

These are hay prices paid at auction in the recent past weeks. Much of the price information is obtained from USDA Hay Market News. Personal contacts of local Iowa hay auctions secured price information for these market outlets. Auctions were chosen to reflect prices across Iowa. Other nearby auctions may exist. No endorsement of the listed auctions is intended.

The USDA Market News group uses the following hay classification designations in their market price

reports. Of all hay sold, 1% or less would be designated in the supreme class. 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	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-July 2008

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

(Kind and Quality of lots not stated)

New Crop 1<sup>st</sup> SmSq \$80-145/T; LgSq \$90-190/T; LgRd \$60-150/T

1st Cut: SmSq \$100-195/T; LgSq \$90-170/T; LgRd \$100-105/T

2nd Cut: SmSq \$105-280/T; LgSq \$65-260/T; LgRd \$40-210/T

3rd Cut: (SmSq \$80-225/T; LgSq \$200-270/T; LgRd \$75-190/T Jun)

4th Cut (SmSq \$100-170/T Jun); LgSq \$100-190/T; (LgRd \$130-175/T Jun)

Oat Hay LgRd \$60-85/T

Straw: SmSq \$110-165/T; (LgSq \$100-135/T Jun); LgRd \$65/T

Cornstalks LgRd \$55-60/T

### **Dyersville** (NE IA ) Thursdays 10:30 AM

Alfalfa:

Supreme (LgSq \$255-280/T Jun)

Premium: LgSq \$172.50-250/T

Good: SmSq \$1.75-2.10/bale; LgSq \$120-217.50/T; LgRd \$82.50-130/T

Fair: LgSq \$90-130/T; LgRd \$65-100/T

Utility: LgSq \$52.50-100/T; LgRd \$45-80/T

Grass: Good SmSq \$150/T;

Fair (SmSq \$2.00/b Jun)

Oat Hay LgSq \$70-75T

CRP: (LgSq \$147.50/T; LgRd \$107.50 Jun)

Prairie Hay: (Good LgRd \$110-135/T Jun)

Straw: SmSq \$2.10/bale; LgSq \$28-45//bale; (LgRd \$52.50-57/b Jun)

Cornstalks: LgRd \$37.50/bale

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

Alfalfa: (LgSq \$200-275/T; LgRd \$150-165/T Jun)

Mixed Alf/Gr: SmSq \$3.00-4.75/b; LgSq \$200-235/T

Grass: SmSq \$3.00-4.75/b; LgRd \$135-150/T

Straw: LgSq \$120-150/T

### **Edgewood** (NE IA) (Tues. 11AM)

Alfalfa: LgSq \$100-125/T; LgRd \$95-125/T

Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$90-125/T; (LgRd \$90-110/T Jun)

Grass: LgSq \$100-110/T; LgRd \$75-90/T

Straw: SmSq \$3.00-3.50/bale

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

Alfalfa: (SmSq \$3.00-4.50/b Jun); LgSq \$40-50/bb; LgRd \$45-50/b  
Mixed Legume/Gr: SmSq \$3.25-4.50/b; (LgRd \$80/bale Jun)  
Grass: SmSq \$2.25-2.75/bale; (LgRd \$45/bale Jun)  
Oat Hay: SmSq \$2.50/b  
Straw: SmSq \$2.00-2.50/bale

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

Alfalfa& Mixed: SmSq \$2.30-2.70/bale; LgRd \$100-120/T  
Grass: SmSq \$2.60-3.40/bale; LgRd \$65-125/T  
Straw: LgRd \$55-62.50/T

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

**Alfalfa**

Supreme: (SmSq \$175/T Jun); LgSq \$170-175/T; (LgRd \$177.50-190/T Jun)  
Premium: SmSq \$130-145/T; LgSq \$117.50-140/T; LgRd \$120-145/T  
Good: SmSq \$100-115/T; LgSq \$92.50-110/T; LgRd \$90-117.500/T  
Fair: SmSq \$85-112.50/T

**Mixed Hay**

Premium: Sm Sq \$140/T (LgSq \$132.50/T Jun); LgRd \$117.50/T  
Good: LgRd \$95-107.50/T

**Grass Hay**

Premium: SmSq \$117.50-130/T; LgSq \$120-122.50/T; LgRd \$117.50-135/T  
Good: SmSq \$90-95/T; LgSq \$90-115/T; LgRd 90-115/T  
Fair: SmSq \$85/T; LgSq \$60-77.50/T; LgRd \$82.50/T

