

Benefits of Chaffhaye

Chaffhaye offers significant nutritional, practical and economic benefits over dusty hay, pellets, cubes and high-cost concentrates. We guarantee that Chaffhaye is the most nutritious, easily digested forage product on the market today.

Top Quality- A feed is only as good as its ingredients. Pure and simple. Chaffhaye is premium forage, cut at its nutritional peak and bagged within hours of harvest to lock in freshness and natural plant juices. Chaffhaye is a superior source of roughage, protein, fat, vitamins and minerals.

Highly Digestible- A fermentation in the bag produces beneficial micro flora that helps maintain proper ruminal pH, and allows the animal to better extract energy and nutrition from forage. Being consistent in quality, the digestive systems of horses and livestock no longer need to compensate for variations that occur in baled hay. Due to improved assimilation of nutrients by the animal, Chaffhaye is used to bolster the immune defense in animals after stress, travel, antibiotics, wormers or vaccinations and to accelerate the weaning of animals from milk to forage.

Highly Palatable- Chaffhaye is distinctive for its soft leafiness, natural sweetness, pleasant aroma and dust-free characteristics. It is coarsely chopped to reduce the risk of choking. Excellent for restoring appetite or for feeding finicky eaters.

Easy Storage - A ton of Chaffhaye occupies only 1/3 the space of baled hay. Weatherproof bags allow indoor or outdoor storage and eliminate messes normally associated with hay. Long 16 month shelf life.

Easy to Transport - Its compactness and high nutrient density is easier and cheaper to transport. Ideal for traveling or shows.

Dust-Free. Mold Free - Chaffhaye is dust free and mold free. As a naturally moist feed, Chaffhaye minimizes respiratory ailments in animals sensitive to dust or mold spores.

Less Waste - Animals normally eat 100% of Chaffhaye. As a "pre-digested" forage, animals can assimilate more of its energy and vital nutrients. Animals on Chaffhaye generate up to 50% less manure, reducing fly populations and barnyard cleanup time. Chaffhaye has a 16 month shelf life with no loss of nutritional value.

Reduces "Hay Belly" - Animals have less intestinal fill from Chaffhaye because less is required to achieve nutritional needs. Within ten days of feeding, the stomach will begin to tuck in. This makes Chaffhaye the ideal feed for saddled and show animals.

Cost Effective - Nutritionally, one bag of Chaffhaye is equal to 1 1/2 bales of good quality hay. This along with the reduction in secondary feeds when feeding Chaffhaye makes it one of the most cost effective forage product on the market today,

Guarantee - Chaffhaye has a guaranteed level of nutrition. What can be better than that?

Benefits of Chaffhaye *(continued)*

Certified Weed Seed Free

According to the National Forest Service, thousands of acres of public land nationwide are lost each day to invasive non-native weeds. More and more, the National Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Parks are requiring the use of feed that is certified as free of weed seeds when camping or riding with horses on federal lands. Because Chaffhaye undergoes an all natural fermentation process, germination of seeds in the forage is eliminated. In fact, Chaffhaye has been independently tested and certified as Free of Weed Seeds.

Blister- Beetle Free

Blister beetle poisoning can occur from ingesting blister beetles (dead or alive) that are present in alfalfa. While ruminants are relatively immune to the toxin in blister beetles, horses are especially sensitive. Depending on the number of beetles ingested, symptoms in equine can include mild fever, severe colic and even death due to shock and cardiac failure. For this reason, we are vigilant against blister beetle infiltration to our pastures. Even though blister beetles are not indigenous to our growing region, we regularly monitor our fields to prevent blister beetle infestation. We have never had an incidence of blister beetles in our forage.

A Blister Beetle. You won't find these in Chaffhaye.



Health and Physiology

There are unique biological aspects to Chaffhaye Alfalfa that exert health and physiological benefits beyond the nutrition of the forage itself.



Chaffhaye undergoes an all-natural fermentation process in the package that enlivens it with yeast, enzymes and beneficial micro flora. Chaffhaye's beneficial micro flora or fiber-digesting bacteria,

closely resembles those found in the early fiber-digestion process in the rumen of ruminants or in the hindgut of horses. In essence, Chaffhaye "predigests" the forage in the bag. Once consumed, more of its nutrients can be assimilated (absorbed) in the body, leading to greater nutritional benefit. As one indicator of increased absorption, animals will demonstrate a marked reduction in manure.

Chaffhaye Benefits for Senior Horse

With the latest advancements in medicine, the average horse is living longer than ever. Generally speaking, horses over 15 years of age are classified as "senior" horses.

There are a number of common challenges that horses encounter with aging. For horses that live long enough, a loss of tooth condition can directly impair the ability to chew. The inability to painlessly chew forage can cause quite a bit of distress for both the horse and the owner. At a minimum, if a horse experiences pain when it chews, the horse can lose appetite, preventing it from ingesting all of the nutrients required to maintain health and well-being. Furthermore, a horse that is not able to grind the forage into small enough pieces is prone to choking and is prone to blockage in the digestive tract that can cause serious discomfort and colic-like conditions. In either case, the horse can quickly lose weight and condition, problems that can cost large amounts of time and money to solve by a professional.

A second effect of aging on the horse is that the digestive system becomes more inefficient at extracting nutrients from forage. Lower digestive efficiency happens when the population of beneficial bacteria in the hindgut of the horse becomes less varied and less efficient in fiber digestion. Decreased digestive efficiency is also partially attributable to the cumulative effect of worm damage along the inside lining of the digestive tract, creating areas along the digestive wall that are scarred and less absorbent of nutrients than normal healthy tissue. In addition, horses simply lose the ability to manufacture or absorb certain vitamins, including Vitamin B and C. Since quality fiber digestion is the foundation of the senior horse, reduced fiber intake and less efficient fiber digestion can result in a horse quickly losing weight and body condition.

Chaffhaye counteracts the effects of aging in horses by meeting the most important objectives of feed for senior animals, namely high nutrient value, palatability and digestibility.



Based on feedback from our customers, Chaffhaye has directly benefited the health of senior animals, many of which have depended on the product for over 15 years.



As a pasture-like forage product, Chaffhaye is exceptionally palatable. In fact, it is generally believed that a good anaerobic fermentation improves the palatability of forage and mimics the ability of animals to graze all year round. According to a recent Swedish research study, horses preferred the palatability of forage made in a similar likeness to Chaffhaye over that of dry hay. A light misting of molasses of Chaffhaye ensures that every last bit will be licked clean from the feeder. Finally, Chaffhaye offers improved digestibility. Chaffhaye works by improving the population and balance of 'friendly' bacteria and microorganisms in the hind gut to help older horses digest fiber more efficiently. It also helps to re-establish the healthy micro flora in the horse's gut after antibiotics, stress, travel, competition, illness or diarrhea. Chaffhaye is soft, moist and leafy like pasture and is coarsely chopped as stemmed roughage. This makes it easy to chew and swallow even by senior animals with few teeth, reducing risk of choking. The natural plant juice in Chaffhaye eliminates the vitamin depleting process of soaking hay while also maintaining the fluid and electrolyte balance in the hindgut of older animals. Without proper fluid balance, the horse becomes prone to life threatening impaction colic. Chaffhaye is free of dust and air-borne mold spores, addressing respiratory ailments such as COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) that can easily be aggravated in horses by dusty hay alternatives.