



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
As of October 23, 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 on the following Monday when possible.**

**Demand and Sales Activity**

The all grade hay price from all markets increased by \$7.00 per ton this week compared to the previous report. The data is collected 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	\$273.00	\$230.00	\$450.00
	Large Square	\$239.00	\$128.00	\$262.00
	Large Round	No Reported Sales		
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$182.00	\$160.00	\$240.00
	Large Square	\$144.00	\$80.00	\$175.00
	Large Round	\$105.00	\$50.00	\$160.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$115.00	\$70.00	\$185.00
	Large Round	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$140.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Large Square	\$82.00	\$20.00	\$150.00
	Large Round	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00



*For Nebraska*, There is light demand with an adequate supply of forages with steady prices. Dry weather is allowing farmers to make top quality 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> cutting hay. *For Iowa*, there is good demand for small square bales and buyers were paying a premium for prime hay.

*In South Dakota*, very quiet week for hay sales. Demand is light with steady prices. Cattle farmers are weaning and marketing calves, which may increase demand for hay.

*For Missouri*, market activity is light; supply is moderate to heavy with steady pricing. There was a slight uptick in old crop hay purchases a result of dry weather and lack of stockpiled forage to support dry cows.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, literally no prime quality hay at auction. Very small sample this week with only four loads of alfalfa hay sold. *For Illinois*, demand for quality alfalfa hay is good. A large offering of prime quality hay carried the market this week pushing prices up to \$450.00 per ton.

*In Wisconsin*, quality hay arriving at the auction moved prices higher this week. Lower quality hay is in plentiful supply and overall the hay price is reflecting supply.

The Midwest straw market was slightly depressed compared to the last report. Market price for small square bale straw averaged \$3.00 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price was off about \$1.00 per bale, with an average price of \$34.00 per bale (wide range of \$12.00 to \$56.00); and large round bale straw price dropped \$4.00 per bale; with an average price of \$21.00 per bale (range of \$10.00 - \$31.00 per bale).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on November 10, 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/>. If you would like assistance posting to this web site, contact your county's UW-Extension agriculture agent.