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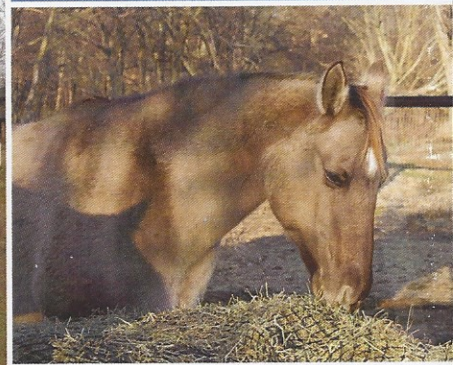


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The Cinch Net® is the only hay net independently tested by a University College of Veterinary Medicine, confirming that our net controls waste, slows consumption, and is cost-effective.



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## What Veterinarians Are Saying...

DR. NICOLE ELLER-MEDINA, DVM  
Siete Leguas Equine Vet Services, Cold Spring, MN



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“Hay Chix hay nets have made us happier by saving money on hay, and the horses healthier by slowing their eating and preventing inhalation of so many allergens.”

I met Erin and Kris through the MN Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation and thought the idea was great! We use the large round bale nets, to which there have been several benefits.

**First, obviously it slows the horses down.** My family has Morgans, who can become OBESE on round bales, and this has helped to curb that problem.

**Second, it prevents horses from wasting hay by throwing it out of the feeders.** In this hay market, that is very important!

**And third, I've noticed it prevents horses from eating a "hole" down into the bale**—at which time all they are breathing is hay dust, mold spores, etc. This has been a great benefit to horses with respiratory conditions and allergies.

I've also started using the small nets to hang from the trailer when I go to horse shows. Since the horses have to take smaller bites of the hay, it keeps them occupied all day and I have less hay to clean up off the ground at the end of the day.

Having spent time sitting with herds of wild horses at the Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary, and seeing how they have to forage for very small bites of grass, the nets provide a much more natural way for horses to eat. Hay Chix hay nets have made us happier by saving money on hay, and the horses healthier by slowing their eating and preventing inhalation of so many allergens. I have recommended the nets to many clients and have heard all of the same things from them. I Love them! Thanks!

DR. KIRSTEN FREDERICKSON, DVM  
Sunrise Equine Veterinary Services, North Branch, MN

“I use Cinch Nets in my treatment protocols, and as prevention tools almost daily and have never been disappointed. My clients always thank me for introducing the product to them because how simple of a solution they are to so many problems.”

As an equine veterinarian I am always looking for ways to help horses, and make it easy for their owners to care for them. The Cinch Nets have helped me treat and prevent many conditions, with great client compliance. The following are some of the medical issues for which I have used the nets.

**GI Health**—The horse system is not designed for “meal” feeding and the nets give us the ability to mimic grazing, which is healthier for them. And the mesh size slows the feeding pace, which prevents the cycle of gorging, followed by long periods of an empty stomach and increased stomach acids. Having small amounts of hay in the stomach more frequently can prevent ulcers, as this buffers and absorbs acids.

I use them for the prevention of colic for two reasons. First, it is well documented that metering in food keeps the gut flora and motility on an even keel avoiding highs and lows, which can lead to disturbances. Second, we see a lot of sand colic in our region, which is made worse when horses try to eat hay scattered on sandy soil. Since the nets do not allow large amounts of hay to fall or be pulled out, they prevent horses from ingesting the excess sand.

**Body Condition**—Choosing a smaller mesh size can make weight loss more achievable when we need to make a reduced ration last longer. This is essential for treating cases of laminitis caused by obesity or



metabolic syndrome. The average Cinch Net mesh size can promote a healthy rate of weight gain in starvation cases because of the consistency with which food can be delivered in a steady and safe manner.

**Respiratory Health**—I have even used them for respiratory issues. The netting ensures the horse is eating from the surface of the hay where there is airflow and prevents them from burrowing the nose inside the bale where they are breathing a higher allergen load.

Aside from being effective, they are also very safe and I have confidence in recommending them for my patients. For years, many of my clients have used Cinch Nets in many ways and I have not yet heard of a net-related injury. I use them in my clinic, and for my own horse, as well. They reduce hay waste and, since the hay is not spread all over the ground, cut down on stall cleaning. I use Cinch Nets in my treatment protocols, and as prevention tools almost daily and have never been disappointed. My clients always thank me for introducing the product to them because how simple of a solution they are to so many problems. In turn, I thank the Hay Chix for introducing them to me!

## What Customers Are Saying...

KAREN MURRAY, CUSTOMER  
Dresser, WI



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“The Cinch Nets have saved me a ton of money that would have been spent on large amounts of senior feed.”

Roy, my 27-year old blind gelding and his 24-year old companion, Buddy, both have terrible dental issues (common in many older horses) and need dental work one to two times per year.

One of the first things I noticed when I first brought Roy home two years ago, was that he was unable to eat hay without making quids. He would take a mouthful, chew it into a wad, and spit it out. He would take another mouthful and repeat. He swallowed very little hay.

A friend had introduced me to the Cinch Nets and I had already been using them to prevent waste when feeding the younger horses. I tried one with Roy to see how he would do and the result was amazing! My old boy can eat hay without making quids!

Before using the hay nets, Roy was eating more than 10 pounds of senior feed a day. **Since Roy started eating his hay from the nets, his senior feed has been cut back to 3 pounds a day.**

Because of Roy's blindness he lives in a wood-fenced paddock. I mounted large rings on the fence posts and feed hay using the Mini Cinch Nets (regular hole size) and clip them to the rings on the posts.

The Cinch Nets have saved me a ton of money that would have been spent on large amounts of senior feed. The nets allow my old boys to eat hay, which I'm sure is much better for their health and well-being than senior feed alone.

My boys and I love our Cinch Nets!

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## VOLLIE HEITKAMP, CUSTOMER

Founder, Hope Rides Youth Programs, Stacy and Mayer, MN  
([www.HopeRides.org](http://www.HopeRides.org))



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Before we started using the large round bale Cinch Net, we had substantial hay waste. The horses would step on and stand in the hay as they ate, mashing it down, and then would not eat it. The nets immediately and SIGNIFICANTLY reduced the waste.

We went from feeding a round bale every four days to feeding a round bale every seven days. Three additional days per bale resulted in big savings.

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As a nonprofit organization, we work on a small budget to begin with, so it's critical that we most effectively use our resources. The nets have been instrumental in helping us stretch our hay and eliminate waste—in both hay and extra dollars spent on hay. Not to mention the manpower and time spent doing chores. The nets are helping us be more efficient in all aspects of our business.

## Further Resources

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