



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest
As of February 27, 2017**

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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 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 on the following Monday when possible. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.

Demand and Sales Activity

The market was steady this week; there is demand for dairy quality hay. A large supply of lower quality hay though has depressed the overall hay price.

Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$240.00
	Large Square	\$187.00	\$150.00	\$240.00
	Large Round	No Reported Sales		
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$175.00	\$105.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$123.00	\$90.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$77.00	\$55.00	\$110.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$81.00	\$50.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$60.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$69.00	\$35.00	\$90.00
	Large Round	\$45.00	\$13.00	\$80.00



For Nebraska, good large square bales were \$10-\$15 per ton less this week. Some producers have lowered hay prices to move 2016 hay out of their storage and into other states. Demand is better for grass mixed hay. *For Iowa*, it was an unsettled market. Storm forecast have many buyers cautious. No organic hay was available this week.

In South Dakota, buyer demand is light to moderate. Prices were steady to weak. Many are content to let the market play out as there is a large supply of hay and most have a good hay supply on the farm and it is late into the feeding season. *In Illinois*, no reports this week.

For Missouri, hay supply is moderate, demand is light, and prices remain steady. Wheat is greening up with period of warm weather this past week.

In Southwest Minnesota, good supply of hay at the market. Prices were weaker with mostly lower quality of hay at the market.

In Wisconsin, large supply of hay and prices remain steady on dairy quality hay with lower quality hay prices depressed. Untested hay at Equity market sold from \$10-\$24 per bale for either large square or round bales. Wisconsin remains a buyer's market.

Prices for straw changed very little from the last report. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.25 a bale this week (range of \$1.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale price moved a few dollars higher with an average price of \$33.00 per bale (range of \$18.00 to \$55.00). Large round bales were the same price as the last report at \$27.00 per bale (range of \$24.00 to \$30.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Due to the lack of quality-tested hay auctions in Wisconsin, 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). 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 Fennimore Livestock Exchange is at

<http://www.fennimorelivestock.com/index.php?site=home>.

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 Zumbrota Hay & Bedding Auction of Zumbrota, MN is at (market runs September – May)

<http://cla.crinet.com/page5295/ZumbrotaHayAndBeddingAuction>.

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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