



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For February 11, 2019

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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 quality tested 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 are steady to strong. Hay shortage is a general conversation as a result lower quality hay has increased in price. Reviewing hay prices from February 2018, all grades of hay have increased an average of \$45.00 per ton.

### Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$246.00	\$190.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$214.00	\$160.00	\$280.00
	Large Round	\$166.00	\$160.00	\$190.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$179.00	\$155.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$184.00	\$120.00	\$265.00
	Large Round	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$230.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$151.00	\$100.00	\$230.00
	Large Round	\$145.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$168.00	\$135.00	\$190.00
	Large Round	\$110.00	\$50.00	\$180.00



*For Nebraska*, hay sold steady this week. Cattlemen have been relying on stalk fields this winter to carry cows, though with calving season beginning plus cold weather many are supplementing hay. *For Iowa*, hay and bedding sales increased this week. Limited quality hay is available at the auctions.

*In South Dakota*, quality hay in general is in a limited supply. There was very good demand for hay with sub-arctic temperatures this past week.

*For Missouri*, ice was a problem in many areas this week. Supply is light to moderate with steady to firm prices.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, prices were steady with limited supply of quality hay.

*In Wisconsin*, prices are strong with demand for all classes of hay. Shortage of quality hay has pushed prices higher in the state. Lower quality hay is coming to market and buyers are lowering their standards and purchase what is available.

**Straw prices** include oat, barley, or wheat straw, **not** soybean straw. Prices were steady to strong as there is a strong demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$4.20 a bale (range of \$1.75 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$48.00 per bale (a wide range of \$30.00 to \$77.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$52.00 per bale (a range of \$47.00 - \$65.00). Wheat straw typically will demand a slightly higher price and overall straw quality does impact the price.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, February 25, 2019.

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, if quality they are included in this report). 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 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 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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