

Winter Feeding

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Winter time can be a challenging time for figuring out what to feed our kunes. Kunes, by nature, are natural grazers. With their short upturned snout, they are very efficient grazers. Since I am in Virginia, the grass is gone in the winter months. We were faced with the problem of what to feed during the cold winter months. We did not plant winter rye last year as we had no idea how addictive this breed was going to be for us but, in the future we will ensure that our kunes enjoy winter rye all winter long.



Winter Rye does well in Virginia.

We feed a variety of foods to our beloved kunes. We feed twice a day at 6:00 am and 6:00 pm daily. A kunes' normal breakfast at our home are sliced apples, alfalfa pellets and Mazuri Mini Pig Active Youth. Our older kunes get $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of alfalfa pellets, $\frac{1}{2}$ apple cut in slices and 1 cup of Mazuri feed. The younger ones get $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of alfalfa pellets, $\frac{1}{2}$ apple slices and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of Mazuri feed.



In the evening, we feed alfalfa pellets, frozen veggies and Mazuri mini pig feed. We do the same servings as breakfast. We buy bags of the frozen veggies and change it every day. We feed green beans,

corn (very limited amounts), broccoli, spinach, kale and any mixture of veggies. I have found that our pigs are not fond of peas. My husband agrees with that decision! 😊

On those bitter cold mornings, I will prepare the piggies some hot oatmeal to enjoy and carry hot water to place in their water bowls. I find our pigs do not like the cold icy water in the mornings.

We also feed a straight alfalfa hay to ensure they get roughage as that is important for their digestive system. We do this twice a day as well.



Our feeding regiment may not be for everyone and each breeder will have their own suggestions for feeding their kunes. So, ensure when you purchase your piglet (or two) that you ask your breeder what their feeding regiment is so that you can make an informed decision on how to feed your kune.