



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For April 13, 2020

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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 by or before Tuesday. Prices quoted in this report are for “as fed” alfalfa hay.**

### Demand and Sales Comments

Be safe. Hay prices are steady for top quality dairy hay and quality hay is in short supply. Overall the market has some weakness with an increased volume of lower quality hay available. Livestock markets are influencing the hay market. If you need forage or have forage to 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
<b>Prime (&gt; 151 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$234.00	\$205.00	\$288.00
	Large Square	\$221.00	\$160.00	\$335.00
	Large Round	\$154.00	\$130.00	\$175.00
<b>Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$168.00	\$144.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$165.00	\$120.00	\$245.00
	Large Round	\$123.00	\$90.00	\$160.00
<b>Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$92.00	\$84.00	\$100.00
	Large Square	\$114.00	\$75.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$119.00	\$50.00	\$175.00
<b>Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$87.00	\$48.00	\$175.00
	Large Round	\$111.00	\$50.00	\$150.00



**Straw prices** are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Straw prices are strong. Small square bales averaged \$6.00 a bale (range of \$3.50 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$53.00 per bale (a range of \$30.00 to \$100.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$43.00 per bale (a range of \$25.00 - \$70.00).

***In Nebraska***, alfalfa hay sold fully steady. Demand picked up a tick with distillers in short supply. Many livestock farmers are eyeing green grass rather than stored feed. ***In Iowa***, top quality hay had a steady price. All other classes of hay were steady to weak.

***In South Dakota***, very few reported sales and demand is light. Current livestock and dairy markets are influencing the hay market.

***In Missouri***, hay movement has slowed as many are looking to green grass rather than stored feed. Hay supply is moderate; demand is light, with overall steady prices. Many farmers are busy with spring field work.

***In Southwest Minnesota***, prices were steady to weak, with a limited supply of quality hay at the market. ***In Kansas***, hay trade is slow, with steady prices. Farmers are busy with fieldwork.

***In Wisconsin***, prices are steady, but there is a weaker trend beginning. Dairy and livestock markets are lower and have influenced the hay market.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

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/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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