



**Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest  
For October 9, 2017**

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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 sales and reports in the Midwest.*

*The past several months of hay reports are archived. To 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**

Overall there is some upward movement in hay prices, but still a wide range in prices. Most markets are steady to stronger as we move through the fall harvest season.

**Upper Midwest Hay Price Summary by Quality Grade**

Hay Grade	Bale type	----- Price (\$/ton) -----		
		Average	Minimum	Maximum
Prime (> 151 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$200.00	\$190.00	\$220.00
	Large Square	\$188.00	\$140.00	\$240.00
	Large Round	\$122.00	\$120.00	\$123.00
Grade 1 (125 to 150 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$163.00	\$120.00	\$230.00
	Large Square	\$135.00	\$93.00	\$163.00
	Large Round	\$89.00	\$50.00	\$155.00
Grade 2 (103 to 124 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
	Large Square	\$117.00	\$100.00	\$120.00
	Large Round	\$93.00	\$73.00	\$110.00
Grade 3 (87 to 102 RFV/RFQ)	Small Square	No Reported Sales		
	Large Square	\$78.00	\$68.00	\$90.00
	Large Round	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$90.00



*For Nebraska*, prices are steady with light demand for baled hay this week due to rainfall. *For Iowa*, prices were steady with weak undertones. Most parts of the state received some welcomed rain.

*In South Dakota*, hay sold steady with weaker undertones. Rainfall may have reduced interest in purchasing hay,

*For Missouri*, hay supplies are moderate, demand is light and prices are steady. Many are marketing calves early and culling cows to reduce purchased forages.

*In Southwest Minnesota*, not much change at this market with adequate supply of mixed hay, price trend is steady with limited quality hay available.

*In Wisconsin*, corn silage harvest is on everyone's mind this week. There is demand for quality hay just not much of a supply at auctions. Overall hay supply may contribute to a depressed price currently at the market.

Hay export report for October 6, 2017, only 550 tons of alfalfa hay were exported at an average price of \$190.00 per ton from USDA.

Straw prices were steady this week. Small square bale straw price was steady and averaged \$3.10 a bale (range of \$1.50 to \$5.00). Large square bale straw increased \$3.00 a bale this week and averaged \$41.00 per bale (range of \$25.00 to \$74.00). Large round bale straw was \$4.00 higher and average of \$43.00 a bale (range of \$26.00-\$48.00). Straw was in demand with a limited supply.

The next Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest will be posted by Monday, October 23, 2017.

**Due to the lack of quality-tested hay auctions in Wisconsin**, 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). 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 Fennimore Livestock Exchange is at

<http://www.fennimorelivestock.com/index.php?site=home>.

The Reynolds Feed & Supply, LLC of Dodgeville is at <http://www.reynoldslivestock.com/whatIsnew/>.

The Tim Slack Auction and Realty, LLC of Fennimore is at

<http://www.timslackauctionrealty.com/market%20report.html>.

The Zumbrota Hay & Bedding Auction of Zumbrota, MN is at (market runs September – May)

<http://cla.crinet.com/page5295/ZumbrotaHayAndBeddingAuction>.

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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