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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) <u>index</u>	Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF) %	Neutral Detergent Fiber (NDF) %	(Alfalfa*) Crude Protein (CP) %	(Mixed & Grass) Crude Protein (CP) %
Supreme	> 185	< 27	< 34	> 22	**
Premium	70-185	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-June 2007

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

(Kind and Quality of lots not stated)

1st Cut: SmSq \$70-140/T; LgSq \$80-115/T; LgRd \$45-97.50/T

2nd Cut: SmSq \$95/T; LgSq \$100/T; LgRd \$75-85/T

3rd Cut: (SmSq \$80-185/T; LgSq \$90-175/T May); LgRd \$60-75/T

4th Cut: (SmSq \$125/T; LgSq \$80-160/T; LgRd \$85-95/T May)

Rye Hay LgRd \$40/T

Straw: SmSq \$85-137.50/T; LgSq \$50-90/T; LgRd \$25/T

Corn Stalks: LgRd \$35/T

Dyersville (NE IA) Thursdays 10:30 AM

(Type of hay not stated)

Premium: LgSq \$150/T; (LgRd \$100-105/T May)

Good: (SmSq \$1.95/bale May); LgSq \$75-125/T; LgRd \$70-90/T

Fair: LgSq \$70-80/T; LgRd \$65-80/T

Utility: LgSq \$60/T; LgRd \$45-70/T

Mixed Leg/Gr:

Prem/Good: (LgSq \$90-125/T May)

Good: (LgRd \$70-105/T May)

Oat Hay: (Good LgRd \$32.50/T May)

Grass: Good LgRd \$70-75/T

Straw: (LgSq \$20-32//bale May)

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

Alfalfa: (LgSq \$150-190/T May)

Mixed SmSq \$2.75-3.75/bale; LgRd \$ 95/T

Grass: (LgRd \$145-160/T May)

Cornstalks: (LgRd \$25/bale May)

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

Alfalfa:LgSq \$40/bale

Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$3.00-3.75/b (LgRd \$51/b May)

Grass: SmSq \$1.75-2.20/bale; (LgRd \$57.50/bale May)

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

Alfalfa & Mixed: SmSq \$4.00/bale; (LgRd \$92.59-127/T May)

Grass: SmSq \$2.30-3.25/bale; LgRd \$80-107/T

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

Alfalfa

Premium: (SmSq \$112.50-125/T May); LgSq \$110-142.50/T; LgRd \$105-142.50/T

Good: LgSq \$75-100/T; LgRd \$80-105/T

Fair: LgSq \$70-75/T; LgRd \$77.50/T

Mixed Hay

Premium: (SmSq \$112.50-170/T May); LgSq \$102.50/T; LgRd \$107.50-125/T

Good: (SmSq \$105/T May); LgSq \$85/T; LgRd \$80-97.50/T

Fair LgRd \$65/T

Grass Hay

Premium: SmSq \$100-120/T; LgSq \$115-117.50/T; LgRd \$100-110/T

Good: (SmSq \$100/T May); LgRd \$82.50-92.50/T

Fair: LgSq \$70/T; LgRd \$67.50-77.50/T

Straw: LgSq \$15-18/b

Cornstalks: LgRd \$33/T

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

Alfalfa:

Premium: SmSq \$115-170/T; LgSq \$110-130T; (LgRd \$110-130/T May)

Good: LgSq \$90-112.50/T; LgRd \$82.50-110/T

Fair: LgRd \$67.50/T

Mixed Leg/Grass:

Premium: LgSq \$120/T; (LgRd \$115/T May)

Good: LgSq \$90-92.50/T

Grass:

Premium: SmSq \$120-155/T; LgSq \$115-120/T; (LgRd \$140/T May)

Good: LgSq \$ 95/T; LgRd \$75-95/T

Fair: SmSq \$70/T

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

Alfalfa/Mixed Leg/Gr: SmSq \$4.00-5.75/b; LgSq \$48-52/b; LgRd \$72-80/bale

Grass: SmSq \$2.30-3.00/bale

Stuart (WC IA) Noon Saturdays

Mixed Leg/Gr: SmSq \$3.10-3.70/bale; LgRd \$44/b

Grass: SmSq \$2.40-3.80/bale

Perry (Central Iowa) (Sat Noon)

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.85-3.50/bale; LgRd \$70/bale

Grass: SmSq \$2.00-3.00/bale

Straw: SmSq \$3.00/bale; LgRd \$45/bale

Private Broker Sales -- Ave. of prices from

South Central Iowa (Indianola & Adair); and North Central Iowa, (Hampton)

Alfalfa & Mixed Grass/Legume

Premium/Good: SmSq \$150/T; LgSq \$150/T; LgRd \$100-125/T,

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

-- Sales Resume in the December --

Keosauqua (SE IA) Sat 11:30A

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.50-4.50/bale;

Grass : SmSq \$1.75-2.50/bale

Straw: SmSq \$1.30-2.00/bale

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

Alfalfa : SmSq \$2.80/bale; LgSq \$100/T; (LgRd \$40-47.50/bale May)

Mixed Legume/Gr: LgRd \$120/T

Grass: SmSq \$2.10-2.60/bale; (LgSq \$83/T May); LgRd \$50/bale

Straw: SmSq \$1.50-2.00/bale

Creston (SW IA) 10:30AM Friday

Alfalfa & Mixed : SmSq \$3.00/bale; (LgRd \$72.50/bale May)

Grass: SmSq \$3.50/b; LgRd \$37-60/bale

Shenandoah (SW IA) Monday Sale

No Sales in June or July -- Sales resume in August

"Missouri Market" (Mid / Late- June 2007 USDA Market Price Report)

