



## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For April 27, 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. Overall the market has some weakness with an increased volume of lower quality hay available. Livestock markets are and will influence 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	\$235.00	\$170.00	\$290.00
	Large Square	\$213.00	\$125.00	\$290.00
	Large Round	\$219.00	\$130.00	\$255.00
<b>Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	\$192.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$149.00	\$100.00	\$220.00
	Large Round	\$129.00	\$80.00	\$190.00
<b>Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$117.00	\$90.00	\$175.00
	Large Round	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$150.00
<b>Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)</b>	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$111.00	\$70.00	\$160.00
	Large Round	\$91.00	\$50.00	\$130.00



**Straw prices** are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Straw prices are steady based on quality. Small square bales averaged \$4.60 a bale (range of \$3.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$52.00 per bale (a range of \$20.00 to \$90.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$44.00 per bale (a range of \$16.00 - \$70.00).

*In Nebraska*, all types of hay sold steady. Demand is moderate with good demand for alfalfa pellets. Corn planting is going well. Each day is closer to cattle on grass. *In Iowa*, top quality alfalfa hay was steady, all other classes of hay was weak.

*In South Dakota*, with a limited number of sales alfalfa hay was steady and all other classes of hay were weak. Moderate demand for lower quality alfalfa to replace distiller's grains.

*In Missouri*, hay supply is moderate; demand is light, prices are steady to weak. Many farmers are busy with spring field work.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, prices were steady with a limited supply of quality hay at the market. *In Kansas*, hay trade is slow, with steady prices and light demand for a moderate supply of hay. Farmers are busy with fieldwork, but a current cold snap has raised some concern for this year's alfalfa.

*In Wisconsin*, prices are steady for quality hay. 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, May 12, 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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