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Dear Chaffhaye, Inc.,

I want to share with you my experience with Chaffhaye in 2008. That is the first year that I raised an entire foal crop on Chaffhaye as opposed to baled hay. Prior to 2008 I had combined alfalfa and grass hays plus grain, micro-nutrient, and Ca/P supplements in an attempt to achieve the correct nutrient balance for growing foals. In 2008 I used a mare/foal feed for 50% of the diet with *Chaffhaye Alfalfa*, and no other supplementation. The M/F feed I used is made by Elk Grove Milling and is formulated to be fed with an alfalfa ration to create an appropriate Ca/P ratio for growing foals. It has a protein content of 14% which creates an ideal protein level when combined with *Chaffhaye Alfalfa*. Many of my foals are warmbloods and will grow to be very large at maturity. With large breeds there are often issues with uneven or too-rapid growth rates, causing physitis, which can lead to OCD lesions. Last year is the first year I did not have a single episode of physitis in my foals. I have kept up with the research on physitis and related growth problems with large breeds. Where the experts used to solely blame improper Ca/P ratios and excessive protein levels, they now believe that excessive sugar levels are the biggest culprit. My feeling is that the known, consistent protein level and the low sugar level of Chaffhaye was a major influence in the elimination in structural growth problems in my 2008 foal crop.

Sincerely,

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