



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For May 10, 2020

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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 and you may 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 by or before Tuesday. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.

### Demand and Sales Comments

Be safe. Hay prices are steady. Livestock markets will influence the hay market. Currently farmers are in fields planting and influenced the hay market this week. If you need forage or have forage to sell, connect to the Farmer-to-Farmer webpage at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>. You may contact your local county agriculture educator if you need help placing an ad. 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	\$249.00	\$205.00	\$290.00
	Large Square	\$212.00	\$155.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$138.00	\$115.00	\$155.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00
	Large Square	\$154.00	\$120.00	\$220.00
	Large Round	\$128.00	\$90.00	\$160.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$118.00	\$100.00	\$180.00
	Large Round	\$107.00	\$65.00	\$155.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$123.00	\$90.00	\$135.00
	Large Round	\$76.00	\$50.00	\$150.00



**Straw prices** are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Straw prices showed some decline this week. Small square bales averaged \$4.50 a bale (range of \$3.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$35.00 per bale (a range of \$15.00 to \$75.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$39.00 per bale (a range of \$11.00 - \$70.00).

***In Nebraska***, all types of hay sold steady. Feedlots are looking for roughage to slow weight gain. Some alfalfa producers are concerned with cool weather and impact on alfalfa growth. ***In Iowa***, top quality alfalfa hay was steady, all other hay classes were \$5.00/ton down.

***In South Dakota***, steady to weak undertones for alfalfa and \$5.00 down for grass hay. With new crop on the horizon hay users are not chasing the market.

***In Missouri***, hay supply is moderate; demand is light, prices are steady to weak. Many are getting equipment ready for first cutting of hay.

***In Southwest Minnesota***, prices were steady with a limited supply of quality hay at the market. ***In Kansas***, hay trade is slow, with steady prices and light demand for a moderate supply of hay. Many are looking at the new crop and some predict yield will be lower with late spring freeze.

***In Wisconsin***, prices are steady for quality hay. There is good demand for hay in the Wisconsin market.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

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/what1snew/>.

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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