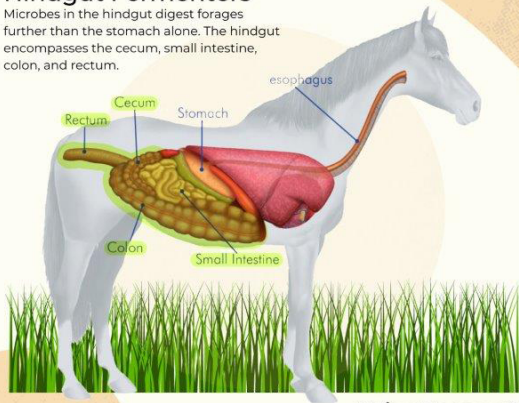


# Why Forage?

## The Equine Digestive System

### Hindgut Fermenters

Microbes in the hindgut digest forages further than the stomach alone. The hindgut encompasses the cecum, small intestine, colon, and rectum.



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Forages, such as fresh and preserved legumes and grasses, are made of cellulose, which is a carbohydrate. Microbes convert carbohydrates into volatile fatty acids (VFAs). VFAs are important in powering biological processes in the horse.