



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
For June 11, 2018**

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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**

Hay prices were weaker this past week. Two factors may have played into the price change; (1) Hay harvest is progressing and (2) less demand for hay at the auctions. Most cattle have moved onto pasture and good weather has decreased hay feeding.

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

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$245.00	\$200.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$196.00	\$137.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$143.00	\$140.00	\$145.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$188.00	\$120.00	\$280.00
	Large Square	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$121.00	\$50.00	\$170.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sale		
	Large Square	\$107.00	\$42.00	\$185.00
	Large Round	\$112.00	\$70.00	\$135.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	Large Square	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$86.00	\$68.00	\$105.00



*For Nebraska*, a lightly tested market this week. Good buyer inquiries with light demand. Ground hay prices were steady destined for feedlots. *For Iowa*, hay and straw were scarce this week at auction. Prices were steady for alfalfa.

*In South Dakota*, new crop hay prices have been steady. Hay supply was depleted with an extended feeding period this past spring.

*For Missouri*, harvest is in full swing between rain showers. Yields are below anticipated expectations.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, little dairy quality hay available with lower prices. There was an increase in supply this week.

*In Wisconsin*, first crop is being harvested between rain showers. Local markets have light demand for hay and with lower prices this week.

Straw prices were stronger this week. Small square bale straw price averaged \$3.50 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$7.00). Large square bale straw prices averaged \$38.00 per bale (a wide range of \$19.00 to \$72.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$44.00 per bale (range of \$25.00 - \$70.00).

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, June 25, 2018.

**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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