

# Horse Hay Choices



## COASTAL

Cheapest hay generally, available in square or round bales. Can be purchased by Florida producers, which cutting it came from can affect nutritional quality.  
8-18% Crude Protein.



## ALFALFA

One of most expensive hay varieties in Florida. Can be found in small square bales or large square bales (500+ lbs). Good for horses who require higher nutrient content.  
20-24% Crude Protein.

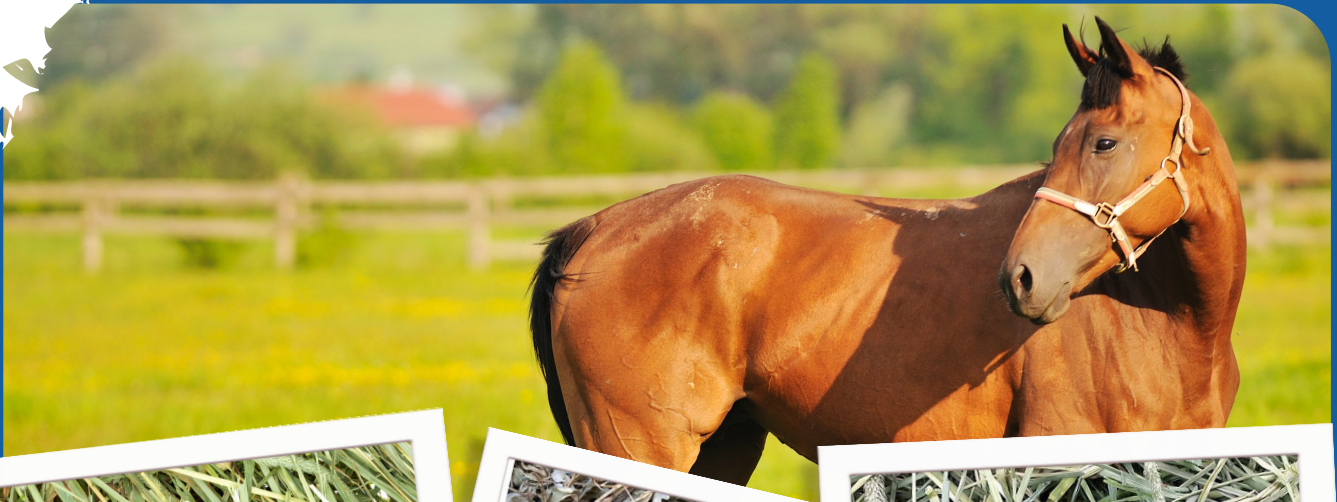


## ORCHARDGRASS

Generally found in a mix, but sometimes can be standalone. Can be less expensive than alfalfa alone while still providing higher protein than coastal. 15-19% Crude Protein.



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## TIMOTHY

Typically found in a mix but sometimes can be sold alone. Similar nutrients to coastal but finer forage makes it easier to digest. Roughly 12% Crude Protein.



## PERENNIAL PEANUT

One of most expensive hay varieties in Florida. Typically sold as small square bales, sometimes can be found in large blocks. Finer forage and meets the higher energy needs of some horses. 15-16% Crude Protein.



## MIXES

Mixes of forages can help reduce costs by incorporating higher nutritive values (alfalfa, orchardgrass, etc.) with some of the lower end hays.