

Safer feeds based on Safergrass

I am very pleased to announce that LMF Feeds, Kathryn Watts (Rocky Mountain Research & Consulting, Inc.), and Dr. Stephen Duren (Performance Horse Nutrition) have formulated two new low non-structural carbohydrate (NSC) horse feeds. These feeds are called LMF Low-Carb "Stage 1" and LMF Low-Carb "Complete".

Some of us have found out the hard way that locally available hay is often too high in carbohydrates for some of our easy-keeper breeds, idle horses, and those with Cushing's and/or insulin resistance where laminitis is a constant worry. We need a safer alternative; something that has already been tested for NSC, and has all the vitamins and minerals ordinarily found only in fortified grain products. Instead of waiting until disaster strikes, many of us would rather get pro-active, and start treating the cause instead of being forced to deal with the consequences. The knowledge I am acquiring from my research in the sugar and fructan content of various species of grass is enabling me to find grass species for inclusion in these products that have a very low genetic potential to accumulate either fructan or NSC in general. I personally test each batch of forage for NSC before I recommend it for inclusion in these products.

LMF Low-Carb "Stage 1" is designed for horses that may be sensitive to NSC content of the diet. These are horses that are becoming overweight, or horses that do not do well on traditional grain based equine diets. This product will allow people with easy keeper horses a safer alternative to provide necessary vitamins and minerals without all the sugar and starch found in grain. Stage 1 feeds at a rate of 0.5 to 1% of ideal body weight daily along with low NSC hay, salt and fresh clean water.

LMF Low-Carb "Complete" is formulated for horses that have been diagnosed with carbohydrate related disease. This product will be very useful to those people who cannot find low carb hay for horses with insulin resistance and/or laminitis. Low-Carb "Complete" feeds at a rate of 1.25 to 2% of ideal body weight daily along with salt and fresh clean water. Laboratory (Dairy One) tests indicate that these feeds each have a NSC content of 10% or less (As-Fed). We intend to keep both these products at NSC levels below the average found in grass hay. For more information, go to www.lmffeds.com.

In addition, these feeds are both completely fortified with vitamins and minerals including magnesium, zinc, copper and high levels of the antioxidants selenium and vitamin E. Ingredients include: native and non-native forages (each tested), soybean seed coats, and beet pulp. These feeds are available in California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico and Colorado. We certainly hope these feeds will help the many horses suffering from carbohydrate related problems, but caution that a proper diagnosis is key in treating disease. For an LMF Dealer call LMF Feeds at 800-344-0563 or email at lmffeds@webtrak.com

Those of you who are jingle fans, [go here:](#)

Please let me know how your horses fare on these products. We intend to make them the best products on the market for carbohydrate intolerant horses and ponies.

Sincerely,

Katy Watts