



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For May 28, 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 strong this past week. Cool and wet weather conditions has delayed much of the hay crops growth. Many farmers are running out of forage and must buy forage or move cows to pasture that is not ready. Quality hay is in short supply and buyers are paying higher prices for lower quality hay. 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. Contact your local county agriculture agent if you need help placing an ad. 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	\$291.00	\$224.00	\$395.00
	Large Square	\$260.00	\$170.00	\$335.00
	Large Round	\$193.00	\$148.00	\$225.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$186.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$221.00	\$120.00	\$360.00
	Large Round	\$188.00	\$130.00	\$325.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$195.00
	Large Round	\$182.00	\$130.00	\$290.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$195.00
	Large Round	\$134.00	\$60.00	\$190.00



For Nebraska, hay sold steady with moderate demand. More reports of winter injury to alfalfa across the state. Rain has put a halt to planting. **In Iowa**, prices are steady to strong with demand for hay and bedding material with very little supply. Wet and cool weather is in forecast and has a cloud on harvesting hay.

In South Dakota, prices are steady with few reported sales. Demand is good. Another poor week of spring weather.

In Missouri, farmers are trying to bale new crop hay. Pricing new crop is a challenge as weather questions may drive prices. There are many areas in the state with flooding.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with light demand and very little hay available. Cool, wet weather has more questions than answers for farmers. **In Kansas**, activity and demand are very slow with steady prices. As much of the mid-west weather conditions has caused many to begin hay harvest and are now forced to wait for better weather.

In Wisconsin, prices are strong with a high demand for all classes of hay. Many reports of winterkilled alfalfa in the state and many are developing plans to cover forage needs for 2019 and 2020.

Straw prices are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Prices were steady to strong and good demand for straw. Small square bales averaged \$3.85 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$68.00 per bale (a wide range of \$32.00 to \$125.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$48.00 per bale (a wide range of \$25.00 - \$75.00). 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, June 10, 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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