



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
For March 12, 2018**

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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 Comments**

Hay prices continue on a steady pace at the market. Quality small square baled hay fetches a premium price. Prime hay is steady to strong along with mid-quality hay. Low quality hay is discounted, but not as great as some weeks.

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

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$290.00	\$260.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$187.00	\$110.00	\$250.00
	Large Round	\$139.00	\$115.00	\$150.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$187.00	\$124.00	\$280.00
	Large Square	\$143.00	\$95.00	\$185.00
	Large Round	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$180.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$115.00	\$90.00	\$135.00
	Large Round	\$102.00	\$50.00	\$143.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$135.00
	Large Square	\$82.00	\$63.00	\$100.00
	Large Round	\$86.00	\$73.00	\$100.00



*For Nebraska*, alfalfa hay sold steady this week. Demand was good to very good. Some farmers are contracting hay because they experienced high hay prices in 2012-2013 and there are drought concerns again this year. *For Iowa*, hay prices trended steady to \$5.00 higher this week. Demand is very good for quality hay with light supplies.

*In South Dakota*, all hay classes hold at steady prices. Demand is moderate to good, with highest demand West River to the west. Deep snow and cold conditions have farmers needing hay to supplement their herds. There is also a demand for bedding. Hay supplies are becoming tight. One market closed due to winter weather last week.

*For Missouri*, a cold front passed over the state bringing winter weather this week. Mud is another problem. Hay movement is light with a moderate supply, demand is moderate, and prices are steady to firm.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, no top quality hay available at the market, price trend is steady with limited quality hay available. Low quality hay is discounted.

*In Wisconsin*, there is demand for high quality hay, but it is in short supply. There was demand for bedding this week as well. With lack of quality hay at market prices were lower this week reflecting lower quality hay at auction.

There was no hay exported for March 9, 2018 from USDA.

Straw prices were stronger this week. Some markets reported demand for straw and the price reflected the demand. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.26 a bale (range of \$1.25 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw price averaged \$44.00 per bale (range of \$35.00 to \$56.00). Large round bale straw was discounted this week and sold for an average of \$40.00 per bale (range of \$21.00 to \$50.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, March 26, 2018.

**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, 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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