



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
For November 13, 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 the following Monday when possible. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.

**Demand and Sales Comments**

There is some strength in the hay market this week. Quality dairy hay prices are stronger and the lower quality hay has increased this week at the local auctions.

**Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade**

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$213.00	\$160.00	\$260.00
	Large Square	\$184.00	\$150.00	\$250.00
	Large Round	\$122.00	\$100.00	\$165.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$195.00	\$156.00	\$250.00
	Large Square	\$146.00	\$105.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$108.00	\$53.00	\$165.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$122.00	\$100.00	\$165.00
	Large Round	\$99.00	\$50.00	\$130.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	Large Round	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$120.00



*For Nebraska*, prices are steady with light demand. With harvest in full swing there are limited trucks to make hay deliveries to buyers. *For Iowa*, prices were slightly higher. Most farmers are busy with grain hauling and drying this week.

*In South Dakota*, prices were steady to firm for all classes of hay. Interest in hay has picked up this past week as many feedlots are bringing in calves and need grassy hay and grinding quality alfalfa.

*For Missouri*, any business in the hay market is limited to dairy and horse customers. Hay movement remains slow, supplies are moderate, demand is light and prices are steady.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, not much change at this market with adequate supply of mixed hay, price trend is steady with limited quality hay available.

*In Wisconsin*, quality hay is in demand and the market is showing some strength. Lower quality hay price has increased slightly as there has been some snow falling in northern areas.

Hay export report for November 9, 2017, 1,400 tons of alfalfa hay was exported. Top quality hay was priced at \$150.00 - \$195.00 (1,100 ton exported) per ton. Good quality alfalfa sold for \$170.00 (300 ton) per USDA reports.

Straw prices were steady this week. Small square bale straw price was stronger and averaged \$3.30 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw decreased \$7.00 per bale and sold for \$36.00 per bale (range of \$19.00 to \$45.00). Large round bale straw increased \$5.00 a bale and averaged of \$48.00 a bale (range of \$44.00-\$52.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Monday, November 27, 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/](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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