

# 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  $2 \times =$  \$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.