

Top 4 Tips for Getting Your Horse to

GAIN WEIGHT

Before you change the diet, check:

- ✓ Dental health
- ✓ Renal, hepatic, pituitary/thyroid function
- ✓ Deworming schedule
- ✓ Paddock Hierarchy

#1 Add More Feed/Forage

Horses require at least 2% of their body weight in total feed.

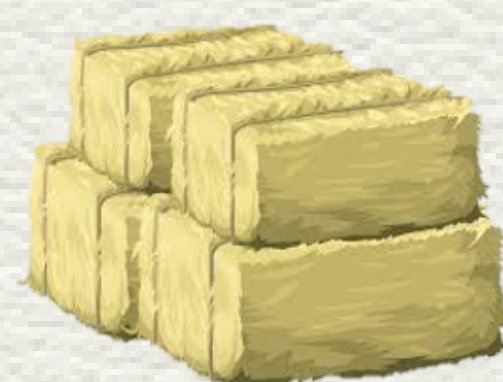
Weigh all hay and grain

Increase turnout on good quality pasture



Add more forage first, before adding grain

#2 Add Better Quality Forage



Poor quality forage is harder for horses to digest and has less calories.

Look for hay that has...
Greener color

More leaves than stems

Soft texture

Mold and weed free

Confirm quality with a forage analysis

#3 Add More Calorie Dense Feed

Adding high fat feeds will increase calorie content without adding bulk.

Rice Bran

Vegetable Oils

Flaxseed/Linseed



#4 Be Patient!

It takes about 2 months to change 1 Body Condition Score (or about 50 lbs).

Monitor progress using a weight tape every 2-4 weeks

Daily observation is also important!



Make any changes to the diet slowly (~14 days)



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