

Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For June 10, 2019

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All hay prices quoted are dollars per ton FOB point of origin for alfalfa hay unless otherwise noted.

The information presented in this report is compiled from public and private quality tested sales and reports in the Midwest.

The past several months of hay reports are archived. To view previous hay reports, go to http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/ on the Team Forage web site and click on the past hay reports section.

Hay auction data is collected on the first and third week of the month and posted the following Monday when possible. Prices quoted in this report are for "as fed" alfalfa hay.

Demand and Sales Comments

Hay prices were steady with some instances of strong demand. This is the first market report in months that had a decline in overall hay price along with an extreme range in price. Some new crop hay has come into the market. Many markets have reported a scarce supply of forages and bedding materials. If you are looking to buy or sell forage, connect to the Farmer-to-Farmer webpage at http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/ to place an ad for your needs or what you have to sell. Contact your local county agriculture agent if you need help placing an ad. There is no charge for the service.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	Price (\$/ton)		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$251.00	\$220.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$231.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$185.00	\$135.00	\$280.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$174.00	\$150.00	\$240.00
	Large Square	\$194.00	\$115.00	\$310.00
	Large Round	\$177.00	\$110.00	\$300.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$185.00	\$170.00	\$200.00
	Large Square	\$158.00	\$110.00	\$235.00
	Large Round	\$146.00	\$120.00	\$185.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square		No Reported Sale	S
	Large Square		No Reported Sale	S
	Large Round	\$105.00	\$50.00	\$180.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady on a thin test. There is light demand for old crop hay. Some new crop hay is available. *In Iowa*, very little supply of old crop hay and bedding. Many are "cleaning out" the barns as buyers are becoming desperate, before new crop hay is sold.

In South Dakota, prices were higher with very few sales. Very good demand in this active market. New crop is being cut and baled, but little has come to the market.

In Missouri, supply is light, demand is light to moderate and prices are steady. Poor weather is delaying hay harvest and most hay is being wrapped because of poor drying weather.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with light demand and very little hay available. *In Kansas*, market activity is slow with steady prices. Weather is delaying hay harvest.

In Wisconsin, prices remain strong with a demand for hay. Many reports of winterkilled alfalfa in the state and many are developing plans to cover forage needs for 2019 and 2020.

Straw prices are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Prices were steady to strong with a demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$4.20 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$69.00 per bale (a wide range of \$35.00 to \$125.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$47.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 - \$80.00). Wheat straw may demand a slightly higher price and straw quality does affect the price.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, June 24, 2019.

The following links are **included** in this report allowing producers to obtain some state and nearby state prices, (these may or may not be quality-tested auctions, if quality, they are included in this report). The Equity Cooperative market report is at http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market_reports/. Go to the Lomira, Reedsville, and Stratford locations for their reports on untested hay and straw prices. The Reynolds Feed & Supply, LLC of Dodgeville is at http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/whatlsnew/. The Tim Slack Auction and Realty, LLC of Fennimore is at http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html.

The Decreptible Selector of Decreptible Level is at <a href="http://decreptible.edec.com/heave-exertion/h

The Dyersville Sales Company of Dyersville, Iowa is at http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/. Fort Atkinson auction is at http://www.fortatkinsonhay.com/

The Farmer website is an electronic neighborhood bulletin board that allows local farmers to get in touch with one another to facilitate the marketing of feed commodities. It has recently been expanded to connect those with productive pastures to those producers who are in need of pastures. It can be found at http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/. If you would like assistance posting to this web site, contact your county's UW-Extension agriculture agent.

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