



Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For May 25, 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. Quality hay has demand and a good price lower quality is discounted. Some farmers have harvested some first cutting in Wisconsin as feed inventories are almost exhausted. 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
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$251.00	\$205.00	\$300.00
	Large Square	\$219.00	\$160.00	\$260.00
	Large Round	\$180.00	\$170.00	\$190.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$174.00	\$150.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$159.00	\$120.00	\$270.00
	Large Round	\$133.00	\$85.00	\$200.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$132.00	\$85.00	\$200.00
	Large Round	\$102.00	\$80.00	\$135.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Sales Reported		
	Large Square	\$99.00	\$50.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$75.00	\$45.00	\$130.00



Straw prices are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Straw was limited at many sales this week. Small square bales averaged \$4.40 a bale (range of \$3.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$49.00 per bale (a range of \$15.00 to \$86.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$64.00 per bale (a range of \$45.00 - \$80.00).

In Nebraska, all types of hay sold steady with a moderate demand. Most alfalfa producers hope to begin harvest in near future. *In Iowa*, prices on all types of hay were steady.

In South Dakota, limited sales prevent a determination of a market. Price determined on demand. With cool weather many report alfalfa not ready to begin first cut.

In Missouri, demand is light, prices are steady. Weather is delaying first cut as wet weather has fields soft and lack of sunshine for drying hay.

In Southwest Minnesota, prices were steady with a limited supply of quality hay at the market. *In Kansas*, hay trade is slow, with light demand. Most of the hay activity is for contracted hay. New crop is available to the market. Yields are lower than anticipated.

In Wisconsin, prices are steady for quality hay. There is demand for quality hay, lower quality hay is discounted.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Tuesday, June 9, 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/. 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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