Straw: LgSq \$30-37/b \$90/T; LgRd \$72.50-125/T

Corn Stalks LgRd 60/T

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

**Alfalfa:**

Supreme: (SmSq \$170/T; LgSq \$165/T Jun)  
Premium: SmSq \$120-150/T; LgSq \$140-150/T; LgRd \$120-132.60/T  
Good: LgSq \$90-120/T; LgRd \$95-117.50/T  
Fair: SmSq \$80/T; LgRd \$80-90/T  
Utility: (SmSq \$50/T Jun)

**Mixed Legume/Grass:**

Premium: ( LgRd \$125/T Jun)  
Good: LgSq \$115/T; LgRd \$105/T  
Fair: (LgRd \$85/T Jun)

**Grass:**

Premium: SmSq \$125/T; LgSq \$125/T; LgRd \$120/T  
Good: SmSq \$90-115/T; LgRd \$92.50-110/T  
Fair: LgRd \$75-77.50/T

Straw: LgRd \$100/T

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

Alfalfa&Mixed: SmSq \$3.75-4.75/b; LgRd \$100/T

Grass: SmSq \$2.00-3.000/bale

**Stuart** (WC IA) Noon Saturdays

Alfalfa: SmSq \$3.40-3.90/bale; LgRd \$48-53/b

Mixed Leg/Gr: (SmSq \$2.60-3.60/bale; LgRd \$68-73/bale Jun)

Grass: SmSq \$2.40-3.90/bale; LgRd \$68-71/b

Straw: SmSq \$2.35/b

**Perry** (Central Iowa) (Sat Noon)

Alfalfa&Mixed: SmSq \$2.75-6.75/bale; LgRd \$77/bale

Grass: SmSq \$3.50-4.00/bale; LgRd \$55-65/bale

Straw: SmSq \$2.50/bale

**Private Broker Sales** -- Ave. of prices from

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

Alfalfa: Supreme SmSq \$190/T; LgSq \$190/T

Premium LgSq \$125/T

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

Sales resume in the Fall

**Keosauqua** (SE IA) Sat 11:30A

Alfalfa: SmSq \$2.00-3.25/bale;

Grass : SmSq \$1.75-2.50/bale

Oat Hay: SmSq \$2.00/b

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

Alf&Mixed Leg/Gr: SmSq \$2.20-5.70/b; LgSq \$38-61/b, \$145/T; LgRd \$50-60/b

Grass: (LgSq \$30/b Jun) LgRd \$45-52.50/b

**Creston** (SW IA) 10:30AM Friday

Alfalfa LgRd \$61-70/bale

Mixed Leg/Gr: (LgRd \$75/b Jun)

Grass: (SmSq \$4.00-4.25/bale Jun)

**Shenandoah** (SW IA) Monday Sale

Alfalfa & Alf/Grass Mixed: SmSq \$4.25/bale

**"Missouri Market"** (Mid / Late- July 2008 USDA Market Price Report)

Alfalfa Supreme (RFV >185): SmSq \$170-200/T

Prem (RFV 170-180): \$150-175/T

Good/Fair: (RFV 130-170) SmSq \$100-160/T; LgSq \$100-160/T; LgRd \$90-150/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Good SmSq \$3.50-6.50/bale LgRd \$40-80/bale

Grass :

Good/Prem LgSq \$90-150/T  
Good SmSq \$60-150/T  
Timothy SmSq \$3.00-4.50/bale  
Mixed grass: Fair LgRd \$30-50/b  
Prairie hay: SmSq \$80-125/T; LgRd \$40-75/T  
Bluestem Good/Fair LgRd \$40/bale  
Bermudagrass Good LgRd \$50-65/bale, \$70-100/T  
Wheat Hay: \$50-70/T  
Straw: SmSq \$2.00-4.00/bale

**"Northern & Central Illinois (July 2008 USDA Market Report)**

Alfalfa

Premium: SmSq \$160-220/T; LgSq \$185-225/T; LgRd \$130-150/T  
Good: SmSq \$160-185/T; LgSq \$165-185/T; LgRd \$100-130/T  
Fair: SmSq \$120-140/T; LgSq \$120-150/T; LgRd \$80-100/T  
Utility: SmSq \$80-100/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$70-80/T

Mixed Leg/Grass

Premium: SmSq \$160-190/T; LgSq \$165-180/T  
Good: SmSq \$140-160/T; LgSq \$130-160/T; LgRd \$100-120/T  
Fair: SmSq \$120-140/T; LgSq \$110-140/T; LgRd \$80-120/T  
Utility: SmSq \$80-100/T; LgSq \$80-100/T; LgRd \$60-80/T

Grass:

Premium: SmSq \$140-180/T; LgSq \$140-160/T; LgRd \$100-130/T  
Good : SmSq \$120-140/T; LgSq \$120-150/T; LgRd \$80-100/T  
Fair: SmSq \$100-120/T; LgSq \$100-120/T; LgRd \$60-100/T  
Utility; SmSq \$80-100/T; LgSq \$80-110/T; LgRd \$60-75/T  
Straw: SmSq \$2.00-3.00/b, \$80-120/T; LgSq \$80-120/T; LgRd \$50-60/bale

