



**Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
as of January 24, 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

With moderate temperatures this past week hay supplies at auctions was good, but demand was light compared to the previous week. Small square bales increased because of limited sales of only prime and grade 1 hay. Large square bale prices were \$1.00 per ton weaker this week, but premium quality alfalfa demands a good price. Large round bale prices were up 9% with increased price in medium to lower quality hay. Summing up the markets, sales activity was light, supplies were good, quality hay sold for a good price, and large round bale hay saw a price increase.

For *Nebraska*, compared to the last report alfalfa hay sold unevenly steady. For *Iowa*, premium quality small square alfalfa bales sold for a good price, while other classes of hay prices were weaker.

In *South Dakota*, hay prices were steady with light reported volume this week.

For *Missouri*, hay movement has moved up a tick. Most sales of large round bales are occurring between neighbors. Decreased fuel prices have encouraged the sale of dairy quality hay, but decreased milk prices have offset the fuel savings.

In *Southwest Minnesota*, no hay prices were reported this week. For *Illinois*, Dyersville market had heavy offerings with a fair demand. Premium quality dairy hay was in demand with good prices, while lower quality hay prices were weak. In *Wisconsin*, hay prices improved compared to last week with an increase in fair and good quality large packaged bales.

Straw prices in the Midwest averaged \$2.95 per small square bale (range of \$1.50 to \$5.00); \$40.50 per large square bale (range of \$35.00 to \$46.00); and \$37.00 per large round bale (range of \$27.50 to \$42.50). Compared to the previous week, straw prices for small square bales were steady. For large square bales, prices were up slightly, while large round bales were weaker. There is good demand for quality small square bales of wheat straw.

Hay Price Summary

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	210.00	160.00	280.00
	Large Square	205.90	160.00	310.00
	Large Round	136.25	115.00	170.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	145.50	90.00	155.00
	Large Round	88.15	70.00	125.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	101.70	70.00	115.00
	Large Round	95.40	70.00	125.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No reported sales		
	Large Square	93.75	65.00	120.00
	Large Round	66.70	52.50	95.00

The next Weekly Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on February 2, 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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