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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-February, 2006

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

1st Cut: SmSq \$75-110/T, LgSq \$50-70/T; LgRd \$30-705/T

2nd Cut: SmSq \$65-100/T, LgSq \$60-77.50/T ; LgRd \$30-75/T

3rd Cut: SmSq \$60-125/T; LgSq \$60-100/T; LgRd \$52.50-85/T

4th Cut: SmSq \$75/T; LgSq \$70-85/T; LgRd \$70/T

Oat Hay: LgRd \$42.50/T

Straw: SmSq \$65-145/T; LgSq \$70-110/T; (LgRd \$69/T Jam)

Corn Stalks: (LgSq \$35/T Jan); LgRd \$30-40/T

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

Premium: LgSq \$90-115/T

Good: SmSq \$80-97.50/T; LgSq \$80-100/T; LgRd \$60-90/T

Fair: SmSq \$1.40-1.70/b; LgSq \$55-70/T; LgRd \$47.50-70/T

Utility: LgSq \$45-55/T; LgRd \$40-555/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Good LgSq \$80-92.50/T; LgRd \$60-85/T

Grass: Good; LgSq \$67.50-87.50/T; LgRd \$45-67.50/T

Oat Hay: LgSq \$47.50-57.50/T; LgRd \$27.50/T

Prairie Grass Hay: LgRd \$67.50/T

CRP Hay: LgRd \$52.50/T

Straw: (SmSq \$1.80-2.00/bale Jan); LgSq \$24-34/bale; LgRd \$26/bale

Corn Stalks: LgSq \$16-30/bale; LgRd \$27-29/bale

Colwell (NE IA) 2nd Saturday-Winter months

Alfalfa: (SmSq \$2.30/bale; LgSq \$85-110/T; LgRd \$75/T Jan)

Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$2.30/bale; (LgSq \$90/T Jan); LgRd \$75/T

Grass: (SmSq \$1.50-2.20/bale Jan); LgSq \$60-85/T

Straw: SmSq \$2.25/bale;

Corn Stalks: LgRd \$25/bale

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

Alfalfa : SmSq \$2.50-3.35/bale; LgSq \$25-35/bale ; (LgRd \$35-45/bale Jan)

Mixed Leg -Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2.50/bale; LgRd \$28-35/bale

Grass: SmSq \$1.25-2.00/bale; LgRd \$35-42.50/bale

Straw SmSq \$1.20.-1.80/bale

Corn Stalks: SmSq \$1.60/bale

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

Alfalfa & Mixed Gr/Leg: SmSq \$2.00-3.00/bale; LgRd \$62/50-70/T

Grass: SmSq \$1.80-2.70/bale; LgRd \$20-32.50/bale

Straw: SmSq \$1.85-2.40/bale

Corn Stalks: LgRd \$20-22.50/bale

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

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$102.50/T; LgSq \$92.50/T; LgRd \$92.50-97.50/T

Good: SmSq \$77.50-90/T; LgSq \$60-85/T; LgRd \$65-80/T

Fair: LgSq \$52.50--57.50/T; LgRd \$55-65/T

Utility: LgRd \$37.50/T

Mixed Hay

Prem: SmSq \$92.50-105/T

Good: (SmSq \$65-82.50/T; LgSq \$57.50-70/T Jan); LgRd \$60-82.50/T

Fair: (LgSq \$50-57.50/T Jan); LgRd \$60/T

Utility: (LgSq \$45-47.50/T; LgRd \$30/T Jan)

Grass Hay

Premium: SmSq \$95-110/T

Good: SmSq \$70-82.50/T; LgSq \$60-65/T; LgRd \$65-77.50/T

Fair: SmSq \$55/T; LgSq \$52.50-55/T; LgRd \$52.50-57.50/T

Utility: LgSq \$35/T;(LgRd \$30-50/T Jan)

