



APPLICATION

NORTH CAROLINA HORSE COUNCIL

“Come Join the Herd”

EQUINE SAFETY NET PROGRAM

The Equine Safety Net was established to assist those caring horse owners who have temporary financial setbacks (such as a **job loss, disaster or medical incident within the past 6 months**), and are having difficulties feeding their horses.

The North Carolina Horse Council **will feed up to two horses for 30 days**, so that these individuals may consider alternatives for the horses or get back on their feet financially. Applications for 30 day extensions are also considered.

Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Requirements for Eligibility

- ❖ Applicant must be a resident of North Carolina.
- ❖ Applicant's horses must be personal horses; no professionals may apply.
- ❖ A maximum of two horses may be fed with this program.
- ❖ **Job Loss, disaster or injury must have occurred within 6 months of application**

Please Check Appropriate Box:

- First Application
 - Renewal Request

Please complete the following:

- Names of horses to be fed (two maximum). Use name as it appears on horse's veterinary records.

1. _____ 2. _____

- Description of financial situation of owner which makes this program necessary – For renewal requests: include steps taken since initial application.

- Please provide the name and contact of the store or person which normally supplies your feed or hay.

Feed Store: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Hay Seller: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Please include the following with your application: (If Disaster include written description)

- A copy of each horse's vaccination record within the past 12 months.
- Signed copy of "Changing Your Horse's Feed" – see page 2
- A copy of the Notification of job loss – dated within 6 months
OR
- Letter from the physician's office or hospital which confirms injury/illness within the past 6 months.

I verify that all of the above information is correct.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

CHANGING YOUR HORSE'S FEED

Applicants for the Equine Safety Net Program must read and sign

Changing the Diet of Horses

Whether it's the grain, hay, or time on pasture, any change in the horse's diet should be spread over several days or weeks.

When introducing a new type of hay or grain to a horse, the new hay or grain should replace the old feed at a rate of 25 percent every other day, taking a total of six days until the horse is completely on the new feed. Feed intake or eagerness to consume the diet may decrease during this changeover period. If this occurs, more time may be needed for the horse to adjust to the new feed.

When a horse is to be turned out on pasture all day, especially if the pasture is lush and green, time on pasture should be gradually increased to avoid overeating, in a manner similar to increasing the grain. Horses should be provided with all the hay they want to eat about a week prior to the start of complete pasture turnout. The time on pasture should be increased by one hour each day for four to five days. Then, before the horse is going to be turned out completely on pasture, a hay meal should be provided. It is important to remember that each horse is different.

Some horses take more time to adjust to dietary changes than others. Therefore, it is important to monitor the horse's eating habits and health status carefully during this time.

From www.extension.org

I have read this information and will introduce the new feed to my horses gradually as recommended in the above article.

Signed _____

Date _____

The North Carolina Horse Council assumes no responsibility or liability for the health of horses which are fed through the Equine Safety Net program.

**Please complete & return to: North Carolina Horse Council Or Fax to: 919-854-1989
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Raleigh, NC 27606**