



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
As of December 07, 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 was slightly stronger compared to the previous report. There is a wide range of prices for all qualities of hay. Weather conditions in Midwest are hindering hay movement, and providing demand for bedding.

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

		Average	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Prime (&gt; 151 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$241.00	\$150.00	\$362.00
	Large Square	\$172.00	\$155.00	\$285.00
	Large Round	\$128.00	\$95.00	\$175.00
<b>Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$166.00	\$123.00	\$240.00
	Large Square	\$146.00	\$100.00	\$190.00
	Large Round	\$102.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
<b>Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$190.00
	Large Square	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$88.00	\$48.00	\$135.00
<b>Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$84.00	\$55.00	\$135.00
	Large Round	\$102.00	\$85.00	\$105.00



*For Nebraska*, prices were fully steady for all forms of hay this week. Demand has improved for alfalfa and grass hay with backgrounding lots purchasing forage. *For Iowa*, snow and sleet kept buyers at home. Hay producers are getting antsy as the market is unseasonably slow.

*In South Dakota*, alfalfa is steady to firm as a result of demand for small lots of quality hay for calves. The greatest demand currently is for quality grass hay. Buyers are expressing interest in purchasing hay before the end of the year. Wet weather along with freezing and thawing has created mud in yards reducing movement of hay.

*For Missouri*, heavy supply, light demand, with steady prices. There is limited movement of hay because of wet weather and mud in many feed yards providing poor conditions to get semis in or out of the feed yards. Many feedlots are using their stored hay.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, sales of only lower quality hay this week, no prime quality hay offered at auction this week. *For Illinois*, moderate demand, with slow market activity for moderate offerings. Overall hay prices were mixed with dairy quality hay priced lower, but higher prices for small packaged hay.

*In Wisconsin*, lower quality hay is plentiful and the price is stronger. There is an interest for small lots of hay. Hay markets are active, but most are not quality tested hay auctions.

The Midwest straw prices were stronger compared to the last report. Market price for small square bale averaged \$3.30 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price was up about \$4.00 per bale, with an average price of \$35.00 per bale (range of \$18.00 to \$56.00); and large round bale straw price increased \$8.00 per bale, average price was \$34.00 per bale (range of \$15.00 - \$45.00 per bale).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on December 21, 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/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/>. 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.