

Weighing Forage



Weighing Forage

Using a bathroom scale, stand on it while holding a small square bale by the twine. Have someone to read out the weight. Now weigh yourself alone and subtract.

Weight of Bale + Your Weight: _____

Your Weight: _____

Weight of bale: _____

Another method involves using a hanging scale on the barn wall (available at feed or farm supply stores). A hay net or feed bag can be used to hold several slices or flakes of hay. If possible, weigh 10 randomly chosen bales. What is the range of weights?

Heaviest: _____ **Lightest:** _____ **Difference?** _____

If you use large square or round bales, the provider may be able to tell you the average weight. You can also separate out a daily amount for your horse to get practice weighing. You do not need to weigh the hay at every feeding, but do it often enough so you know how much you are feeding.



Weighing Forage



Count the number of flakes per bale in your bales. The bale will separate into sections when you cut the string or wire and these slices are termed flakes.

Bale	# of flakes	Weight of flakes (average)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

How many flakes is your horse receiving per day? _____

Weight of Forage Fed/day:

Average weight of flakes _____ x _____ flakes/day = _____ forage fed/day (kg)