



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
For May 22, 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 the following Monday when possible. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.

Demand and Sales Activity

The hay market was a few dollars stronger this week with limited sales. There is demand for dairy quality hay. A large supply of lower quality hay continues to be discounted at local markets. In the supply and demand system local hay prices are at the whim of the buyer.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$215.00	\$180.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$183.00	\$115.00	\$245.00
	Large Round	\$121.00	\$115.00	\$128.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00
	Large Square	\$127.00	\$95.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$93.00	\$59.00	\$180.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$98.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
	Large Round	\$78.00	\$65.00	\$90.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$76.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
	Large Round	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$85.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady with light demand. Some new crop hay was available at the market this week. Many farmers are waiting for the current weather patterns to pass before they begin cutting first crop. *For Iowa*, due to limited amounts of hay sold at auction this week, prices will not be trended this week. Many farmers are cleaning up from strong winds and rainfall, rather than beginning first crop harvest. No organic hay was available this week.

In South Dakota, buyer demand was moderate to light with steady prices. Some bids for grinding quality alfalfa at \$65.00/ton received no takers. There was very little interest in bedding materials. *In Illinois*, no reports this week.

For Missouri, hay movement and demand are light, supplies are moderate and prices are steady. Some new crop alfalfa has been baled this past week.

In Southwest Minnesota, adequate supply of Grade 1 hay, that sold at steady prices this week. Overall there was low volume of hay at the auction. No straw available at the market this week.

In Wisconsin, quality hay will bring a good price, after that it is a buyer's market as there is an adequate supply of hay, much of which is lower quality. Wet weather may delay first crop harvest as many alfalfa fields will be in prime quality range in the next week.

Export report May 19, 2017, 1100 tons were exported this past week, price ranged from \$110.00 - \$185.00 per ton from USDA.

Overall straw prices were lower this week, with some markets reporting no straw available for auction. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.00 a bale this week (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw was \$7.00 a bale lower averaging \$26.00 per bale (range of \$10.00 to \$42.00). Large round bales were about \$5.00 a bale lower this week and averaged \$20.00 per bale (one sale reported of \$20.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Monday, June 12, 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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