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These are hay prices paid at auction in the recent past weeks. Most price information is obtained from USDA Hay Market News. Personal contacts of local Iowa hay auctions secured price information for these market outlets.

The USDA Market News Group uses these hay classification designations in their market price reports. Of all hay sold, 1% or less would be designated in the supreme class. Placement in various classifications is often based on visual assessment. There is a general relationship between visual characteristics and forage analyses. If possible, the following Hay test analyses ranges (on dry matter basis) should be used to establish the appropriate quality designation. When feeding livestock, sample all forage lots and use forage analysis information for balancing livestock rations.

	Relative Feed Value (RFV) index	Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) %	Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF) %	(Alfalfa*) Crude Protein (CP) %	(Mixed & Grass) Crude Protein (CP) %
Supreme	> 185	< 27	< 34	> 22	**
Premium	170-185	27-29	34-36	20-22	>13
Good	150-170	29-32	36-40	18-20	9 -13
Fair	130-150	32-35	40-44	16-18	5 - 9
Utility	< 130	> 35	> 44	< 16	<5

* Alfalfa & alfalfa with up to 10% grass (USDA)

** The 'Supreme' category is not appropriate for grass hays

Visual hay quality descriptions used in the USDA Hay Market News.(Note: these visual traits do not necessarily equate to the forage analysis ranges listed in the previous chart.)

Supreme - Very early maturity, pre-bloom, soft, fine stemmed, extra-leafy. Factors indicative of very high nutritive content. Hay is excellent color and free of damage.

Premium - (dairy quality) pre bloom or very early bloom legumes, grass vegetative, generally green with no rain damage

Good - (dairy and feedlot quality) early to mid-bloom legumes, grass vegetative or very early head, generally no rain

Fair - (feedlot or beef quality) mid- to late-bloom legumes, grass headed, coarse/stemmy, may show some rain damage

Utility (formerly 'Low') - very late maturity, or very coarse/stemmy, or considerable discoloration or rain damage

This report for Mid- to Late-September, 2005

Fort Atkinson (NE IA) Wednesdays, 1:00PM (Kind and Quality of lots not stated)

1st Cut: SmSq \$80-90/T, LgSq \$50/T; LgRd \$20-40/T

2nd Cut: SmSq \$40-75/T, LgSq \$60/T ; LgRd \$30-60/T

3rd Cut: SmSq \$40-150/T , LgSq \$60-70/T; LgRd \$40-60/T

4th Cut: SmSq \$70/T; LgSq \$87.50/T; LgRd \$47.50/T

Prairie Hay: LgRd \$75/T

Straw: SmSq \$80/T;(LgSq \$62.50-70/T Aug); LgRd \$45-50/T

Corn Stalks: (LgRd \$32.50-35/T Aug)

Dyersville (NE IA) Thursdays 10:30 AM (Type of hay not stated)

Supreme: LgSq \$155/T

Premium: LgSq \$102.50-115/T; LgRd \$80-90/T

Good: SmSq \$1.25/bale; LgSq \$65-100/T; LgRd \$60-77.50/T

Fair: LgSq \$60-75/T; LgRd \$40-70T

Utility: LgSq \$45/T; LgRd \$40/T

Mixed Leg/Gr Baleage: LgSq \$27/bale (152 RFV)

Prairie Grass Hay: (LgSq Good \$65/T Aug) LgRd \$42.50-65/T

Oat Hay: LgRd \$47.540/T

CRP Hay: (SmSq \$1.40-1.90/b / \$77.50/T Aug);

LgRd Good \$27.50-35/T; Fair \$15/T

Straw: (SmSq \$1.25-/b Aug); LgSq \$10-30/bale; LgSq \$15/bale

Colwell (NE IA) 2nd Saturday-Winter months [Sales resume in the Autumn]

Forest City (NC IA) (Wed eve. sales)

Alfalfa : SmSq \$2.40/bale

Mixed Leg -Grass: (SmSq \$2.25-3.00/b Aug); LgRd \$40-47.50/b

Grass: SmSq \$1.10-1.80/b; (LgRd \$25/bale Aug)

