



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
As of May 22, 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 hay reports are archived. To view previous hay reports, go to the Team Forage web site and click on the [past hay reports](#) section.*

**Hay auction data will be collected on the first and third week of the month and posted the following week.**

**Demand and Sales Activity**

Hay prices were slightly weaker compared to the previous report. The all grade hay price averaged \$4.80 per ton lower at auction this week. Hay harvest has begun and there are a reduced number of weekly auctions. Prime and grade 1 quality hay is in demand along with straw.

**Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade**

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
	Large Square	\$199.00	\$130.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$166.00	\$135.00	\$200.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$133.00	\$115.00	\$150.00
	Large Square	\$140.00	\$90.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$140.00	\$70.00	\$145.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
	Large Square	\$104.00	\$75.00	\$140.00
	Large Round	\$107.00	\$65.00	150.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	\$73.00	\$60.00	\$85.00
	Large Round	\$55.00	\$50.00	\$60.00

*For Nebraska*, alfalfa hay sold steady. The back grounding feedlots are demanding hay in the central area of the state. Weather is delaying hay harvest in many areas of the state. *For Iowa*, trading was inactive, farmers hope Mother Nature provides warmer drier weather to harvest first cutting of hay.

*In South Dakota*, prime and grade 1 quality hay increased \$5.00 a ton with limited auctions reporting. Farmers are looking for a break in the weather to make first cut hay. New crop hay will be reaching auctions in the near future.

*For Missouri*, demand for hay is light with a moderate supply and a steady price. Hay making has been slow as farmers wait for a dry stretch of weather to harvest first cut hay. Currently wet fields will not carry harvesting equipment.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, overall hay price was lower as a result of no prime quality hay being available. Hay volume sold was greater than the past week. *For Illinois*, there was no market activity this past week. *In Wisconsin*, the market was lower with a reduced number of auctions. First cutting hay has begun. On farm hay inventory is low, but above the past couple of years when literally no hay inventory was available on most farms.

Overall the Midwest straw price is weaker with continued strong demand for small bales of straw. Small square bale straw was slightly higher in price; the average is \$3.40 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price had an average price of \$25.00 per bale (range of \$20.00 to \$45.00) a decrease the last report; and large round bale straw averaged \$29.00 per bale (range of \$25.00 to \$33.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted  
By June 9, 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 (these may or may not be quality tested auctions). The Equity Cooperative market report is at [http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market\\_reports/](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-](http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/)

[auction-results/](http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/). Fort Atkinson auction is at <http://www.fortatkinsonhay.com/>

**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/>.