

Birdsville Disease in Horses



Feeding Guide

- Required rate is 200grams / head / day
- Allow free access to stock

Features Include

- ✓ **SYMPTOMS:** Affected horses may show a variety of signs, including general weakness and nervousness, particularly depression, incoordination, shivering, twitching and swaying. Incoordination and general weakness are more evident when the animal is, or has been, under physical stress and may be quite hazardous to the rider. As the toxic effects are often permanent, a degree of incoordination will remain after access to the plant is denied. The first signs of poisoning observed in horses at rest are loss of appetite and depression. Bad breath may be noticed. Signs may develop after only 10 days of feeding on indigofera. Protracted cases exhibit weight loss and toe-dragging, which results in a characteristic wear of the front of the hoof. Continual ingestion of the plant will result in death. In some cases, the disease may be diagnosed without seeing the horses but by observing their tracks. Toe-drag marks are distinctive and may be continuous.

Arginine Horse Block	
Size	18kg Block
Salt	20.0%
Crude Protein	22.4%
Total Protein	22.4%
Phosphorus	0.7%
Calcium	6.9%