



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
As of November 20, 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 was slightly weaker compared to the previous report. There was little upward movement in price with weak demand and a large supply of hay.

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

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$225.00	\$220.00	\$230.00
	Large Square	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$185.00	\$180.00	\$190.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$156.00	\$125.00	\$200.00
	Large Square	\$135.00	\$115.00	\$165.00
	Large Round	\$146.00	\$70.00	\$160.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$86.00	\$65.00	\$120.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$76.00	\$65.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$90.00



*For Nebraska*, prices were steady for all forms of hay this week. Wet and snowy weather caused a sudden halt to field work including moving hay. *For Iowa*, no prime hay was offered this week at auction. Hay from storage is lower quality and lower price. There was some organic hay offered this week with little demand as most organic producers are satisfied feeding their own hay supply.

*In South Dakota*, light test of the market, with steady to weak price. Weather has been an issue this past week as wet weather may have decreased interest in purchasing hay.

*For Missouri*, light market activity was brought to a temporary halt with areas receiving up to 6 inches of rain this week. The bad, is it deters hay buyers at the auction, the good; the lower 2/3 of the state is no longer listed on the drought monitor.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, sales of only lower quality hay this week, no prime quality hay offered at auction this week. *For Illinois*, no published reports this week.

*In Wisconsin*, lower quality hay is plentiful and the overall hay price is reflecting a big supply. There has been interest in small lots of hay from small livestock producers and hobbyist at local auctions.

The Midwest straw market was slightly weaker compared to the last report. Market price for small square bale averaged \$3.20 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price was down about \$1.00 per bale, with an average price of \$31.00 per bale (range of \$20.00 to \$41.00); and large round bale straw price declined considerably this week as more was available at auction and price decreased with a greater supply, average price was \$26.00 per bale (range of \$13.00 - \$46.00 per bale).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on December 7, 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-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.