Oat hay: (SmSq \$1.75/bale Aug)

Straw SmSq \$1.50/bale

Spencer Livestock Sales (NW IA) (2nd & 4th Tuesdays)

Alfalfa: (SmSq \$1.75-2.25/bale Aug)

Mixed Gr/Legume: SmSq \$1.50/bale; LgRd \$65-70/T

Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2,00/bale

Straw: SmSq \$1.25/bale Aug)

Rock Valley (NW IA) (Monday & Thursdays 1:00PM)

Alfalfa
Supreme: (SmSq \$147.50/T Aug)
Premium: SmSq \$97.50-102.50/T; LgRd \$95/T
Good: SmSq \$75-87.50/T; LgSq \$67.50-77.50/T; LgRd \$62.50-85/T
Fair: SmSq \$60/T; LgSq \$55-60/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
Utility: (SmSq \$30/T; LgSq \$30/T Aug); LgRd \$42.50-45/T
Mixed Hay
Prem: SmSq \$100-105/T
Good: SmSq \$87.50/T; LgRd \$65/T
Fair: LgRd \$60/T
Utility: SmSq \$40/T; LgSq \$42.50/T; LgRd \$32.50-47.50/T;
Grass Hay
Premium: SmSq \$92.50-105/T
Good: SmSq \$67.50-95/T; LgSq \$85/T ; LgRd \$62.50-80/T
Fair: SmSq \$50-60/T; LgSq \$55/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
Utility: LgSq \$30-42.50/T; LgRd \$30-45/T
Oat hay: LgRd \$ 52.50/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.60-2.05/b; LgSq \$15-22/bale;
LgRd \$20-27/bale; 45-52.50/T

Maurice (NW IA) (Thurs 12:30P)

Alfalfa
Premium: SmSq \$95-125/T
Good: SmSq \$62.50/T; LgSq \$63-70/T; LgRd \$62.50-75/T
Fair: LgSq \$52.50/T; LgRd \$60/T
Utility: SmSq \$40/T; (LgRd \$40/T Aug)
Mixed Legume/Grass
Prem: (SmSq \$105/T Aug)
Fair: (LgSq \$57.50/T Aug)
Grass:
Premium: SmSq \$95-135/T
Good: SmSq \$67-90/T; LgRd \$75/T
Fair: SmSq \$57.50.T; LgSq \$55/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
Utility: (LgSq \$21-45/T Aug)
Straw: LgSq \$16-25/bale

Denison (WC IA) (Sat 11:00A)

Alfalfa& Mixed: SmSq \$2.70-4.00/b; (LgSq \$28/bale Aug)
Grass: SmSq \$2.50/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.50/bale

Stuart (WC IA) Noon Saturdays

Alfalfa: SmSq \$1.60-2.60/bale; (LgRd \$25-34/bale Aug)
Leg/Gr Mix: SmSq \$1.40-2.40/bale; LgRd \$14-19/bale
Grass: SmSq \$1.40-2.40/bale

Perry (Central Iowa) (Sat Noon)

Alfalfa & Mix: SmSq \$1.60-3.65/bale; (LgRd \$42-48/bale Aug)
Mixed Gr/Legume: LgRd \$48/bale
Grass: SmSq \$2.00-3.85/bale; LgRd \$37-38/bale
Oat Hay: (LgRd \$24/bale Aug)
Straw: SmSq \$1.65/bale

Private Broker Sales -- Ave. of prices from South Central Ia - Indianola & North Central Ia, (Hampton)

Alfalfa
Prem/Good: LgSq \$100/T; LgRd \$65-85/T
Good: SmSq \$120/T; LgRd \$55-65/T
Mixed Grass/Legume Premium/Good: SmSq \$120-140/T
Grass: Premium/Good: SmSq \$140/T

Walcott (EC IA) 2nd Sat Dec-Mar; Noon [Sales resume in the Autumn]

