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**HERBERS VETERINARY**  
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Challenges and Considerations for...

*Feeding Horses Through The*

**Winter**

*Consider >>>*

- *Feed Availability*
- *Labour*
- *Weather*
- *Hard Keepers (growing horses, old horses)*
- *Impaction Colic*

## **Feed Types**

### **1) Forages**

*Make up the majority of a horse's diet, and they are more important than most people think!*

Choose the type of forage your horse needs based on requirements:

Idle Horses: 8- 10% protein (can have less if high in lysine)

Brood Mare: 10 – 12% protein

Weanling: 15% protein

Yearling: 13% protein

2-Yearold: 11% protein

Hard keeper or a horse in full work: requires >14% protein

Types of forage: Hay (grass, mixed, alfalfa), green feed/ oat straw, silage, cubes.

**You cannot easily supplement for poor quality hay!**

See chart for nutrition details on the different types of forage available to feed your horses.

Obtaining the best quality forage available to you and tailoring it to fit the nutrition requirements of your particular horse will improve their body condition and make feeding through the winter a much less daunting task.

