



## **WILD DISCOVERIES**

### *Forage presentation's effect on feeding interest: a case study*

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The aim of the case study was to analyze two different methods of forage presentation and how each affects the horse's interest in eating. The horse's interest was gauged through observation on pasture and in stable with a hay net. Intake was measured using a zero-one time sampling at 30 second intervals during each 30-minute trial. A total of 202 observations were made with horse eating hay off the ground, and 203 instances of the horse eating with hay net. Results collected suggest that horses inclined to eat more from a hay net while stabled (98 observations), than hay presented on the ground (37 observations) while on pasture ( $P < 0.05$ ). Our results while interesting may demonstrate that ad libitum hay feeding may have been a major factor in our research and future studies should try to control previous intake with fasting.