



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
As of April 10, 2017**

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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 <http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/> on the Team Forage web site and click on the [past hay reports](#) section.

Hay auction data is collected on the first and third week of the month and posted on the following Monday when possible. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.

Demand and Sales Activity

The hay market was stronger this week. Weather may have influenced some buying.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$203.00	\$175.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$174.00	\$125.00	\$225.00
	Large Round	No reported Sales		
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$168.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$123.00	\$113.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$89.00	\$40.00	\$115.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$90.00	\$70.00	\$125.00
	Large Round	\$66.00	\$50.00	\$88.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$68.00	\$35.00	\$90.00
	Large Round	\$51.00	\$20.00	\$65.00



For Nebraska, hay demand in state is light to moderate, with good demand for hay going out of state. Overall hay prices are steady. Alfalfa planting has begun in some areas of the state. *For Iowa*, prices were steady and dairy quality hay is in short supply. There are reports of alfalfa winterkill in some fields in Iowa with speculation of supply for 2017.

In South Dakota, buyer demand is light with abundant supplies and steady prices. Bedding materials were weak this past week. Spring tillage and planting is near. *In Illinois*, no reports this week.

For Missouri, around 85% of the state is listed as abnormally dry, however rain the last couple of weeks have produced mud and many producers would like some dry weather to get back in the field. Hay supply is moderate, demand is light, and prices are steady to weak.

In Southwest Minnesota, adequate supplies of hay with steady prices.

In Wisconsin, overall prices were steady with reduced prices on lower quality hay. Good supplies continue to provide a buyer's market.

Export report April 7, 2017, 1,970 tons were exported this week, depending on quality ranged from \$110.00 - \$200.00 per ton from USDA.

Straw prices are a little weaker this week. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.00 a bale this week (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale price was \$23.00 per bale (range of \$8.00 to \$39.00) about a \$10.00 decrease per bale. Large round bales averaged \$26.00 per bale (range of \$13.00 to \$38.00) about the same price as last week.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Monday, April 24, 2017.

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/. Go to the Lomira, Reedsville, and Stratford locations for their reports on untested 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 (market runs September – May)

<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.

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