



Testimonial

LIVERY OWNER

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Mr Bär has been running a horse livery for several years, with an average of 15 horses. He continuously had odour and moisture problems with the bedding (smell, moisture). The bedding had to be changed twice a day, which resulted in very high costs for straw.

Treatment

Since the beginning of 1997 a totally new concept has been followed - the "Straw Manure Mattress":

1. The cement floor is treated with a layer of Plocher Horse Manure Composter mixed in Diabas-stonemeal (75g Plocher Horse Manure Composter in a 10 litre bucket of stonemeal)
2. About 10-12cm layer of manure
3. Again Plocher Horse Manure Composter mixed in stonemeal
4. Some humus-rich soil
5. A good layer of fresh straw
6. A layer of PLOCHER-stonemeal-mixture

In the evening/morning Mr Bär distributes the manure of the horses evenly throughout the box and puts fresh straw on top, for every second layer of straw a layer of PLOCHER-stonemeal-mixture follows. This way a dry, elastic floor mat gradually develops. The result of this is that the hoofs of the animals are always dry and ammonia is eliminated. This bedding is only removed after 2 – 3 months. The manure heap which, before, posed a real problem, now only grows very slowly.

The manure heap from the horses is then stored close to the fields or pastures. The transport is done with a manure distributor to which a few buckets of PLOCHER-stonemeal-mixture are added as well as half a front loader filling of humus-rich soil. This is placed on top of the manure and mixes itself easily.

Result

After about three months the manure is totally decomposed and very fine and can now be thinly distributed over the pasture.

(Tip: Turning the heap several times, like compost, reduces the breakdown time considerably)

The pasture and meadows have up to now been treated twice with Plocher Soil Activator (100-500g per hectare). They have improved considerably. Mr Bär talks about a living soil as the additional application of the decomposed manure is now very quickly broken down even further by the earthworms and in a short time will be reintegrated into the soil.

Stonemeal and PLOCHER as mineral feed alternative

Instead of giving his horses mineral feed they have an unlimited supply of Diabas-stonemeal and 4g Plocher Daily Care is mixed into their drinking trough each day (a reduction of costs by 60% in comparison to the normal mineral feed mixtures). The animals have shining coats, hooves of iron, are in a very good condition and less nervous. Wounds heal very quickly and vet expenses are considerably reduced. Mr Bär recommends this method for every horse lover.

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