

Equine Re-Feeding Protocol

Feedstuff	Day	Amount	Frequency
Alfalfa Hay(a)	1 to 3	1 lb	Every 4 hours
	4	2 lbs	Every 6 hours
	5	3 lbs	Every 8 hours
	6 to 14	4 lbs	Every 8 hours
	15 to several months	Free Choice	Every 12 hours
Grass Hay(a)	1 to 3	1 lb	Every 4 hours
	4	2 lbs	Every 6 hours
	5	3 lbs	Every 8 hours
	6 to 14	4 lbs	Every 8 hours
	15 to several months	Free Choice	Every 12 hours
Concentrates(b)	14 or later	.5 lb	Every 12 hours
	17 or later	1 lb	Every 12 hours
	21 or later	1.5 lb	Every 12 hours
	23 or later	2 lbs	Every 12 hours
	Continue until desired level is achieved	Feed no more than 0.75% of body weight per feeding	Every 12 hours

Based on "Metabolic responses of chronically starved horses to refeeding with three isoenergetic diets" Witham, Stull JAVMA 1998;212:691-696

(a) Hay should be tested for quality

(b) Concentrates should NOT be fed during the first 14 days