

Mid- Late December 2006 Hay Price Update

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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 December 2006

Fort Atkinson (NE IA) Wednesdays, 1:00PM

(Kind and Quality of lots not stated)

1st Cut: SmSq \$75-130/T; LgSq \$70-137.50/T; LgRd \$35-90/T

2nd Cut: SmSq \$75-120/T; LgSq \$75-92.50/T; LgRd \$30-95/T

3rd Cut: SmSq \$75-150/T; LgSq \$65-120/T; LgRd \$50-95/T

4th Cut: SmSq \$125-130/T; LgSq \$80-142.50/T; LgRd \$80-95/T

Straw: SmSq \$75-125/T; LgSq \$50-60/T; LgRd \$35-65/T

Corn Stalks: (SmSq \$70-75/T Nov); LgRd \$40-45/T

Dyersville (NE IA) Thursdays 10:30 AM

(Type of hay not stated)

Supreme: (LgSq \$145/T Nov)

Premium: LgSq \$110-150/T; LgRd \$92.50-100/T

Good: SmSq \$102.50/T; LgSq \$60-107.50/T; LgRd \$50-75/T

Fair: LgSq \$50-72.50/T; LgRd \$40-65/T

Utility: LgSq \$40-55/T; LgRd \$30-55/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Premium LgSq \$150/T

Good: LgSq \$120-147.50/T Nov); LgRd \$70-80/T

Fair LgRd \$45-75/T

Grass: Good LgSq \$60/T; Fair LgRd \$40-50/T

Prairie Hay: Good LgRd \$100/T

Oat Hay: Fair LgRd \$27.50/T

Straw: SmSq \$100/T; LgSq \$15-25/bale; (LgRd \$25-35/bale Nov)

Cornstalks: LgSq \$13-15/bale; LgRd \$7-20/bale

Riceville (NE IA) 1st & 3rd Fri Sales

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.00-2.45/b; (LgSq \$145/T Nov); LgRd \$75-85/T

Grass & Mixed:

(SmSq \$2.50-3.00/bale Nov); LgSq \$80-110/T; (LgRd \$65-75/T Nov)

Cornstalks: LgRd \$20-25/bale

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

Alfalfa: SmSq \$3.50-4.10/bale; LgSq \$30/bale

Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$2.25-3.00/bale

Grass: SmSq \$2.00-2.50/bale; LgRd \$20-25/bale

Straw SmSq \$2.00-2.30/bale

Cornstalks: SmSq \$2.00-2.50/bale

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

Alfalfa & Mixed: SmSq \$2.70-3.25/bale; LgSq \$85-95/T; LgRd \$70-86/T

Grass: SmSq \$2.30-2.60/bale; LgRd \$65-75/T

Straw: \$2.50-3.25/bale

Cornstalks: LgRd \$19-20/bale

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

Alfalfa

Supreme: SmSq \$130-132.50/T; LgSq \$130-132.50/T; LgRd \$125-142.50/T

Premium: SmSq \$105-127.50/T; LgSq \$100-125/T; LgRd \$100-117.50/T

Good: (SmSq \$90/T Nov); LgSq \$85-97.50/T; LgRd \$85-102.50/T
Fair: LgRd \$75/T

Mixed Hay

Premium: SmSq \$110-125.50/T; (LgSq \$102.50-120/T Nov); LgRd \$97.50-105/T
Good: (LgSq \$82.50-97.50/T Nov); LgRd \$80-95/T
Fair: LgRd \$72.50-75/T
Utility: (LgRd \$40/T Nov)

Grass Hay

Premium: SmSq \$105-150/T; (LgSq \$102.50-120/T Nov); LgRd \$137.50/T
Good: SmSq \$85/T; LgSq \$87.50/T; LgRd \$75-95/T
Fair: (LgSq \$67.50/T Nov); LgRd \$75/T
Straw: SmSq \$2.40-3.70/b; LgSq \$16-26/b, \$55/T; LgRd \$18/b, \$54-65/T
Cornstalks: LgSq \$16/bale; LgRd \$15.50-24/bale, (\$20/T Nov)
Soybean 'straw': LgRd \$18/bale, (\$52.50/T Nov)

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

Alfalfa:

Premium: SmSq \$125/T; LgSq \$102.50-115/T; LgRd \$95-115/T
Good: SmSq \$95/T; (LgSq \$87.50-92.50/T Nov); LgRd \$75-90/T

Mixed Legume/Gr:

Premium: LgRd \$110/T
Good: LgRd \$82.50/T

Grass:

Premium: SmSq \$100-142.5/T; (LgSq \$85-95/T Nov); LgRd \$85-100/T
Good: (SmSq \$70-90/T Nov); LgSq \$85-90/T; LgRd \$80-102.50/T
Fair: LgSq \$70-75/T
Straw: SmSq \$2.20-2.40/bale; LgSq \$18/bale; LgRd \$12-19/bale
Cornstalks (LgRd \$21/bale Nov)

