



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
For May 14, 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 were steady. There was demand for hay at the auction as some farmers are getting low on stored forage and pasture isn’t ready to feed livestock. Lower quality hay saw an increase this week. Many farmers are trying to get crops planted between raindrops.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$253.00	\$180.00	\$330.00
	Large Square	\$225.00	\$150.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$170.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$197.00	\$155.00	\$280.00
	Large Square	\$168.00	\$120.00	\$235.00
	Large Round	\$147.00	\$59.00	\$205.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$108.00	\$42.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$129.00	\$50.00	\$180.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$145.00	\$95.00	\$185.00
	Large Round	\$114.00	\$98.00	\$160.00



For Nebraska, alfalfa hay sold steady this week, demand was good. New crop alfalfa is slow growing with the delayed spring weather. *For Iowa*, hay prices were steady this week with light to moderate demand. Pasture has greened up and cattle are out on pasture. At this time 40% of the corn is planted.

In South Dakota, prices were at steady to higher with limited sales and available supply. Demand is good to very good. Many farmers are holding supply until they harvest first crop. Monday sales at Rock Valley are done for the season.

For Missouri, hay supplies are light to moderate, as is demand and prices are steady. Corn planting is well underway and some farmers have switched to planting soybeans.

In Southwest Minnesota, market is steady with no high quality hay available at the market. Demand is good with steady prices.

In Wisconsin, there is a premium on high quality hay with a limited supply. Rainfall is delaying planting and cool weather from April has slowed alfalfa and pasture growth this spring. Some farmers are running low on stored forage and are in the market as first crop harvest is a few weeks away.

Straw prices were steady this week. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.35 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw prices were steady and averaged \$41.00 per bale (range of \$29.00 to \$81.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$37.00 per bale (range of \$15.00 to \$30.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Tuesday, May 29, 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/. 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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