



NATURAL BEDDING Inquiry Packet



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*Set Up and
Maintenance
Instructions*

**Sustainable Animal Bedding
Made From Miscanthus**

*A superior product in every way
Used for 50+ years in Europe*



Vet Recommended

For horses with allergies and respiratory issues
due to significant reduction in dust

High Moisture Absorption

Absorbs up to 4X its weight and reduces risk of thrush

**Significantly Reduce Waste Disposal Volumes
and Cost by up to 30-60%**

100% Biodegradable

Allows for land application and fertilizer benefits

Naturally Unpalatable

Reduces risk of animal consumption

Reduce Those Pesky Flies

Improve the smell in your stalls

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Equine Respiratory & Overall Health

**A conversation with
Dr. Rob Holland DVM**
advising on the importance of a clean environment for equine respiratory health.

Respiratory problems are aggravated by dust, causing mucus, which may cause bleeding.

Natural Bedding contains less dust than any other type of bedding.

It significantly reduces odors including ammonia.

Our bedding helps control respiratory ailments in horses so horses breathe easier making them more relaxed.

Natural Bedding is naturally anti-bacterial. Most other bedding options grow a variety of fungus which may trigger allergy and respiratory issues.

Our bedding helps in overall air quality which benefits horses and humans.



Dr. Holland works worldwide in the field of Respiratory and Infectious Disease. Working with top owners and trainers, as well as governments and facilities, Dr. Holland works to make sure horses are in peak health. He also consults on outbreaks and bio-security to protect facilities.

“Natural Bedding seems to reduce allergies because there is comparably less dust than in other beddings such as shavings and straw.”

— Dr. Robert E. Holland DVM,
PHD, PSC, Veterinary Specialist



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Superior Product

Used For Over 50+ Years In Europe

Customers have said they love how “it’s soft,” “firm but bounces back,” “cushiony,” and “if I took it to a show I would scoop it back up when it came time to leave and bring it home.”





High Moisture Absorption

Absorbs up to 4X its weight – the top layer stays dry while moisture is absorbed on the lower layer, which helps reduce the risk of thrush.





Significantly Reduces Waste Disposal Volumes

Amount of waste generated from 6 stalls on miscanthus vs. pine shavings in one day.





Miscanthus Bedding vs Wood Shavings

MISCANTHUS BEDDING



- ✓ Highly absorbent
- ✓ Dust-extracted
- ✓ Odorless characteristics
- ✓ Unpalatable to horses
- ✓ Enriches soil
- ✓ Low disposal cost
- ✓ Carbon-reducing crop

WOOD SHAVINGS



- ✗ Prone to mold
- ✗ Dusty
- ✗ Odorous
- ✗ Risk to digestion
- ✗ Extracts soil nutrients
- ✗ Higher disposal cost
- ✗ Less sustainable





Extend the Life of Your Bedding

The bedding used in equine stables plays a large role in the overall air quality, the ease with which the stable is managed as well as the way in which used material is disposed. It is important to select a bedding that is hygienic, economic, absorbs ammonia, decomposes quickly with manure and has minimal environmental impact.

- Used for 50+ years in Europe
- Vet Recommended for horses with allergies and respiratory issues.
- Natural Bedding contains less dust than any other type of bedding
- Absorbs 4 times its weight and reduces risk of thrush
- Significantly reduces waste disposal volumes and cost by 30-60%
- 100% biodegradable
- Naturally unpalatable
- Helps control flies and parasites.

• Our easy to use bedding system •



STEP 1: SET UP

Please review the best practice Stall Set-Up and Maintenance video that is found on www.gonaturalbedding.com.

We recommend that you establish a base of 3 Regular size bags or 2 Extra Large bags in a 12' x 12' stall. Level-set the bedding with the back side of your pitchfork to about 1-2" for the base layer. It is important that you maintain a consistent thickness of bedding.

Next, apply water lightly with a spray/mist jug. This will activate the miscanthus and allows it do what it does base - absorb! We want the base to start to "inter-lock." After the base layer is set; add 2-3 Extra Large bags or 3-4 Regular bags to get to the desired depth of 4"-6". Do a final leveling with the back of your pitch fork.



STEP 2: CLEANING

Remove the manure daily with your pitch fork with a "side to side" sifting method vs an "up and down" motion. After removing of manure; level set the stall with the back of your pitch fork. About every 5-7 days you will carefully rake back the top layer of dry bedding that is above the "wet spot". When the wet spot is fully saturated; it will have the color of "a copper penny".

If the bedding color is tan to brown; it is still absorbing. Pull the dry bedding back on top for a couple more days. Once the wet spot is clearly defined; it is best to remove it with a scoop shovel. Please review the video for this demonstration.



STEP 3: RE-SET

After the wet spot has been completely removed; rake some of the existing bedding back in the area. The stall can be level set and add 1-2 bags to replenish to the 4" - 6" desired depth.

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Composting - Best Practices

As miscanthus is similar to straw grass, it tends to have a significantly lower C:N ratio compared to wood shavings, thereby reducing nitrogen immobilization in the soil. Perhaps most important, as shown in these comparative photos, the high absorption and lattice structure of miscanthus bedding reduces fiber carryover in the compost product. Not only does this reduce bedding costs, but it increases the biosolid ratio in the compost, making it richer in nutrients when compared to rival products.



**Compost using
Natural Bedding**



**Compost using
wood shavings**





Our Message To You



“We at Natural Bedding would like to thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon!”

— Susan Fuller-Roetman, VP Sales & Marketing
& Kirk Roetman, General Manager
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Product Specifications

— Animal Bedding —

GENERAL PROPERTIES

Product	Animal Bedding
Appearance	Processed Straw, Golden Brown

PACKAGING DETAILS

	Regular Bags	Extra Large Bags
Weight	25-27 lbs.	35-38 lbs.
Bag Volume (loose)	~8.0 ft ³	~11.5 ft ³
Bags per Pallet	36 bags or 42 bags	30 bags
Dimensions	14.5" x 16" x 20"	14.5" x 16" x 24"
Bag Type	LDPE (white)	LDPE (white)

DELIVERY OPTIONS

	Regular Bags	Extra Large Bags
Delivery by 53' Semi	Up to 28 pallets - 1176 bags Pallet size: 42" x 48" x 102" (42 bags per pallet)	Up to 28 pallets - 840 bags Pallet size: 42" x 48" x 88" (30 bags per pallet)
Delivery by Box Truck or LTL	Pallet size: 42" x 48" x 88" (36 bags per pallet)	Pallet size: 42" x 48" x 88" (30 bags per pallet)

TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

Loss on Drying	<14%
Particle Size	<2% passes 500-micron sieve
Dust Count*	<10 mg/m ³

STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Storage Conditions	Keep out of direct sunlight in covered, dry area
Shelf Life	12+ Months

***Meets OSHA exposure limits (8hr) for Nuisance Particulates (\$1926.55)**