Straw: SmSq \$2.30-2.40/b; LgSq \$16-23bale; LgRd \$42-65/T

Corn Stalks: LgSq \$13/bale; LgRd \$28/T

Soybean 'Straw': LgSq \$16/bale

Pea'straw': LgSq \$16/bale

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

Alfalfa:

Premium: SmSq \$95-115/T; LgSq \$ 95/T

Good: SmSq \$85/T; LgSq \$62.50-82.50/T; LgRd \$ 62.50-85/T

Fair: (LgSq \$55/T Jan); LgRd \$52.50-65/T

Utility: LgSq \$45/T

Mixed Legume/Gr: Good (LgSq \$65-80/T Jan)

Fair LgRd \$55/T

Grass:

Premium: SmSq \$92.50-125/T; LgRd \$95/T

Good: (LgSq \$70-75/T Jan); LgRd \$65-77.50/T

Fair: LgRd \$57.50-60/T

Utility:(LgRd \$45-46/T Jan)

Straw: SmSq \$2.60-2.70/b; (LgSq \$13-16/b Jan); LgRd \$14-21/b

Corn Stalks: (LgRd \$27/bale Jan)

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

Alfalfa & Mixed Leg/Grass: SmSq \$1.80-3.20bale; LgSq \$30-45/bale; LgRd \$49-51/bale

Grass: (SmSq \$1.75-3.00/bale Jan)

Straw: SmSq \$1.70-1.90/bale

Soybean 'Straw': SmSq \$1.50-1.60

Stuart (WC IA) Noon Saturdays

Alfalfa : SmSq \$1.60-3.20/bale; LgRd \$33-40/bale
Grass & Leg/Gr Mix : SmSq \$1.90-3.40/bale
Straw SmSq \$1.60-2.60/bale

Perry (Central Iowa) (Sat Noon)

Alfalfa & Mix: SmSq \$2.50-3.65/bale; LgSq \$41-45 bale; LgRd \$55-65/bale
Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2.40/bale; LgRd \$40-42/bale
Oat Hay: (LgRd \$36/b Jan)
Straw: SmSq \$2.00/bale
Corn Stalks (SmSq \$1.55-1.60/bale Jan); LgRd \$20/bale

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

Alfalfa
Premium: SmSq \$100-120/T; LgSq \$ 100-120/T
Good: SmSq \$100/T; LgSq \$100/T; LgRd \$65-85/T
Fair: LgSq \$75/T; LgRd \$48-50/T
Mixed Grass/Legume: Premium/Good: SmSq \$100-120/T
Grass: Premium/Good: LgSq \$65-95/T
Cornstalks: (LgRd \$20/bale Jan)

Walcott (EC IA) 2nd Sat Dec-Mar; Noon

Alfalfa: SmSq \$27.50-122.50T; LgSq \$90/T; LgRd \$65-100/T
Mixed Leguem\Grass: SmSq \$67.50-115/T; (LgSq \$116/T; LgRd \$85/T Jan)
Grass: SmSq \$70/T ; (LgRd \$80/T Jan)
Straw: SmSq \$1.20-1.80/bale; LgRd \$15-20/bale
Cornstalks: (SmSq \$0.80/bale; LgRd \$25/bale Jan)

Keosauqua (SE IA) Sat 11:30A

Alfalfa: SmSq \$1.50-3.25/bale
Grass & Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$2.50-3.50/bale ; LgRd \$25-30/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.00-2.75/bale

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

Alfalfa : SmSq \$3.60-4.10/bale; LgSq \$83-100/T
Mixed Legume/Gr: LgSq \$75-80/T
Grass: (SmSq \$2.75-3.25/bale Jan)
Straw: SmSq \$2.10/bale

Creston (SW IA) 10:30AM Friday

Alfalfa & Mixed : SmSq \$2.00-2.70/bale; LgRd \$19-40/bale
Mixed Clover /Gr: (LgRd \$17.50-36/bale Jan)
Grass: (SmSq \$1.25-1.50/bale Jan)
Straw: SmSq \$2.50-3.00/bale
Corn Stalks: LgRd \$20-21/bale