Keosauqua (SE IA) Sat 11:30A

Alfalfa & Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$1.50-3.00/bale
Grass: SmSq \$1.35-2.75/bale
Straw: SmSq \$1.50/bale

Kalona (SE IA) 1st Thurs, Yr-round 11:30AM (& 3rd Thurs Oct-winter)

Alfalfa : SmSq \$3.00-3.50/bale; LgSq \$100-110/T
Mixed Leg/Grass: LgRd \$38-43/bale
Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2.50/bale
Straw: (SmSq \$1.50/bale Aug)

Creston (SW IA) 10:30AM Friday

Alfalfa & Mixed Leg/Gr: SmSq \$ 1.85/bale; LgRd \$42-46/Ton, \$17/B

Shenandoah (SW IA) Monday Sale

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.50-3.10/bale
Mixed Leg/Grass & Grass: SmSq \$1.50-2.40/bale

Missouri Market" (Mid / Late-Aug 2005 USDA Market Price Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme (RFV >185): SmSq \$120-145/T
Prem (RFV 170-180): SmSq \$90-125/T
Good/Fair: (RFV 130-170) LgRd \$30-80/T
Baleage: LgSq \$70-110/T on dry hay basis
Red Clover Good: SmSq \$25-50/T
Mixed Leg/Gr: Good SmSq \$2.50-3.50/bale LgRd \$25-50/bale
Grass :
Good SmSq \$40-70/T / (\$1.25-2.50/b Aug); LgSq \$90-100/;LgRd \$20-35/b
Timothy SmSq \$3.00-4.50/bale
Fair: Fescue LgRd \$15-25/bale
Prairie hay: SmSq \$40-60/T
Wheat Hay: \$40-60/T
Straw: SmSq \$2.00-3.50/bale

"Northern&Central Illinois Market" (Mid Aug 2005 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$120-150/T; LgSq \$115-135/T
Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$100-125/T; LgRd \$70-90/T
Fair: SmSq \$80-110/T; LgSq \$80-110/T; LgRd \$60-75/T
Utility: SmSq \$60-80/T; LgSq \$60-85/T; LgRd \$50-60T
Mixed Leg/Grass
Premium: SmSq \$120-150/T; LgSq \$100-120/T
Good: SmSq \$100-120/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$75-80/T
Fair: SmSq \$80-115/T; LgSq \$65-75/T; LgRd \$60/T
Utility: SmSq \$40-60/T; LgSq \$50-60/T; LgRd \$40-50/T
Grass:
Prem: SmSq \$100-125/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$80-90/T
Good :SmSq \$85-130/T; LgSq \$75-100/T; LgRd \$60-75/T
Fair: SmSq \$55-70/T; LgSq \$60-70/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
Utility: SmSq \$40-60/T; LgSq \$50/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.35-2.50/bale, \$70-90/T; LgSq \$45-60/bale

Wisconsin 'Market'

Tested Auction Lomira WI (1st Friday Dec-April) [Sales resume in the Autumn]
Tested Auction Waldo WI (2nd Thursday Dec-April) [Sales resume in the Autumn]

"Minnesota Market"-SW MN (Mid/Late-Aug 2005 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa Good: (SmSq \$67.50-70/T; LgSq \$67.50/T Aug); LgRd \$62.50-70/T
Fair: SmSq \$50/T; LgSq \$52.50-60/T; LgRd \$52.50-57.50/T
Utility: LgSq \$42.50/T; LgRd \$40-47.50/T
Mixed Leg/Gr
Good: (SmSq \$67.50-80/T Aug)
Fair: SmSq \$55/T; (LgSq \$52.50-60/T Aug); LgRd \$50/T/
Utility: (LgRd \$30/T Aug)
Grass
Good: SmSq \$70-77.50/T; (LgRd \$60/T Aug)
Utility: SmSq \$40/T; LgRd \$30-47.50/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.20-1.30/bale; LgRd \$15/T

Houston County MN Tested Hay Auctions (2nd Fri, Dec-March) [Sales resume in the Autumn]

"South Dakota Market" (Mid / Late-Aug 2005 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme: LgSq \$120/T

