



**Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
as of January 9, 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.

Demand and Sales Activity

Temperatures were very cold this past week, which limited activity at auctions. Compared to the previous week, small square bales were 6% higher, large square bale prices were up 14%, the majority of sales were premium quality hay, and large round bale prices were up 6%. Sales activity was light, but quality hay sold for a good price.

For *Nebraska*, compared to the last report hay sold steady with weakness on the large round bales of alfalfa. For *Iowa*, all classes and grades of hay sold steady, though cold and snow reduced attendance. Cold weather and snow increased demand for straw.

In *South Dakota*, hay prices were steady. There was light trading in the market because of cold weather and snow.

For *Missouri*, hay movement continues to be limited although there were some hay sales. Arctic weather this past week and moderate to heavy hay supplies continue a light demand for hay.

In *Southwest Minnesota*, hay prices were steady compared to last week with limited quality alfalfa hay sales. For *Illinois*, the Arthur sale had moderate demand for heavy offerings. In *Wisconsin*, hay prices were steady too strong for premium and good hay, with lower prices for lower quality hay. Cold weather limited hay quantity at sales. Straw was in good demand this week.

Straw prices in the Midwest averaged \$3.30 per small square bale (range of \$2.60 to \$5.00); \$47.50 per large square bale (range of \$44.00 to \$50.00); and \$45.50 per large round bale (range of \$29.00 to \$65.00). Compared to the previous week, straw prices for small square bales price was steady. For large square bales, prices were 2% lower, while large round bales were 8 % higher.

Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	193.00	150.00	280.00
	Large Square	198.75	165.00	250.00
	Large Round	160.00	145.00	190.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	150.00	100.00	180.00
	Large Square	160.00	100.00	225.00
	Large Round	106.00	70.00	140.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	77.00	64.00	90.00
	Large Square	106.50	100.00	112.50
	Large Round	114.25	100.00	120.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	No reported sales		
	Large Round	80.00	40.00	120.00

The next Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on January 19, 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/what1snew/>. 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/>.

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