



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For April 8, 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 were on a steady to weaker tone this week. Hay prices have weakened and quality of the hay at auction has decreased. There is a wider range of prices and some hay coming to the auctions that may have a few years on the fence row or in storage. 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	\$246.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
	Large Square	\$226.00	\$160.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$185.00	\$135.00	\$250.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$165.00	\$140.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$182.00	\$108.00	\$290.00
	Large Round	\$149.00	\$90.00	\$210.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$140.00	\$140.0	\$140.00
	Large Square	\$143.00	\$100.00	\$240.00
	Large Round	\$136.00	\$100.00	\$220.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$127.00	\$60.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$103.00	\$40.00	\$160.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady with good demand. Reports of less calls for hay this week. Spring weather is handicapping hay movement. In *Iowa*, top quality alfalfa demands top dollar while middle range quality hay prices are drifting lower. There was an uptick in supply of lower quality hay.

In South Dakota, alfalfa hay sold steady to higher with a limited volume available. There was demand for all qualities of hay and good demand for bedding. Wet weather has been a problem for moving hay.

For Missouri, hay supply is light, demand is moderate, and prices remain steady. There are reports of some green grass in the field and some have stopped spring fertilizer applications because of wet weather.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady. Large round bales were in supply and little other hay packages were available. *Kansas*, activity is light, demand is moderate, and prices are steady with a weak undertone. Greenup is beginning, but there is a problem with wet fields.

In Wisconsin, prices are steady with demand for hay. There appears to be a greater supply at many local markets, but it is local lower quality of hay. Hay is coming off the fence rows as snow has disappeared and some old hay in mows is arriving at auction.

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 \$4.20 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$50.00 per bale (a wide range of \$20.00 to \$75.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$53.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 - \$75.00). 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 22, 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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