

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO OWN A HORSE?

(Average sized 1000 lb Quarter horse-2020)

REQUIRED:

1. Feed:

HAY: 2/3 bale a day
\$8-10/bale
Assuming you need to feed hay every day, then:

$365 \text{ days} \times 2/3 \times 9 =$
\$2189/year

GRAIN: 2-4 quarts/day moderate type feed such as 10% protein
(1) 50 lb bag lasts about 30 days and costs about \$11-20

$11 \times 12 =$ **\$132-160/year**

FEED needs are HIGHLY VARIABLE

Salt blocks 2 a year = **\$20**

2. Farrier: Trim \$40-50 every 10 weeks

$52/10 \times 45 =$ **234\$**

3. Deworming:

Ivermectin $2 \times 10 = 20$

Tapeworm $2 \times 15 = 30$

Total = **\$50/year**

5. Veterinary

Vaccinations \$200/year

Coggins \$35

Dental floating \$150

Sedation \$45

Call fee $2 =$ \$114

Total \$554/year

HARD COSTS = \$3,149/year

OPTIONAL BUT COMMON:

1. Bedding: Assuming horse in stall 8 hrs/day

Bulk \$300/year per horse

Bagged \$10 each

2 bags week $\times 52$

$10 \times 2 \times 52 =$ **\$1040 year** in bagged bedding

2. Shoeing: all 4 every 6 weeks = \$125-250

$52/6 \times 125 =$ **\$1083/year**

3. Board:

Field board: \$150-350/month

Stall board: \$250-750

Varies widely depending on location, facilities and services offered.

AVG Field: **\$3000/year**

AVG Full Board: **\$5400/year**

4. Training/lessons:

\$35-100/hr

5. Barn help/pet sitter

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Additional costs to consider:

Tack and equipment

Liability/Farm Insurance

Daily medications

Special needs horse such as young, geriatric, chronic disease.

-Veterinary emergencies such as colic, illness, eye problems, foot abscess, lacerations etc \$1000/year. Health insurance can offset this cost.