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

Alfalfa & Mixed Leg/Grass : SmSq \$2.50-4.30/bale; LgSq \$49/b
Grass: SmSq \$2.60/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.20/bale
Cornstalks: SmSq \$2.00/bale; (LgRd \$16/bale Nov)

Stuart (WC IA) Noon Saturdays

Alfalfa : SmSq \$1.90-3.40/bale
Leg/Gr Mix : SmSq \$1.60-3.10/bale; LgRd \$39-46/bale
Grass: \$2.10-3.10/bale

Perry (Central Iowa) (Sat Noon)

Alfalfa: SmSq \$1.80-4.00/bale; LgRd \$66/bale
Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2.90/bale; LgRd \$45/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.75-3.00/bale
Cornstalks: SmSq \$2.00/bale

Private Broker Sales -- Ave. of prices from

South Central Iowa - Indianola & North Central Iowa, (Hampton)

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$120-145/T; LgSq \$120-145/T ; LgRd \$65-85T

Good: SmSq \$100/T; LgSq \$100/T; LgRd \$48-60/T
Fair: LgSq \$55-60/T; LgRd \$40-50/T
Mixed Grass/Legume: Premium/Good: SmSq \$110-120/T
Grass: Premium LgSq \$120-140/T
Good: LgSq \$120/T

Walcott (EC IA) 2nd Sat Dec-Mar; Noon
Alfalfa: SmSq \$67.50-150/T; LgSq \$47.50/T; LgRd \$25-60/T
Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$60-72.50/T; LgSq \$42.50/T; LgRd \$20/T

Keosauqua (SE IA) Sat 11:30A
Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.50-4.75/bale
Grass : SmSq \$1.50-2.25/bale
Straw: SmSq \$1.50-3.00/bale

Kalona (SE IA) 1st Thurs, Yr-round 11:30AM (& 3rd Thurs Oct-winter)
Alfalfa : SmSq \$2.20-2.80/b; LgSq \$112.50-115/T; LgRd \$45-53/b
Mixed Legume/Gr: LgSq \$45-60/bale
Grass: (SmSq \$2.20-3.80/bale Nov): LgRd \$38/bale
Straw: SmSq \$2.30-2.50/bale
Cornstalks: LgSq \$12-15/bale; LgRd \$29/bale

Creston (SW IA) 10:30AM Friday
Alfalfa & Mixed : SmSq \$1.85-4.00/bale; LgRd \$43/bale
Grass: SmSq \$3.50-4.20/bale: (LgRd \$27-28/b Nov)
Straw: LgRd \$14/bale
Cornstalks: LgRd \$23/bale

Shenandoah (SW IA) Monday Sale
Alfalfa & Mixed Leg/Gr: SmSq \$3.30-3.90/bale
Grass: SmSq \$3.00-3.70/bale

"Missouri Market" (Mid / Late- December 2006 USDA Market Price Report)
Alfalfa Supreme (RFV >185): SmSq \$140-180/T
Prem (RFV 170-180): \$100-140/T
Good/Fair: (RFV 130-170); LgRd \$70-120/T
Baleage: LgSq \$70-110/T on dry hay basis
Mixed Leg/Gr: Good SmSq \$3.00-4.50/bale LgRd \$30-60/bale
Grass :
Good/Prem LgSq \$90-120/T
Good SmSq \$40-70/T; LgRd \$20-50/T
Timothy SmSq \$3.00-4.50/bale
Fair Mixed grass: LgRd \$25-50/bale
Prairie hay: SmSq \$80-100; LgRd \$40-70/T
Bluestem Good/Fair LgRd \$40/bale
Bermudagrass Good LgRd \$65/bale
Millet & Sudangrass LgRd \$50-55/bale
Wheat Hay: \$50-70/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.75-3.50/bale
Cornstalks: LgRd \$20-25/bale

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

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$130-150/T; LgSq \$115-135/T
Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$80-100/T
Fair: SmSq \$70-90/T; LgSq \$70-95/T; LgRd \$55-85/T
Utility: SmSq \$50-70/T; LgSq \$60-75/T; LgRd \$60-70/T

Mixed Leg/Grass

Premium: SmSq \$120-150/T; LgSq \$100-130/T
Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$75-100/T
Fair: SmSq \$70-100/T; LgSq \$75-100/T; LgRd \$50-80/T
Utility: SmSq \$50-70/T; LgSq \$50-60/T; LgRd \$50-60/T

Grass:

Prem: SmSq \$110-130/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$80-90/T
Good :SmSq \$90-120/T; LgSq \$75-100/T; LgRd \$70-90/T
Fair: SmSq \$65-80/T; LgSq \$70-80/T; LgRd \$45-70/T
Utility: SmSq \$50-60/T; LgSq \$60/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.50-2.50/bale, \$70-80/T; LgSq \$40-55/bale

Wisconsin 'Market'

