



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For April 22, 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 steady to strong this week. Quality hay is in short supply as many auctions had little to no top quality hay available. There is a greater supply of lower quality round bales at the markets. With few options many purchased lower quality round bales as square bale options were limited. 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	\$262.00	\$220.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$231.00	\$170.00	\$320.00
	Large Round	\$199.00	\$135.00	\$285.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$182.00	\$140.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$285.00
	Large Round	\$176.00	\$110.00	\$240.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$151.00	\$140.00	\$165.00
	Large Square	\$159.00	\$130.00	\$220.00
	Large Round	\$146.00	\$75.00	\$220.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$180.00	\$110.00	\$225.00
	Large Round	\$122.00	\$55.00	\$210.00



*For Nebraska*, hay sold steady with moderate demand. Much of the hay is traveling out of state. Pasture is greening up slowly and may increase a need for purchased hay. In *Iowa*, there is a shortage of hay in Iowa and it may encourage some row crop farmers to consider hay production. Prices are steady with demand that may not be fulfilled.

*In South Dakota*, few reported sales this week as many auctions have no supply of quality hay and much is in round bales. Demand is very good. Wet conditions make it difficult to move hay.

*For Missouri*, hay supply is light, demand is light, and prices are steady. Some farmers are turning cattle onto grass, ending a long winter feeding season.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, prices were steady. Large round bales were in supply and little other hay packages were available. *Kansas*, activity and demand are light. Fields are beginning to green up, but need some dry weather.

*In Wisconsin*, prices are steady to higher with demand for quality hay. There appears to be a supply of lower quality round bale hay that is coming off the fence rows as snow has disappeared. Many are filling in a need hoping for green grass soon.

**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 \$4.80 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$45.00 per bale (a wide range of \$20.00 to \$72.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$50.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 - \$80.00). 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, May 13, 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/](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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