

BIG BALE BUDDY

The Big Bale Buddy is an innovative concept in round bale feeders that has been on the market since the fall of 2006. It has a weight of only 5 to 7 lbs (2.5 to 3kgs), a compact packaged size of 9 x 16 inches, and a recommended retail price starting at \$109.00. The Big Bale Buddy is a safe and affordable way for your customers to keep their hay clean and contained while it is being consumed, so that none is wasted.

Economics: The Big Bale Buddy will save 25% to 30% more hay as compared to setting the bale out without a feeder. The initial investment is quickly recouped by your customer and the Big Bale Buddy will continue to pay for itself many times over in saved hay.

Safety: 100% safety record. Since the introduction of the Big Bale Buddy in 2006 we have had zero reports of injury to livestock and have had many communications from happy customers praising its safety. Because the Big Bale Buddy hugs the hay bale, there is no space for the animal to get its legs or head caught, unlike steel and plastic pen type feeders which have caused many injuries and even loss of animal life.

Construction: The Big Bale Buddy is made of extremely strong, flexible, open weave 100% polypropylene. It is tough enough to withstand assault by hooves and teeth and horns. The open weave allows air and water to pass through, while the still shedding rain that hits the sides of the feeder. The seams are all double sewn with UV treated polypropylene twine, and the polypropylene elastic around the top opening is triple sewn for safety. Polypropylene is extremely strong and naturally stain and rot resistant, and 2 years (1200 hours) of UV protection keep it safe from the sun.

Warranty: The Big Bale Buddy comes with a one year replacement warranty against tearing and manufacturers defects. The customer must contact Buddy Incorporated directly for all warranty claims

Customers: The Big Bale Buddy was designed specifically for feeding round bales to horses, but can also be used for cattle, deer elk, bison and llamas. Because of its safety and affordability it is quickly becoming the feeder of choice for small herd and pleasure horse owners as well as large stables that require multiple feeders. Word of mouth has helped to spread the use of this feeder very quickly, with an initial sale in an area leading to many more.

How to use: Stand the bale on a flat end and remove the twine. Hook the elastic opening over the top end of the bale all the way around and then tug it down until the bale is covered. Flip the bale over onto its other flat end and tug the elastic up over the top edge of the bale. The hay is now ready to feed. Alternately, if the bale is being moved to the feeding area with a tractor, the Big Bale Buddy can be pulled over the bale while it is raised for transport. As the bale is eaten the Big Bale Buddy will collapse down with it, keeping the hay inside. If the weather is wet when the bale is put out the Big Bale Buddy may be used on it side or upside down with the sides rolled up to help protect the hay from the weather. If this is done the bale must be turned over so the feeder is on its bottom before the hay is half eaten to minimize waste.

Additional Benefits:

- Stores with limited space are able to offer their customers a round bale feeder.
- Will not freeze to the ground.
- Dirt and manure will not stick to it.
- Will not cause mane damage.
- Lightweight and easy to use.
- Small space required for storage when not in use.
- Recyclable where facilities exist.
- Safest most affordable round bale feeder on the market.

Sizing: The Big Bale Buddy works best if it fits snugly. To make sure that there is a Buddy that will work for every bale, it is available in 3 sizes.
Small fits bales from 3'8" up to 4'4" in diameter.
Large fits bales from 4'5" up to 5'2" in diameter.
Extra Large fits bale from 5'3" up to 6' in diameter.

