oil is also great for adding oil more calories (e.g. Pryde's EasiOil). 1 cup of oil is the same as giving around another 1kg of 'hard feed' and adds more calories without adding more bulk to the meal size – ideal if can only feed once a day and need to make sure no more than the recommended 2.5kg of 'hard feed' per feed for a 500kg (plus fibre on top).

Any questions, feel free to contact your Pryde's EasiFeed rep Hayley-Jane Malcolmson, North Island Manager 027 247 6881 or [hayleyjane@prydes.co.nz](mailto:hayleyjane@prydes.co.nz)