Shenandoah (SW IA) Monday Sale

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.10-3.20/bale; LgRd 50/b
Mixed Leg/Grass & Grass: SmSq \$1.70-2.10/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.30-2.40/bale

"Missouri Market" (Mid / Late- February 2006 USDA Market Price Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme (RFV >185): SmSq \$120-150/T

Prem (RFV 170-180): SmSq \$90-125/T

Good/Fair: (RFV 130-170) LgRd \$40-80/T

Baleage: LgSq \$70-110/T on dry hay basis

Red Clover Good: SmSq \$25-50/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Good SmSq \$3.00-4.00/bale LgRd \$25-50/bale

Grass :

Good SmSq \$40-70/T; LgSq \$90-100/; LgRd \$15-35/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 \$2.50-3.50/bale

"Northern&Central Illinois Market" (February 2006 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$120-160/T; LgSq \$115-135/T

Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$80-90/T

Fair: SmSq \$80-110/T; LgSq \$80-110/T; LgRd \$60-85/T

Utility: SmSq \$60-80/T; LgSq \$60-85/T; LgRd \$60-70/T

Mixed Leg/Grass

Premium: SmSq \$120-150/T; LgSq \$100-120/T

Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$80-120/T; LgRd \$75-100/T

Fair: SmSq \$80-115/T; LgSq \$75-80/T; LgRd \$60-80/T

Utility: SmSq \$40-60/T; LgSq \$50-60/T; LgRd \$40-50/T

Grass:

Prem: SmSq \$110-130/T; LgSq \$100-115/T; LgRd \$80-100/T

Good :SmSq \$70-110/T; LgSq \$75-110/T; LgRd \$70-100/T

Fair: SmSq \$60-70/T; LgSq \$60-70/T; LgRd \$50-70/T

Utility: SmSq \$40-60/T; LgSq \$50/T

Straw: SmSq \$1.75-2.50/bale, \$80-100/T; LgSq \$65-80/bale

Wisconsin 'Market'

Tested Auction Lomira WI (1st Friday Jan-April)

RFV >175 (SmSq \$160/T; LgRd \$120/T Jan)

RFV 125-150 LgSq \$110-130/T; (LgRd \$102.50/T Jan)

RFV 103-125 SmSq \$105/T; (LgSq \$107.50-142.50/T; LgRd \$90/T Jan)

RFV 87-102 (LgRd \$90/T Jan)

Baleage (126 RFV \$32/bale Jan)

Straw: SmSq \$1.60/bale; (LgSq \$20/bale Jan)

Cornstalks: (LgRd \$45/bale Jan)

Peavine hay RFV 127 \$80/T

Tested Auction Waldo WI (2nd Thursday Dec-April)

RFV >175 SmSq \$144/T; (LgRd \$105/T Jan)

RFV 125-150 (SmSq \$150/T Jan); LgSq \$118/T

RFV 103-125 (SmSq \$110/T Jan; LgSq \$118/T

RFV 87-102 SmSq \$92.50/T

RFV <75 LgSq \$84.50/T

Straw: (SmSq \$1.50/bale; LgSq \$15-22.50/bale Jan)

"Minnesota Market"-SW MN (Mid/Late- February 2006 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa Prem: SmSq \$90-92.50/T; LgRd \$85/T
Good: SmSq \$60-82.50/T; LgSq \$60-70/T; LgRd \$60-72.50/T
Fair: SmSq \$52.50-57.50/T; LgSq \$57.50/T; LgRd \$50-57.50/T
Utility: LgRd \$35-47.50/T

Mixed Leg/Gr

Good: SmSq \$52.50/T; LgRd \$65-72.50/T
Fair: SmSq \$52.50/T; LgRd \$52.50/T; LgRd \$50-55/T
Utility: LgRd \$32.50-42.50/T