Prem: LgSq \$95-100/T; LgRd \$90-100/T
 Good: LgSq \$70-85/T; LgRd \$65-87.50/T
 Fair: LgSq \$55-65/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
 Utility: LgRd \$35-45/T
 Grass: Premium: (SmSq \$90/T Aug); LgSq \$100/T
 Good: SmSq \$70-80/T; LgSq \$80-85/T; LgRd \$60-75/T
 Fair: LgRd \$45-55/T
 Straw: LgRd \$16-18/bale

Alcester SD (SE So Dakota) Saturday !1:00 AM Sales Resume in the Autumn

Nebraska Market" (Mid/ Late-Aug 2005 USDA Report)

Alfalfa Supreme/Premium: (180-190 RFV) LgSq \$125/T
 Premium /Good: (160-180 RFV) LgSq \$120/T
 Good: (150-165 RFV) SmSq \$98/T; LgSq \$100-115/T; (LgRd \$50-60/T Aug
 Fair: LgRd \$40-50/T
 Grinding Quality - Ground&Delivered \$65-72/T
 Grass: Good: SmSq \$75/T; LgSq \$70/T; LgRd \$50-55/T

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), responded to drought-induced hay and pasture deficit conditions by its establishing a www website for producers to list information concerning the need for hay or the availability of hay. The WWW link to this site is listed below. Users of the site can select one of two options -- 'Need Hay' or 'Have Hay'. Contacts and a limited description of hay available or needed can be found. As with other 'hay list'-type www sites, price and details about sales transactions must be completed between buyer and seller. Note: Not all lots listed for a state are located in that state, approximately half are from other states and Canada

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/haynet/>

I checked this site on 30 Sept 2005 and found the following # of listings:

State	Listings								
Iowa	44	Missouri	56	Illinois	41	Wisconsin	70	Minnesota	65
South Dakota	19	Nebraska	42						

IOWA HAY & STRAW DIRECTORY

The Marketing Division of the Iowa Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship publishes a Hay & Straw Directory each Autumn. It includes names & contact information for hay sellers, hay brokers, auctions, commercial grinders, hay market associations, etc., They are taking new listings anytime and post them on the WWW Hay and Straw Directory site. Clients are encouraged to use the WWW site. A few printed booklets are available, (each October) but are not 'updated' as is the WWW site version. Phone 1-800-383-5079 or (515) 281-5993 for information, or their WWW site:

<http://www.agriculture.state.ia.us/hay&straw.asp>

South Dakota State University Extension Service -- "Feed Finder"

/ Hay List This www site provides opportunity to 'post messages' about hay for sale, 'hay wanted', 'pasture for rent' etc. Use this www address:<http://www.abs.sdstate.edu:8888/webx?14@17.BYudacV9aYD.1@.ee6b981>

MINNESOTA HAY LIST has been modified to include listings and www 'links' for hay lists from other states in the upper mid-west U.S. **It is now called Upper Midwest Haylist** "Electronic Market Service of Buyers and Sellers"

The Upper Midwest Haylist allows sellers to list lots of hay for 30-60 days, free of charge; & for buyers to access it for hay availability. Sellers can include: name, address, Phone/FAX/e-mail, type of hay (>95% alfalfa, Alf/Gr, Clover, >95% Grass etc), type of bale, which cutting ex. 2000 2nd, tons/bales available, quality ex. RFD or CP, asking price per ton.

<http://www.haylist.umn.edu/index.asp>

On 30 Sept 2005 the following was listed.

State	Listings							
Iowa	-Missouri	-Illinois	-Wisconsin	5	Minnesota	11	South Dakota	-
Nebraska	-							

INTERNET HAY EXCHANGE <http://www.hayexchange.com/hay.htm>

Buyers and sellers can place and find specifics about type of hay, location, quantity, price, quality, delivery options, etc. on this commercial internet site. On 30 Sept 2005, listings were:

State	Listings								
Iowa	22	Missouri	34	Illinois	28	Wisconsin	41	Minnesota	37
South Dakota	15	Nebraska	33						

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