



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For March 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 strong. Hay prices have increased in all classes of hay. If you are looking to buy or sell forage connect to the Farmer to Farmer webpage at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/> to place your needs or what you have to sell. There is no charge for the service.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$260.00	\$215.00	\$480.00
	Large Square	\$230.00	\$175.00	\$340.00
	Large Round	\$182.00	\$135.00	\$260.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$182.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$194.00	\$120.00	\$260.00
	Large Round	\$166.00	\$110.00	\$235.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$164.00	\$100.00	\$235.00
	Large Round	\$153.00	\$75.00	\$200.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$167.00	\$105.00	\$220.00
	Large Round	\$141.00	\$110.00	\$185.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady to higher with good demand. Winter weather hangs on and the demand for hay increases. *For Iowa*, hay and bedding are in demand as prices continue to increase. Top quality is in short supply. Some livestock farmers are advertising to lock in a 2019 hay supply.

In South Dakota, very good demand and firm prices for all classes of hay. Winter weather is the key ingredient as livestock need more stored feed as supply is tight. *In Kansas*, hay market activity is light to moderate with a moderate demand. Supplies are generally light, but there is still some hay to sell.

For Missouri, old man winter refuses to let spring begin. Hay supply is light with moderate demand and steady prices. Moisture currently is adequate and some fear mud will be a problem shortly.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with an increase in supply this week.

In Wisconsin, prices are strong with demand for all classes of hay. Shortage of quality hay has pushed prices higher on all classes of hay.

Straw prices reported are for oat, barley, or wheat straw, **not** soybean straw. Prices were strong as there is a strong demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$4.35 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$53.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 to \$85.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$63.00 per bale (a range of \$30.00 - \$70.00). 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, March 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/. 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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