

AFAC News Line # 4 – Wind Shelter, Feed and Water Supplies Essential for Horses in the Winter –
Les Burwash – November 23, 2011 – Audio Clip Transcriptions

Audio 1 (17 seconds)

“If we assume that we are probably going to need to be feeding for approximately five months, that means buying your hay supply now would be somewhere in the vicinity of about 2 tonnes for the average mature horse say 1100lbs.”

Audio 2 (20 seconds)

“Be aware that if we are going to graze over the winter one has to be cognizant of what is going on out in the field where the horses are grazing. We’d want to see where we have at least 4-6 inches of forage covering the field and then as the winter progresses be sure that the snow doesn’t get too deep.”

Audio 3 (17 seconds)

“If horses are in that condition going into the winter they have a little bit of fat cover that they can use; 1: For insulation and 2: That they can draw-on on days where the caloric intake is not quite sufficient to maintain what they would require on very cold days .”

Audio 4 (17 seconds)

“The average horse is going to need 6 or 7 gallons. And to eat that much snow to gain that much water is physically impossible for the horse to consume enough snow to meet their water requirements.”

Audio 5 (15 seconds)

“One would be the natural shelter that we see if there are trees available to the horses. A person could build a three sided shed or have a wind break fence so the horses could get next to it.”