

Use the form below to help you estimate your total annual and monthly costs for your first year of horse ownership (estimate for ONE horse).

Bold, italicized section annual costs are used for total annual cost at the bottom of the form.

Annual Health Care Expenses **Your Estimates**

Fly Control	\$75	\$	_____
Deworming	\$100	\$	_____
Vaccinations	\$200	\$	_____
Physicals	\$200	\$	_____
Dental Care	\$100	\$	_____
Vet Trip Charges . . .	\$160	\$	_____

Total annual cost \$835 ***Your total annual cost \$*** _____.

Total annual cost ÷ 12 = monthly health care cost.

Example: \$835 ÷ 12 = 69.58

Your annual \$ _____ ÷ 12 = Your monthly \$ _____.

Hoof Care Expenses

These figures are per farrier visit. Typically a horse receives a Trim and Shoes (T&S) three times year, or during the peak riding season (spring, summer, and fall). The rest of the year (winter) they go without shoes and need a trim. It all depends on where you live and what you do with your horse.

Farrier Visit Expenses **Your Estimates**

Trim and Shoes (T&S). .	\$85	\$	_____
Trim only (T).	\$35	\$	_____

Trim and Shoes (T&S) x number of visits per year = T&S annual hoof cost.

Example: \$85 x 3 = \$255

Your T&S cost \$ _____ x _____ = Your T&S annual \$ _____.

Trim only (T) x number of visits per year = T annual hoof cost.

Example: \$35 x 3 = \$105

Your T cost \$ _____ x _____ = Your T annual \$ _____.

Annual T&S hoof cost + annual T hoof cost = Annual hoof care expense.

Example: 255 + 105 = 360

Your annual T&S \$ _____ + Your annual T \$ _____ = ***Your Annual \$*** _____.

Annual hoof care expense ÷ 12 = Your monthly hoof care expense.

Example: \$360 ÷ 12 = \$30

Your annual \$ _____ ÷ 12 = Your monthly \$ _____.

Feed Expenses:

A horse in light work (e.g., trail riding, light showing, etc.) needs to consume 2-3% of its body weight each day in forage. For example, a 1200 pound horse would need to consume 24-36 pounds of forage each day. The examples below were calculated based on feeding 30 pounds of forage each day.

Pounds fed per day (forage)

Your Estimate

Example: 30 lbs

Pounds fed each day x 30 days = pounds fed per month.

Example: 30 lbs x 30 days = 900 pounds per month.

Your pounds/day _____ x 30 days = your pounds/month _____.

Pounds per month ÷ 60 average pounds per bale = bales per month.

Example: 900 lbs ÷ 60 lbs = 15 bales per month.

Your pounds/month _____ ÷ 60 lbs = your bales/month _____.

Forage (Hay) Costs

Your Estimate

Small hay bale . . . \$10

\$ _____

Bales fed per month x \$ cost per bale = monthly cost.

Example: 15 bales x \$10 = \$150 monthly cost.

Your bales/month _____ x your cost \$ _____ = your monthly \$ _____.

Monthly cost x 12 months = annual cost

Example: \$150 x 12 months = \$1800 annual cost.

Your monthly cost \$ _____ x 12 months = **your annual \$** _____.

Grain:

Grain is considered a feed supplement. On average, a horse in light work will consume 2-5 pounds of grain per day. The examples below were calculated based on feeding 3 pounds of grain each day.

Pounds fed per day (grain)

Your Estimate

Example: 3 lbs

Pounds fed each day x 30 days = pounds fed per month.

Example: 3 lbs x 30 days = 90 pounds per month.

Your pounds/day _____ x 30 days = your pounds/month _____.

Pounds per month ÷ 50 average pounds per bag = bag per month.

Example: 90 lbs ÷ 50 lbs = 1.8 bags per month.

Your pounds/month _____ ÷ 50 lbs = your bags/month _____.

Grain Costs

Grain bag \$9

Your Estimates

\$ _____

Bags fed per month x \$ cost per bag = monthly cost.

Example: 1.8 bales x \$9 = \$16.20 monthly cost.

Your bags/month _____ x your cost \$ _____ = your monthly \$ _____.

Monthly cost x 12 months = annual cost

Example: \$16.20 x 12 months = \$194.40 annual cost.

Your monthly cost \$ _____ x 12 months = **your annual \$** _____.

Annual forage cost + annual grain cost = annual feed expense (use figures from calculations above).

Example: \$1800 + \$194.40 = \$1994.40

Your forage annual \$ _____ + your grain annual \$ _____ = **your annual feed \$** _____.

Tack and Equipment

Your Estimates

Saddle (used) \$600
 Bridle \$100
 Saddle Pad \$100
 Halter \$ 20
 Lead Rope \$ 8
 Curry Comb \$ 4
 Hoof Pick \$ 2
 Brush \$ 8
 Buckets \$ 35
 Blanket \$100
 Riding Clothes \$100

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Total \$1077
 \$ _____.

Your Total

Total Annual Expenses:

Annual Health Care + Annual Hoof Care + Annual Feed + Tack/Equipment = Total Annual Cost

Example: \$835 + \$360 + \$1994.40 + \$1077 = \$4266.40*

Your costs: _____ + _____ + _____ + _____ = _____.

**NOTE: This would be considered your Total First Annual Cost because tack and equipment are typically one time costs, but over time these items will need to be replaced.*