

# HAYGAIN

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## hay steamers

*We at Propress Equine are committed to improving the health and performance of your horse. In order to get the maximum beneficial effects from feeding HAYGAIN-steamed hay, here are a few suggestions and other factors to consider:*

✓ **VENTILATION**

Ensure the stable is well ventilated to allow good circulation of fresh air. Air should enter the stable through open top doors, windows and vents. As the air warms from the horse's body heat, it will rise and leave the stable at the highest point, creating a circulation of air.

✓ **HAY STORAGE**

Stored dry hay is an obvious source of fungal spores and dust so avoid storage too close to where the horse is stabled.

✓ **DRAINAGE**

Good drainage within the stable will prevent the build-up of urine which contains ammonia, a respiratory irritant.

✓ **BEDDING**

Dust-extracted large wood shavings, paper or cardboard are the most consistent types of bedding for containing minimal dust and fungal spores.

✓ **HARD FEEDS**

Concentrates fed in buckets may contain dust, which can be inhaled as the horse eats, amplified by the confined space of the bucket. This can be resolved by dampening down the feed with some water.

✓ **MUCKING OUT**

Move the horse out of the stable during mucking out as this generates a lot of airborne particles. Whenever possible, allow the dust to settle before the horse is put back. If the hay and feed are to be put in the stable after mucking out, then again this is best after the dust has settled.

✓ **GROOMING**

Grooming generates dust and should ideally be carried out outside to avoid it accumulating in the stable.