

Beyond the Hay Days

Refreshingly Simple Horse Nutrition

UPDATED & EXPANDED 2ND EDITION

FOREWORD

Ahhhh.....that was a good read. Now when was the last time you said that as you finished a technical book?

One of the reasons I enjoy *Beyond the Hay Days* is because Rex Ewing is a cowboy poet trapped inside the pages of an equine nutrition book. Lucky us. What better combination for bringing a tough subject to life?

When you read about chelated minerals—you'll learn that the Latin "chelae" means "scorpion claws". Rex suggests that you imagine a scorpion holding a BB between the tips of its claws to get a picture of how the metal ion is held fast in a ring of electrons. Who else would tell you these things !?

I've long been a fan of combining art and science, no matter what the subject. Science can help make ethereal subjects materialize. And just the right touch of art can help demystify technical subjects, making them more accessible and even fun!

Our horses need to be fed properly. It's a big responsibility and just as with training, there is no one formula or plan for all horses. That's why it is essential to understand a certain amount of the science of nutrition so you can make your own intelligent, informed decisions.

If you've been looking for a down-to-earth equine nutrition reference, start reading and feeding.

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