



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
as of April, 10, 2015**

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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 sales and reports in the Midwest.

The past several months of the weekly hay reports are archived. To view previous hay reports, go to the Team Forage web site and click on the [past hay reports](#) section.

A few changes have been made to the hay report. The data will be collected on the first and third week of the month and posted the following week moving forward.

Demand and Sales Activity

Overall hay prices were steady for this report compared to the previous report. Hay supplies are limited in some areas with the concern of a possible drought. This week is the last auction for the season at some locations.

Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	231.00	170.00	320.00
	Large Square	204.00	142.00	310.00
	Large Round	115.00	100.00	125.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	171.00	90.00	220.00
	Large Square	121.00	100.00	225.00
	Large Round	111.00	48.00	170.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	88.00	62.50	100.00
	Large Square	106.00	45.00	145.00
	Large Round	99.00	70.00	120.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	90.00	67.50	135.00
	Large Round	66.00	45.00	90.00

For Nebraska, compared to the last report alfalfa hay sold mostly steady with slow movement of hay. Dry weather has some producers concerned and they are holding hay inventory rather than marketing the hay. *For Iowa*, alfalfa hay sold steady. Buyer inquiry was moderate with light offerings of mostly lower quality hay this week.

In South Dakota, light hay movement with steady prices on all classes of hay. A drought concern has some producers sold out of hay or holding on to supply until after first cut is finished. Approximately 60% of South Dakota is abnormally dry currently according to the drought monitor.

For Missouri, some cattle in southern areas are out on pasture and most of the state has had adequate moisture. Hay feeding has decreased, but overall hay prices have been steady with light demand.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with light hay movement in the area. *For Illinois*, demand was moderate too good for moderate hay offerings with steady to weaker prices. *In Wisconsin*, hay prices were strong for all hay types with an active market with light supplies. There is a steady demand for straw at local markets.

Midwest straw price is steady. Small square bale straw rebounded from the last report to \$3.40 per bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00); numerous markets report a demand for small square bales. Large square bale straw price is steady with an average price of \$35.60 per bale (range of \$27.00 to \$56.00); and large round bale straw was weaker with an average price of \$34.00 per bale (range of \$27.00 to \$45.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted
By April 29, 2015.

Due to the lack of quality-tested hay auctions in Wisconsin, the following links are included in this report allowing producers to obtain some state and nearby state prices. The Equity Cooperative market report is at http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market_reports/. Go to the Lomira and Reedsville locations for their reports on hay and straw prices.

The Fennimore Livestock Exchange is at

<http://www.fennimorelivestock.com/index.php?site=home>.

The Reynolds Feed & Supply, LLC of Dodgeville is at <http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/whatIsnew/>.

The Tim Slack Auction and Realty, LLC of Fennimore is at

<http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html>.

The Zumbrota Hay & Bedding Auction of Zumbrota, MN is at

<http://cla.crinet.com/page5295/ZumbrotaHayAndBeddingAuction>.

The Dyersville Sales Company of Dyersville, Iowa is at <http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/>.

The Farmer to 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/>.