

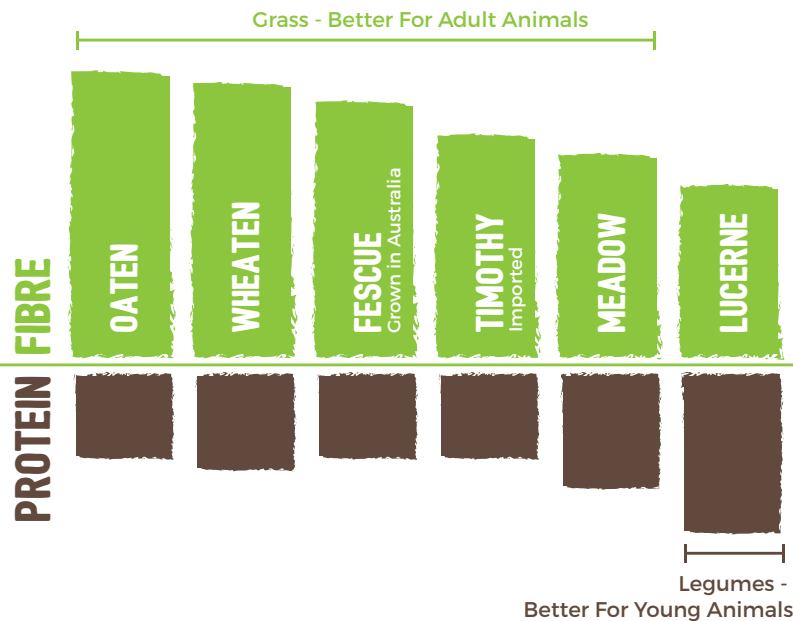
HAY, HEALTH AND HERBIVORES



Quality hay is one of the most essential parts of your rabbit or guinea pig's diet. Feeding an incorrect diet can lead to major health issues, including severe dental and digestive problems.

There are many different types of hay, so it is important to understand which hay to feed, and when to feed it. To help you determine the best hay for your pet, here is a basic breakdown.

HIGH FIBRE VS HIGH PROTEIN



Hay is, quite simply, dried grass. In terms of feed for small herbivores, hay is divided into two main categories:

High Fibre Fescue and **High Protein Lucerne**.

Fescue Hay is naturally **low in protein and high in fibre**. High fibre hay ensures that herbivores have access to all the roughage they need for optimum dental health and digestive wellbeing.

Lucerne Hay is **higher in protein and calcium** than fescue hay. Lucerne hay is more suited to growing animals, pregnant or lactating mothers and those animals with a medical requirement for higher protein.



BEDDING

Straw is the stalk from grain crops. It is yellow in colour, and the stalks are hollow. Straw is great for insulating, and is used for bedding substrate to keep our furry friends warm on cold winter nights. **Straw is not recommended as a feed source** as it has a lower nutritional value than hay, but it's safe if your pet does nibble on it.



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