



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For October 14, 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 and you may 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 are steady and it appears to be a current trend. One observation is a wide range of pricing from auctions. Many farmers are attempting to get the harvest and fall work done before the “S” word arrives. Forecast did have snow in them this past week. Overall, the good news is fall continues, as the “killing freeze” has not occurred. If you are in need of forage or have forage for sell connect to the Farmer-to-Farmer webpage at <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>. You may contact your local county agriculture educator 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	\$238.00	\$170.00	\$340.00
	Large Square	\$212.00	\$90.00	\$300.00
	Large Round	\$207.00	\$200.00	\$210.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$196.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$170.00	\$75.00	\$225.00
	Large Round	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$240.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$133.00	\$85.00	\$210.00
	Large Round	\$112.00	\$80.00	\$145.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$95.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
	Large Round	\$107.00	\$85.00	\$180.00



Straw prices are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Prices are steady to strong this week. Small square bales averaged \$4.30 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$59.00 per bale (a wide range of \$40.00 to \$90.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$57.00 per bale (a range of \$45.00 - \$65.00).

For Nebraska, hay sold steady, with a light to moderate demand. Very active harvesting week in the countryside. *In Iowa*, prices on low quality hay has slipped. Many farmers have harvested their last cutting this fall.

In South Dakota, prices are steady to firm with good demand for large square bales moving out of state. Quality hay is in demand, with little supply.

In Missouri, hay demand is slow to moderate and prices are steady to weak. The “S” word is in the forecast.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady, with a slow to moderate demand and no top quality hay available at the market. *In Kansas*, demand is slow to moderate, with steady prices.

In Wisconsin, prices remain strong for top quality hay. Quality hay supplies remain tight with a good supply of lower quality hay. Harvest has many farmers not attending the auction.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted on Monday, October 23, 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/what1snew/>.

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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