



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For May 13, 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 this week. Quality hay is in short supply and some buyers are dropping their expectations to purchase lower quality at increased prices. Many farmers in Wisconsin are scratching for forages, because of extensive winter injury or lost alfalfa stands. 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	\$235.00	\$195.00	\$320.00
	Large Square	\$253.00	\$175.00	\$318.00
	Large Round	\$180.00	\$135.00	\$220.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$192.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$202.00	\$120.00	\$385.00
	Large Round	\$170.00	\$110.00	\$245.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$165.00	\$100.00	\$225.00
	Large Round	\$154.00	\$70.00	\$215.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$108.00	\$50.00	\$210.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady with moderate demand. Cool temperatures have resulted in slow growth of pasture, resulting in some spot purchases of hay. Spring planting is slow. In *Iowa*, hay and straw were more available, however much of the hay may have been stored for a while. Prices are steady to strong with demand for hay and bedding material.

In South Dakota, few reported sales this week. Demand is very good. Another week of poor spring weather.

For Missouri, hay supply is light, demand is light, and prices are steady. Spring planting is behind the five-year average in the state.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with light demand and very little quality hay available. Cool spring has many looking at the calendar and trying to decide what they can do related to planting crops. In *Kansas*, activity, and demand are light with steady prices. Some sunny warm weather would help get alfalfa out of a growth slump.

In Wisconsin, prices are steady to higher with demand for quality hay. Many reports of winterkilled alfalfa in the state and many are developing plans to cover forage needs for 2020.

Straw prices are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Prices were steady to strong and there is a good demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$4.85 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$49.00 per bale (a wide range of \$20.00 to \$102.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$39.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 - \$60.00). Wheat straw may demand a slightly higher price and straw quality does affect the price.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, May 28, 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/. 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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