



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
As of June 19, 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

The all grade hay price decreased \$8.50 per ton at auction this week. Prime hay continues to sell on a strong market. Old and new crop alfalfa hay is available at markets. The decrease in all grade hay price reflects a low volume of prime quality hay available at auction sites. There are a limited number of auction sites with a limited supply and demand for hay. The data collected is from markets in Wisconsin and nearby Midwestern states.

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	\$140.00	\$210.00
	Large Square	\$171.00	\$130.00	\$250.00
	Large Round	\$172.00	\$138.00	\$200.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square		No reported sales	
	Large Square	\$122.00	\$92.00	\$175.00
	Large Round	\$105.00	\$75.00	\$120.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square		No reported sales	
	Large Square	\$93.00	\$65.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$90.00	\$50.00	\$120.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square		No reported sales	
	Large Square	\$66.00	\$40.00	\$80.00
	Large Round	\$69.00	\$40.00	\$95.00

For Nebraska, limited trading of alfalfa hay this week at steady prices and weather continues to delay dry hay harvesting. Rain is also good news, as the majority of Nebraska was in the drought category and now has been removed for the drought list. *For Iowa*, trading was inactive, but new crop quality hay did sell on a strong market.

In South Dakota, new crop hay was lightly tested at auctions this week. Old crop alfalfa hay price was steady in a light market. Rain continues to slow first crop harvest, while some growers are preparing for second crop harvest shortly.

For Missouri, a moderate supply of hay, with light demand, and steady prices. Alfalfa quality is past prime or the hay has been rained on; Mother Nature is making 2015 a difficult year for hay making.

In Southwest Minnesota, hay price was steady, with an increase in volume sold compared to the last report. Weather has slowed harvest as reported from the majority of reporting auctions. *For Illinois*, no market reports this week in the state.

In Wisconsin, weather has delayed the first crop harvest. Hay prices are steady at Wisconsin markets. Seventy – six per cent of the first cutting hay harvest was reported complete last week.

The Midwest straw market is steady with demand for small bales of straw. Small square bale straw was steady; with an average price of \$3.10 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price increased this week to an average price of \$40.00 per bale (range of \$34.00 to \$50.00); and no sales of large round bale straw were reported this week.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by July 13, 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/. 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/>. 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/>. If you would like assistance posting to this web site, contact your county's UW-Extension agriculture agent.