

## Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest For August 23, 2021

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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 <a href="http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/">http://fyi.uwex.edu/forage/</a> 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**

Dairy quality hay continues to be in demand. The market was steady this past week. If located in a drought area, Central Wisconsin has a surplus of hay available, contact a trucker if looking for hay as many will haul to drought areas. If you need forage or have forage to sell or straw, connect to the Farmer-to-Farmer webpage at <a href="http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/">http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/</a>. 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	\$245.00	\$210.00	\$300.00
	Large Square	\$215.00	\$125.00	\$325.00
	Large Round	\$193.00	\$110.00	\$285.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$188.00	\$160.00	\$224.00
	Large Square	\$190.00	\$120.00	\$280.00
	Large Round	\$164.00	\$120.00	\$275.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$162.00	\$100.00	\$275.00
	Large Round	\$144.00	\$100.00	\$225.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$129.00	\$100.00	\$185.00
	Large Round	\$98.00	\$50.00	\$170.00



**Straw prices** are for oat, barley, or wheat straw. Straw prices are steady with a limited supply of straw. Small square bales averaged \$3.90 a bale (range of \$3.00 to \$6.00). Large square bale straw averaged \$41.00 per bale (a range of \$20.00 to \$70.00). Large round bale straw averaged \$43.00 per bale (a range of \$30.00 - \$60.00).

*In Nebraska*, hay prices were steady with a good demand for types of forage. There are reports of dry conditions across the state. *In Iowa*, supply is good, demand is steady, and prices are steady.

*In South Dakota*, the market was strong this week. Dairy quality hay led the way with lower quality hay at lower prices.

*In Missouri*, prices are steady with moderate supply and light demand. Nice week of weather.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, prices were steady. *In Kansas*, market prices were steady, demand is fair to good for alfalfa. There are some concerns of drought conditions and some dryland farmed hay is burning up.

*In Wisconsin*, prices are steady for dairy quality hay. There is a large supply of hay in Central Wisconsin. If you are in need of hay contact truckers to move some hay.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

The following links are **included** in this report allowing producers to obtain some state and nearby state prices, (these may not be quality-tested auctions, if quality, they are included in this report). The Equity Cooperative market report is at <a href="http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market\_reports/">http://livestock.equitycoop.com/market\_reports/</a>. 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 <a href="http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/what1snew/">http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/what1snew/</a>. The Tim Slack Auction and Realty, LLC of Fennimore is at <a href="http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html">http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html</a>.

The Dyersville Sales Company of Dyersville, Iowa is at <a href="http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/">http://dyersvillesales.com/hay-auction/hay-auction-results/</a>. Fort Atkinson auction is at <a href="http://www.fortatkinsonhay.com/">http://www.fortatkinsonhay.com/</a>

**The 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 <a href="http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/">http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/</a>. If you would like assistance posting to this web site, contact your county's UW-Extension agriculture agent.

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