EQUINE FARM MANAGER · QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Barn Wall Quick Reference

The numbers you reach for most, on one sheet to post in the barn or tack room.

Body condition targets (Henneke 1–9)

Sport / performance	4.5–5.5
General maintenance	4.5–6
Broodmare	5.5–6.5
Breeding stallion	5–6
Senior	5–6.5

Call the vet at ≤3 or ≥8. Re-score monthly.

Weight without a scale

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girth² × length ÷ 330 = lb
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Feeding waste

Slow-feed net	~6%
Manger / rack	~12%
Round bale + feeder	~15%
On the ground	~20%
Round bale, no feeder	~30%

Hay test checks

- ESC + starch under ~10% for IR horses
- DE ~0.40–1.10 Mcal/lb is plausible
- Calcium ≥ phosphorus

Pasture sugar

Highest in spring flush, fall after cold nights, and late afternoon. Graze sensitive horses overnight into early morning.

Rest and recovery

Resting heart rate	28–44 bpm
Resting respiration	8–16 /min
Recovery target	≤64 bpm by 10 min
Lactate	<2 aerobic · 2–4 threshold · >4 anaerobic

Heat index = °F + % humidity

Under 130	Safe
130–150	Caution
150–180	High: shorten work
Over 180	Dangerous: no hard work

Fecal egg counts (strongyle EPG)

Low shedder	<200
Moderate	200–500
High	>500

Foaling

Due ≈ bred date + 340 days (range ~320–362). Foal stands in 1 hr, nurses in 2, placenta out in 3.

STOP AND CALL THE VET

- Blood at the nostrils
- Breathing faster than heart rate that won't settle
- Cramping or a stiff, short gait
- A dull horse not recovering
- Fever, colic, or neurologic signs

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