Grass

Good: SmSq \$87.50/T; LgSq \$62.50-65/T; (LgRd \$60-77.50/T Jan)
Fair: (SmSq \$50-60/T; Jan); LgRd \$50-52.50/T
Utility: SmSq \$47.50/T; (LgSq \$42.50/T Jan); LgRd \$30-47.50/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.90-2.05/bale; (LgSq \$16/bale Jan); LgRd \$15-37/bale
Cornstalks: (LgSq \$14-16/bale Jan)

Houston County MN Tested Hay Auctions (2nd Fri, Dec-March) (Type of Hay not stated)

RFV 150-180 (SmSq \$105/T Dec)
RFV 125-150 SmSq \$95-120/T; LgSq \$77.50-95/T; LgRd \$50-90/T
RFV 100-125 SmSq \$85-110/T; LgSq \$82.50/T; LgRd \$40-87.50/T
RFV <100 (LgSq \$75/T Dec); LgRd \$35-65/T
Straw: SmSq \$110-135/T; LgSq \$80/T
Soybean'Straw': (LgRd \$35/T Dec)

"South Dakota Market" (Mid / Late- February2006 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme: LgSq \$95-120/T
Prem: LgSq \$85-95/T; LgRd \$85-90/T
Good: LgSq \$65-85/T; LgRd \$70-85/T
Fair: LgSq \$50-60/T; LgRd \$50-60/T
Utility: LgRd \$40-45/T
Grass: Premium: SmSq \$95/T; LgSq \$90/T
Good: SmSq \$70-85/T; LgSq \$65-85/T; LgRd \$60-75/T
Fair: LgRd \$40-55/T
Straw: LgRd \$15/bale

Alcester SD (SE So Dakota) Saturday !1:00 AM

Alfalfa: Prem SmSq \$100/T
Good: SmSq \$65-80/T; LgSq \$67.50-75/T; LgRd \$60-77.50/T
Fair: LgRd \$50-55/T
Utility: LgRd \$45/T
Mixed Legume-Grass: Fair; LgRd \$55T
Grass: Premium SmSq \$92.50-102.50/T
Good SmSq \$60/T / \$1.70/-2.10bale; (LgSq \$62.50/T Jan); LgRd \$60/T
Fair: LgRd \$50-57.50/T
Utility: LgRd \$45/T
Straw: SmSq \$2.30-3.90/bale; LgRd \$20/b

"Nebraska Market" (Mid / Late- February2006 USDA Report)

Alfalfa Supreme/Premium: (170-185 RFV) LgSq \$125-140/T
Premium /Good: (150-170 RFV) LgSq \$95-110/T
Good: LgRd \$55-70/T
Fair: (130-150 RFV) LgSq \$ 65-75/T; LgRd \$40-55/T
Grinding Quality - Ground & Delivered \$68-75/T
Grass: Good: SmSq \$80-90/T; LgSq \$70-80/T; LgRd \$45-60/T
Oat Hay: LgSq \$85/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 3 March, 2006 and found the following # of listings:

State	Listings						
Iowa	43	Missouri	51	Illinois	63	Wisconsin	96
Minnesota	58	South Dakota	21	Nebraska	31		

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>

NEW this market season Wisconsin Have Hay / Need Hay -- Farmer to Farmer Hay list.

Following a season of widespread winter-kill, followed by a summer of dry weather, forage production and quality were lower than normal. A forage hay-list was established in the summer and will continue into the winter months. Listings are by county. The list can be found at the following www site: <http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>

Upper Midwest Haylist

The Midwest Haylist has been discontinued ???

"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 3 February 2006 the following was listed.

State	Listings						
Iowa	3	Missouri	0	Illinois	0	Wisconsin	7
Minnesota	25	South Dakota	0	Nebraska	0		

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 3 March, 2006, listings were:

State	Listings						
Iowa	34	Missouri	43	Illinois	42	Wisconsin	32
Minnesota	63	South Dakota	15	Nebraska	35		