

Allegan County 4-H Cloverbud Horse Sheets

FEEDING



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Feeding the Horse

A horse needs food at regular times each day.

A horse needs pasture or hay and sometimes grain as well as salt and water.

Because hay distends the digestive tract and takes longer to digest than grain, feed most of the hay at night. A common practice is to feed one-third of the hay at the morning feeding and the remaining two-thirds at night when the horse has plenty of time to eat leisurely.

PASTURE

A healthy, well fertilized pasture is good feed for a horse. The quality of the grass will vary, so other foods will need to be added as necessary.

SALT

Horses need salt for good health because their bodies lose salt when they sweat. Keep a constant supply of salt for the horse to have free choice.

The amount of salt needed varies with the temperature and the activity of the horse.

GRAIN

Horses also like grain such as corn, oats and barley. Eating too much grain can make them sick.

The amount of grain given, if any, depends upon the animal's size, condition and the amount of exercise it gets.

The grain ration usually is divided into at least two equal feedings.

WATER

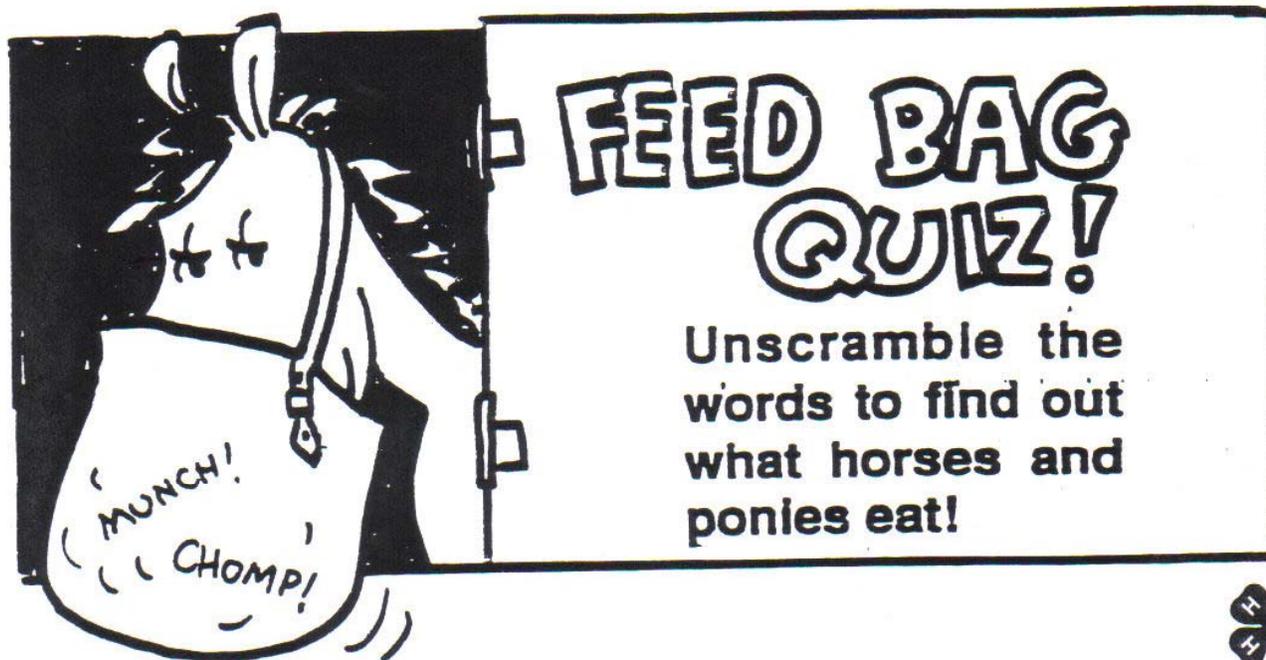
Keep fresh, clean drinking water on hand at all times. The horse will drink 10 to 12 gallons per day. More is required in hot weather or at hard work.

Do not allow a horse to drink heavily when he is hot, or just before he is put to work.

HAY

Feed only good quality hay that is free from dust and mold. Breathing the dust can cause damage to the horse's lungs. A horse should never eat hay that contains coarse sticks, thorns or rubbish. A mixture of grass and alfalfa makes the best hay.





