

Caring for Your Pasture



Early Care

Take a soil test to determine fertilizer needs.

Use a phosphorous-based fertilizer before or at the same time as seeding.



When to Put Horses on Pasture

Once cool-season grasses reaches 6-8 inches tall, use the following schedule for turnout time. Horses can graze for an extended period of time after 5 hours has been reached.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day N	Day 20
15 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes	(N*15) minutes	5 hours

*Add 15 minutes each day until 5 hours is reached.



Maintenance

Implement recovery periods by rotating pasture use. Rotate once the pasture reaches 2-4 inches tall.

Mow down to 4 inches tall 3-4 times a year to increase palatability and reduce weeds.

