



## Cube Feeding Rates for Horses: What category does your horse fit in?

<u>1.25% of Body Weight</u>	<u>1.5% of Body Weight</u>	<u>1.75% of Body Weight</u>	<u>2.0% of Body Weight</u>
Idle Horse	Light work	Medium work	Intense work
Pregnant Mare (0-4 months)	Pregnant Mare (5-11 months)	Lactating Mare (90-180 days)	Lactating Mare (0-90 days)
Weanling (0-12 months)		Yearling (12-24 months)	
Stallion (non-breeding season)	Stallion (breeding season)		

**NOTE:** The above are recommended portions only and individual results may vary from animal to animal.

- Rations are based on using cubes as a full feed ration. Supplementing with half hay and half cubes, cut cube ration in half.
- Your horse may fall between two categories, feed the larger amount and monitor their condition.
- Easy keeping horses may need less than their body weight requirement, while hard keeping horses may need more.
- If they begin to gain or lose weight, reduce/increase their amount of cubes by 1 pound/week until they are maintaining the desired weight.
- Feed with Free Choice Minerals and Salt.

**FOR WINTER FEEDING:** During colder winter periods, you may need to increase the amount of cubes fed.

- When using cubes as the primary source of roughage, horses should be fed at least twice a day.
- Horses prone to founder or colic can benefit from being fed four to five times a day.

### 7/8" Cubes approximate weights:

1 heaping five gallon pail = 25 lbs      1 heaping ice cream pail = 5 lbs      1 large heaping coffee can = 3 lbs

## Calculating How Many Cubes to Feed

$$\frac{\text{Animal Weight}}{\text{Animal Weight}} \times \begin{matrix} 1.25\% \text{ of BW} \\ 1.5\% \text{ of BW} \\ 1.75\% \text{ of BW} \\ 2.0\% \text{ of BW} \end{matrix} = \frac{\text{Daily Cube Requirement}}{\text{Daily Cube Requirement}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Daily Cube Requirement}}{\text{Daily Cube Requirement}} \times \frac{\text{Days Feeding}}{\text{Days Feeding}} \times \frac{\text{Number of Animals}}{\text{Number of Animals}} = \frac{\text{Total Feeding Requirement}}{\text{Total Feeding Requirement}}$$

**NOTE:** To mix with hay use the Daily Cube Requirement and multiply by the percent of cubes in the diet.  
Eg. 50% Alfalfa Cubes 50% Grass Hay

$$\frac{15 \text{ lbs}}{\text{Daily Cube Requirement}} \times \frac{50\%}{\% \text{ Cubes in Diet}} = \frac{7.5 \text{ lbs}}{\text{Cubes Needed for Ration}}$$

**Approximate Weight Densities:** 7/8" Cubes = 5 lbs/gal      Alfalfa Pellets = 6.5 lbs/gal

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