



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For March 25, 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 this week. Many local markets may not be testing for quality and the buyer must be aware of the hay they are buying. If you are looking to buy or sell forage connect to the Farmer to Farmer webpage at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/> to place an ad for 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	\$265.00	\$210.00	\$350.00
	Large Square	\$234.00	\$175.00	\$350.00
	Large Round	\$185.00	\$125.00	\$290.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$186.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$192.00	\$110.00	\$260.00
	Large Round	\$165.00	\$110.00	\$220.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$136.00	\$110.0	\$170.00
	Large Square	\$168.00	\$85.00	\$235.00
	Large Round	\$137.00	\$75.00	\$200.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$189.00	\$110.00	\$255.00
	Large Round	\$120.00	\$50.00	\$180.00



*For Nebraska*, hay sold steady with good demand. Mud or thawing soils are an issue to move hay and straw. Spring melt flood waters are a concern in many areas. *For Iowa*, hay and bedding are in demand. Prices slid downward on lower quality hay while quality hay held its own. Roads are firming up.

*In South Dakota*, very good demand and firm prices for all classes of hay. Low inventory of hay in the state. Transportation is a problem with snow melt and localized flooding. *In Kansas*, hay market activity is light with a moderate demand and steady prices. Some farmers may let go of some hay inventory as there is a little green showing as the snow melts.

*For Missouri*, Hay demand is good as some still need a few bales to finish the feeding season. Supplies are light with steady prices. Some farmers have attempted to apply fertilizer, but need to be careful not to get stuck in the mud.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, prices were steady with a wide range of prices on some of the lower quality hay.

*In Wisconsin*, prices are strong with demand for hay. The Wisconsin hay markets have a good deal of interest and supply. Many markets are not testing for quality and the buyer must be aware of the hay they are buying.

**Straw prices** are for oat, barley, or wheat straw, **not** soybean straw. Prices were steady and there is demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$3.45 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$49.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 to \$69.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$60.00 per bale (a wide range of \$35.00 - \$100.00). 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, April 8, 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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