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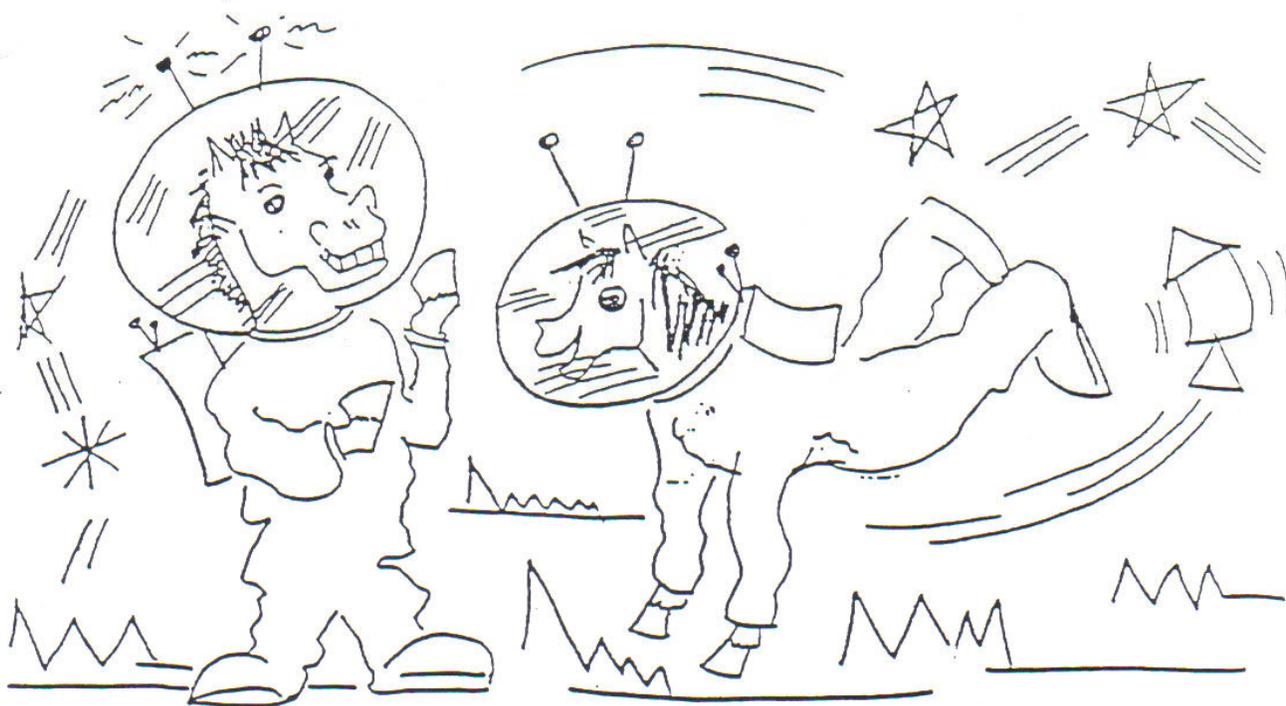
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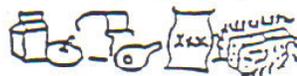
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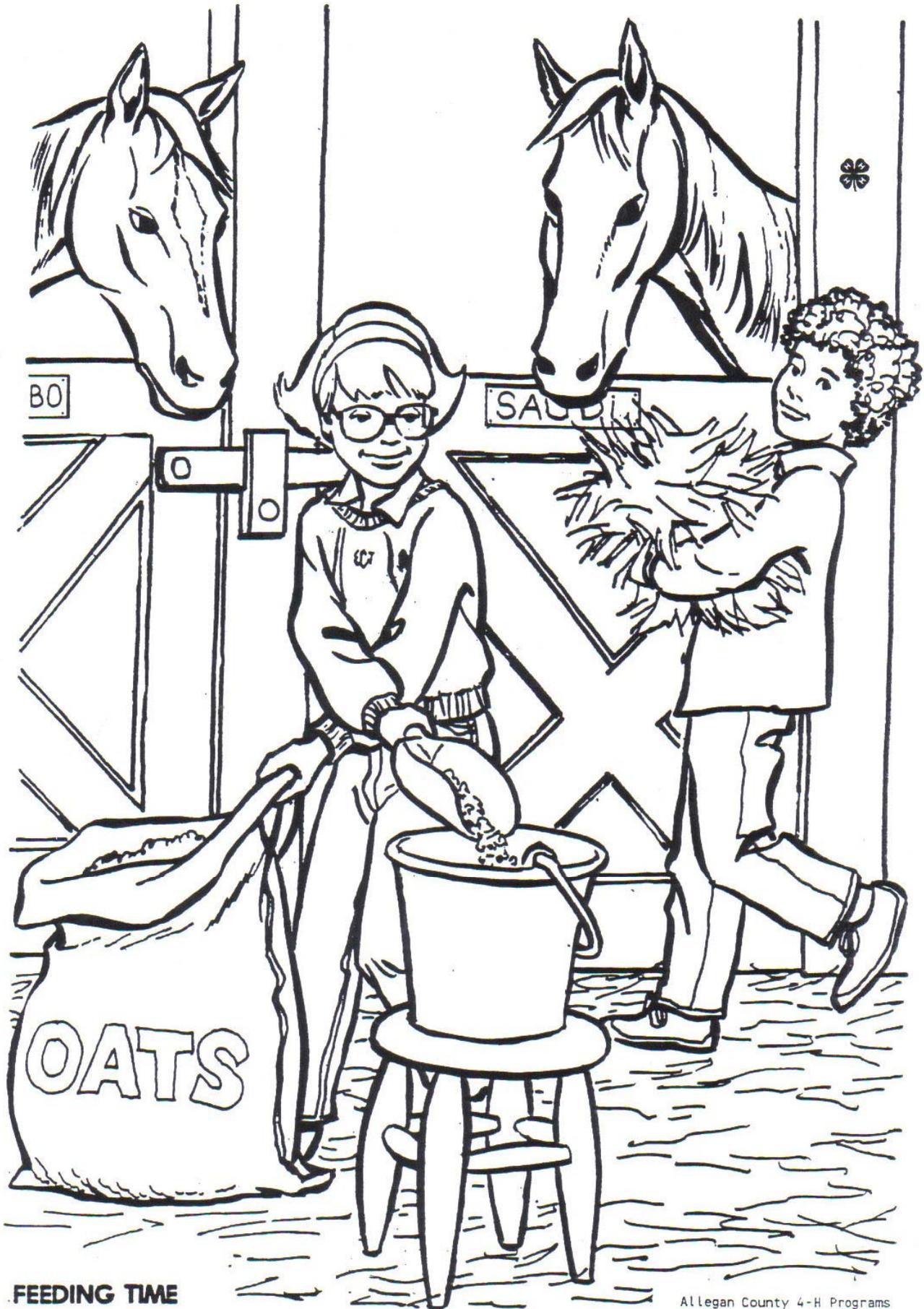


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FEEDING TIME

Circle the foods a horse would eat.

Put an X on the foods you eat.

