

ONLINE HORSE PASTURE AND HAY COURSES TO BEGIN IN JANUARY

Two six-week, online certificate courses – one on horse pasture establishment and management and the other on growing and feeding horse hay – will be offered by the University of Minnesota Extension Horse Team starting in January 2017. Although species recommendations will focus on the Upper Midwest, most information can be applied across the U.S.

Both courses are semi-self-paced and each costs \$75/person. To receive a certificate, a participant must earn at least 70% on three 10-point multiple-choice quizzes and participate in three online discussions per course. The courses are recommended for adult learners, but open to everyone. They will not result in college credit.

The **horse pasture establishment and management course** schedule and topics will include:

- Jan. 9 – pasture layout and design;
- Jan. 16 – pasture establishment;
- Jan. 23 – pasture management;
- Jan. 30 – estimating pasture intake;
- Feb. 6 – managing diseased horses on pasture;
- Feb. 13 – pasture resources and research updates.

Registration is required by Jan. 8, 2017, and available [here](#).

The **growing and feeding horse hay course** schedule and topics will include:

- Jan. 9 – hayfield establishment and management;
- Jan. 16 – harvesting and storing high-quality hay;
- Jan. 23 – submitting and interpreting an equine hay analysis;
- Jan. 30 – hay options for diseased horses;
- Feb. 6 – hay feeding and estimating hay needs;
- Feb. 13 – tips on buying and selling hay.

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