Alfalfa Supreme (RFV >185): SmSq \$150-180/T

Prem (RFV 170-180): \$140-175/T

Good/Fair: (RFV 130-170)

SmSq \$90-160/T; LgSq \$90-160/T; LgRd \$80-140/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Good SmSq \$3.00-6.00/bale LgRd \$40-75/bale

Grass :

Good/Prem LgSq \$80-130/T

Good SmSq \$70-120/T

Timothy SmSq \$3.00-4.50/bale

Mixed grass: Fair LgRd \$35-60/bale

Prairie hay: SmSq \$80-125/T; LgRd \$50-75/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 May)

"Central Illinois Market (**Arthur Auction Central IL - new price origin**)

(mid- to late-June 2007USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$5.00-5.50/bale, \$200-220/T

Good: SmSq \$4.00-4.75/bale, \$160-190/T

Fair: SmSq \$3.00/bale, \$120/T

Mixed Leg/Grass

Premium: SmSq \$5.00-5.10/bale, \$200-204/T

Good: SmSq \$3.10/bale, \$124/T

Fair: SmSq \$3.50/bale, \$140/T

Utility: SmSq \$2.20/bale, \$80/T

Grass:

Good :SmSq \$4.00-4.50/bale, \$160-180/T

Fair: SmSq \$3.50/bale, \$140/T

Good / Fair; LgRd \$55/bale, \$92/T

Straw: SmSq \$1.50-3.00/bale, \$75-150/T

Wisconsin 'Market'

Tested Auction January 07 Lomira WI (1st Friday Jan-April)

Sales begin again in the Autumn

Tested Auction January 07 Waldo WI (2nd Thursday Dec-April)

Sales begin again in the Autumn

"Minnesota Market"-SW MN (Mid- to late June 2007 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: LgSq \$107.50-112.50/T; LgRd \$105-117.50/T

Good: SmSq \$102.50/T; (LgSq \$82.50-97.50/T May); LgRd \$85-102.50/T

Fair: (LgRd \$50-75/T May)

Utility: (LgSq \$31-33/T May)

Mixed Leg/Gr

Premium: SmSq \$137.50/T; LgRd \$105-115/T

Good: SmSq \$90-97.50/T; (LgSq \$97.50/T May); LgRd \$82.50-100/T

Fair: LgRd \$62.50-65/T

Utility: LgRd \$32.50/T

Grass

Premium: SmSq \$97.50-150/T; LgRd \$110-120/T

Good: SmSq \$72.50-95/T; LgRd \$70-97.50/T

Fair: (LgRd \$52.50-82.50/T May)

Utility: LgRd \$30/T

Straw: SmSq \$2.10-3.45/bale; (LgRd \$16/bale May)

Houston County MN Tested Hay Auction January 07 (2nd Fri, Dec-March)

-- Sales resume in December --

"South Dakota Market" (Mid- to late June 2007 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

Supreme: LgSq \$140-145/T

Prem: SmSq \$115-145/T; LgSq \$130/T; LgRd \$95-100/T

Good: SmSq \$95-115/T; LgSq \$95-110/T; LgRd \$90/T

Fair: (LgRd \$60-70/T May)

Grinding Hay; LgRd \$70-80/T

Grass: Good: LgSq \$90/T; LgRd \$85/T

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

No hay sales data for May

"Nebraska Market" (Mid- to late June 2007 USDA Report)

Limited 'new hay ' available

Alfalfa Premium: (170-185 RFV) LgSq \$125-145/T

'Grinding Hay - ground & Delivered' LgRd \$115-120/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.

NEW WWW page format !

Using the USDA Hay Net page is not as user-friendly as the earlier version. If you want to see the listings 'for sale', In the center-right 'box' on the page, select the line 'Access eHayNet Service'. That will take you to the 2nd page where you must choose either: NEED (hay ads) or HAVE (hay ads). Then a 'state' (the state where the hay is listed,). The 'Select' button will then take you to the listings for that state. 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://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/hayNet?area=online&subject=landing&topic=han&setflag=welcome>

I checked this site on 6 July , 2007 and found the following # of listings:

State	Listings
Iowa	17
Missouri	23
Illinois	29
Wisconsin	84
Minnesota	16
South Dakota	10
Nebraska	11

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 6 July , 2007 the following was listed.

State Listings

Iowa	-
Missouri	-
Illinois	1
Wisconsin	10
Minnesota	6
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 6 July listings were:

State	Listings
Iowa	31
Missouri	48
Illinois	36
Wisconsin	41
Minnesota	26
South Dakota	9
Nebraska	21

A **NEW www-based Hay Listing Service**

Bid-4-Hay http://www.bid4hay.com/index.php?a=28&b=142&redirect_check=4

Operating in Oklahoma. It is an online hay classifieds and auction listing service. Allows listing and searching for hay. The interactive 'search' engine asks for your Zip Code and the Distance range that you would like to search in. On May 31, 2007 there were 0 listings for 200 miles distance from Ames Iowa.

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/](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/](http://www.mbforagecouncil.mb.ca/CustomBlox/Files/Live/Blox/10/Horse_Hay_Directory_12_pgs_logos_Oct172006.pdf)
[Blox/10/Horse_Hay_Directory_12_pgs_logos_Oct172006.pdf](http://www.mbforagecouncil.mb.ca/CustomBlox/Files/Live/Blox/10/Horse_Hay_Directory_12_pgs_logos_Oct172006.pdf)

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