

Feeds and Feeding for Glossy Coat, Mane and Tail

Having a horse with a glossy coat, mane and tail comes from feeding the right feed, and proper grooming. Feeding metabolically unbalanced feeds causes ill health, as reflected by a dull coat. Overfeeding with high nonstructural carbohydrates (NSC) causes metabolic disorders, colic, and a dull, listless coat.

The coat, mane and tail are hairs that are composed mainly of the protein keratin. The hairs grow from the hair follicle, and the rate of hair growth depends on the blood supply to the follicle, and the nutrients supplied. Grooming stimulates blood flow to the follicles, and to removes dead skin cells, and old hair.



The keratin that forms hair is synthesized from specific amino acids in the dietary protein, called sulphur containing amino acids. These include methionine, cystine and cysteine, which also support wool growth in sheep, antler growth in deer, and hoof growth in horses. Not all feeds that contain sulphur containing amino acids.

Feeding oil also gives a glossy coat, mane and tail, by softening the hair cuticle.

CoolStance is a unique horse feed that contains a high level of sulphur amino acids, a reasonable level of oil (10%), and low NSC (less than 12%).

PowerStance is powdered coconut oil, which contains medium chain triglycerides (MCT) and Lauric acid

The **Stance Equine Feeding System** is based on feeds with a balanced supply of nutrients which may support growth of a glossy coat, mane and tail.

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