



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
For May 29, 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 with a decreased supply at the auction market this week. Most sites had lower quality and grass hay available with very limited amounts of alfalfa hay. Most areas are harvesting or will begin harvesting hay and cattle are going on pasture.

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

| Hay Grade                    | Bale type    | ----- Price (\$/ton) ----- |          |          |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|
|                              |              | Average                    | Minimum  | Maximum  |
| Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)        | Small Square | \$270.00                   | \$210.00 | \$320.00 |
|                              | Large Square | \$222.00                   | \$135.00 | \$270.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$175.00                   | \$175.00 | \$175.00 |
| Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ) | Small Square | \$199.00                   | \$150.00 | \$280.00 |
|                              | Large Square | \$166.00                   | \$63.00  | \$235.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$143.00                   | \$50.00  | \$205.00 |
| Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ) | Small Square | No Reported Sales          |          |          |
|                              | Large Square | \$148.00                   | \$100.00 | \$200.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$150.00                   | \$135.00 | \$180.00 |
| Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)  | Small Square | No Reported Sales          |          |          |
|                              | Large Square | \$155.00                   | \$135.00 | \$185.00 |
|                              | Large Round  | \$107.00                   | \$50.00  | \$160.00 |



*For Nebraska*, alfalfa hay sold steady this week. Currently there are many inquiries on new crop hay. This is odd as there is a very limited amount of hay harvested at this time. *For Iowa*, hay prices worked higher this week for high and low quality hay. Rainy weather has delayed first crop harvest and the moving animals onto pasture.

*In South Dakota*, very few sales this week as many farmers and brokers are sold out until new crop is harvested. Rain has reduced concern of drought across the area.

*For Missouri*, hay supplies are light to moderate, as is demand and prices remain steady. Acres of winter wheat have been harvested for forage as farmers attempt to rebuild forage stocks in the state.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, little dairy quality hay available with steady prices.

*In Wisconsin*, prime hay sold for a premium price. Warm weather has allowed the alfalfa crop in Wisconsin to an appropriate stage to harvest first crop.

Straw prices were steady to slightly weaker this week. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.10 a bale (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw prices averaged \$37.00 per bale (a wide range of \$10.00 to \$75.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$20.00 per bale (one sale at \$20.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, June 11, 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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