

Equine Pasture Management Tips for January



1. Protect Your Pastures

Keep horses off pastures when ground is soft and wet to avoid mud, trampling of pasture grasses, and soil compaction. Confine horses in loafing lots located near barn with hay, shelter, and water during inclement weather.



2. Daily Manure Removal and Water Check

Remove manure from loafing lots and check drinking water daily making sure to break ice to allow horse access to water.



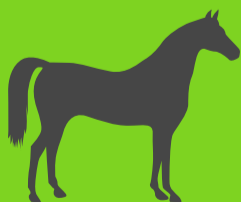
3. Recalculate Hay Needs

Order more hay if needed. Always keep a 2-3 week hay supply on hand in case heavy snows prevent new hay delivery.



4. Calculate Stocking Rate

Determine how many horses your land will support for the grazing season, keeping in mind that 1.5 acres or more of pasture per horse is ideal for maintaining a healthy, productive pasture.



= 1.5 acres