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With so many balancers on the market, it can be hard to decide which is most suited to your horse.

What is a balancer?

Balancers are small, nutrient dense feeds (often pellets) designed to provide a concentrated supply of vitamins, minerals and amino acids. Due to the low feeding rate - typically 500g per day for a 500kg horse - balancers provide negligible amounts of energy (calories), starch and sugar per daily serving, making them the ideal choice for good doers.

Does my horse need a balancer?

Although many horses and ponies maintain weight easily on forage alone, forage only diets may be lacking in key nutrients including copper, zinc, selenium, vitamin E and lysine – an essential amino acid or ‘building block’ of protein which plays an important role in supporting muscle health – this is where feed balancers come in. A balancer is also a great way of topping up vitamin and mineral intake in horses fed less than the recommended amount of compound feed or feeds without added vitamins and minerals.

Tip: As a guide feed half the recommended amount of balancer if feeding half the recommended amount of compound feed.

Why feed SPILLERS Daily Balancer?

If you are looking for a multi-vitamin and mineral balancer without functional ingredients such as joint and digestive support, then [SPILLERS Daily Balancer](#) could well be the option for you. In addition to the vitamins and minerals to balance pasture, hay and haylage, [SPILLERS Daily Balancer](#) provides 15mg of biotin per 500g serving which has been proven to support hoof health. It also includes a delicious mint and rosemary aroma.

Why feed SPILLERS Original Balancer?

[SPILLERS Original Balancer](#) is an enhanced multi-vitamin and mineral balancer with added digestive, hoof and immune support. In addition to 15mg of biotin per 500g serving, [SPILLERS Original Balancer](#) includes probiotic live yeast and prebiotic MOS to support digestive health. It also contains amino acids to support muscle and topline alongside vitamin C and a high level of vitamin E to support immune health.

Are balancers expensive?

At first glance balancers may seem like an expensive way of feeding, but the low feeding rate makes them a convenient and cost-effective solution for good doers!

When choosing a balancer consider which, if any, functional ingredients may be of most benefit to your horse. If you are simply looking for nutrients to balance a forage-based diet, consider [SPILLERS Daily Balancer](#). At £22.99 for a 15kg bag, [SPILLERS Daily Balancer](#) will last a 500kg horse 30 days and cost just £0.76 per day to feed. In comparison, the recommended ration of SPILLERS Horse and Pony Cubes (3kg per day for a 500kg horse) would be 5 times higher in calories and cost £1.89 per day to feed.

Whilst added extras such as digestive support undoubtedly affect the price tag, [SPILLERS Original Balancer](#) priced at £42.99 for a 20kg bag will last a 500kg horse 40 days and cost £1.07 per day feed which is still less than the recommended ration of compound feed.

For more advice on choosing between [SPILLERS Original Balancer](#) and [SPILLERS Daily Balancer](#) contact the SPILLERS Care-Line on 01908 226626 or email helpline.horsecare@effem.com.

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