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

75-86 RFV LgRd \$ 27.50/T

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

RFV >151 SmSq \$110/T
RFV 125-150 SmSq \$76-100/T; LgRd \$87.50/T
RFV 103-124 LgSq \$90-100/T; LgRd \$60-65/T
RFV 87-102 SmSq \$66/T; LgSq \$47.50-50/T; LgRd \$65/T
RFV 75-86 SmSq \$40-60/T
RFV <75 LgSq \$60/T

"Minnesota Market"-SW MN (Mid- to late December , 2006 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$92.50-97.50/T; LgSq \$92.50/T;LgRd \$90/T
Good: SmSq \$85-87.50/T; LgSq \$72.50-87.50/T; LgRd \$65-90/T
Fair: (SmSq \$50/T Nov); LgRd \$55-72.50/T

Mixed Leg/Gr

Premium: SmSq \$92.50-100/T; (LgRd \$92.50 Nov)
Good: SmSq \$67.50-87.50/T; LgSq \$85/T; LgRd \$65-87.50/T
Fair: LgRd \$62.50/T
Utility: LgRd \$45/T

Grass

Premium: SmSq \$95/T
Good: SmSq \$70-85/T; (LgSq \$80/T Nov); LgRd \$62.50-87.50/T
Fair: (SmSq \$60/T Nov); LgSq \$50-55/T; LgRd \$50-70/T
Utility: LgRd \$32.50-55/T
Straw: SmSq \$1.80-2.65/bale; LgRd \$18-26/bale
Cornstalks: SmSq \$1.05-1.35/bale; LgRd \$10-22/bale

Houston County MN Tested Hay Auctions (2nd Fri, Dec-March)

RFV 125-150 SmSq \$140/T; LgSq \$100/T; LgRd \$ 70-85/T

RFV 100-125 LgSq \$50/T; LgRd \$42.50-77.50/T
RFV <100 LgRd \$40/T
Straw SmSq \$75-115/T; LgSq \$70/T; LgRd \$30-45/T

"South Dakota Market" (Mid- to late December, 2006 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme: LgSq \$120-125/T
Prem: LgSq \$95-120/T; LgRd \$85-95/T
Good: LgSq \$80-95/T; LgRd \$70-90/T
Fair: LgRd \$50-65/T
Utility: LgRd \$40-50/T

Grass: Premium SmSq \$90-95/T; LgSq \$90-95/T; LgRd \$85-95/T
Good: SmSq \$75-85T; (LgSq \$75-115/T Nov); LgRd \$65-85/T
Fair: LgRd \$40-55/T
'Grinding Hay" \$65-90/T
Straw: LgSq \$50-55/T; LgRd \$18-20/bale
Cornstalks: LgSq \$40/T;LgRd \$35-45/T

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

Alfalfa Premium SmSq \$105/T; LgRd \$95-105/T
Good: LgSq \$90-100/T; LgRd \$85-95/T
Fair: LgRd \$57.50-72.50/T

Grass : Premium: SmSq \$120-125/T; LgSq \$94/T
Good; SmSq \$95-100/T; LgRd \$70-95/T
Fair LgRd \$60-75/T

Straw: SmSq \$1.90/T; LgSq \$20-22/bale, \$21/bale
Cornstalks: (SmSq \$1.00/bale Nov); LgSq \$15/bale

"Nebraska Market" (Mid- to late December 2006 USDA Report)

Alfalfa Supreme (>185 RFV) LgSq \$140/T
Premium: (170-185 RFV) LgSq \$130-140/T
Good: (150-170 RFV) LgSq \$115-120/T; LgRd \$75-90/T
Fair: (130-150 RFV) LgSq \$90/T; LgRd \$60-80/T
Grinding Quality - Ground & Delivered \$105-115/T
Grass: Good: SmSq \$100-130/T; LgSq \$80-85/T
Straw; LgSq \$45-50/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

New www page URL ! <http://content.fsa.usda.gov/haynet/default.asp>

I checked this site on 3 January, 2007 and found the following # of listings:

State	Listings
Iowa	31
Missouri	48
Illinois	62
Wisconsin	100
Minnesota	64
South Dakota	45
Nebraska	26

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>

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

"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 January, 2007 the following was listed.

State	Listings
Iowa	4
Missouri	-

Illinois	-
Wisconsin	19
Minnesota	17
South Dakota	1
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 3 January, 2007, listings were:

State	Listings
Iowa	35
Missouri	45
Illinois	28
Wisconsin	48
Minnesota	42
South Dakota	28
Nebraska	42

NEW ! If you need to look to a farther distance, Check the **Manitoba** Canada www Hay directory and Hay directory for horse hay buyers:

http://www.mbforagecouncil.mb.ca/CustomBlox/Files/Live/Blox/11/Industry_Hay_Directory_5_pages_Oct17_06.pdf

http://www.mbforagecouncil.mb.ca/CustomBlox/Files/Live/Blox/10/Horse_Hay_Directory_12_pgs_logos_Oct172006.pdf

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