**Wisconsin 'Market'**

**Waldo WI & Fon du Lac Co WI**

Sales resume in the fall

**"Minnesota Market"-SW MN (Mid- to late July 2008 USDA Market Report)**

Alfalfa

Supreme: LgSq \$152.50/T; LgRd \$162.50/T  
Premium: LgSq \$127.50-130/T; LgRd \$120-132.50/T  
Good: LgSq \$95/T; LgRd \$92.50-115/T  
Fair: SmSq \$80/T; (LgSq \$47.50-70T Jun); LgRd \$80/T

Mixed Leg/Gr

Premium: SmSq \$95/T; LgRd \$130/T  
Good: LgSq \$102.50-105/T; LgRd \$95-110/T  
Fair: LgRd \$82.50/T

Grass

Premium: (SmSq \$120-170/T Jun); LgRd \$115-122.50/T  
Good: SmSq \$90-112.50/T; LgSq \$100-107.50/T; LgRd \$90-112.50/T

Fair: SmSq \$60-87.50/T; LgRd \$70-87.50/T  
Straw: SmSq \$2.05-2.35/bale  
Cornstalks: (LgRd \$11/bale Jun)

**Houston County MN Tested Hay Auction 14 March 2008 (2nd Fri, Dec-March)**  
Sales resume in the fall

**"South Dakota Market"** (Mid- to Late-July 2008 USDA Market Report)

Alfalfa

RFV >185 LgSq \$200/T

RFV >170-185 LgSq \$150-160T; LgRd \$125-145/T

RFV 150-160 LgSq \$150/T LgRd \$90-110/T

Fair FRV >130 LgSq \$125/T

Grinding Hay; LgSq \$75-90/T; LgRd \$75-90/T

Mixed Leg/Gr: Good LgSq \$135/T; (LgRd \$115-125/T Jun)

Grass: Good LgSq \$115-125/T; LgRd \$110-120/T

Straw: LgSq \$60/T; LgRd \$55-60/T

**Alcester, SD (SE SD)** (Early to Mid-May 2008 USDA Report)

**Note! Sales resume at this location in Nov 2008**

**"Nebraska Market"** (Mid- to late July 2008 USDA Report)

Alfalfa

Premium: LgSq \$180-200/T

Grass: Prem/Good: SmSq \$115/T; LgRd \$85/T

'Grinding Hay - ground & delivered' \$125-130/T

Straw: LgSq \$60/T

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**Internet-based Hay Source possibilities:**

The **USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)**, responded to drought-induced hay and pasture deficit conditions by its establishing a www website - **Hay Net** - for producers to list information concerning the need for hay or the availability of hay. The WWW link to this site is listed below.

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

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/hayNet?area=online&subject=landing&topic=han&setflag=welcome>

I checked this site on 24 July 2008 and found the following # of listings:

<u>State</u>	<u>Listings</u>
Iowa	7
Missouri	29
Illinois	1
Wisconsin	9
Minnesota	5
South Dakota	7
Nebraska	12

### **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 may be available, but may not be as 'up-to-date' 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>

See Information on the ....

### **Iowa Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage & Mulch Program**

being managed by the Iowa Crop Improvement Association.

Rules; fees; current listings

[http://www.agron.iastate.edu/icia/Forage\\_Mulch.htm](http://www.agron.iastate.edu/icia/Forage_Mulch.htm)

### **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 24 July 2008 the following was listed.

<u>State</u>	<u>Listings</u>
Iowa	-
Missouri	-
Illinois	-
Wisconsin	-
Minnesota	12
South Dakota	-
Nebraska	-

### **WWW 'Hay Lists' from other surrounding states....**

**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://sdces.sdstate.edu:8080/FeedFinder/?14@778.2gy9a9EQbao.0@>

**Wisconsin** Extension provides a forage hay-list that it has established Listings are by county. The list can be found at the following www site:

<http://farmertofarmer.uwex.edu/>

**Missouri** Hay Market www site.

<http://agebb..missouri.edu/haylst/index.htm>

**Nebraska** Alfalfa Marketing Assn www site. Browse through the "Inventory" tab. <http://www.nebraska-alfalfa.com/>

Nebraska Dept. of Agric Hay and Forage 'Hotline' www site

<http://www.agr.state.ne.us/hayhot/hayhotline.htm>

### **Commercial www sites**

#### **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 24 July 2008 listings were:

<u>State</u>	<u>Listings</u>
Iowa	39
Missouri	68
Illinois	66
Wisconsin	52
Minnesota	44

South Dakota 17  
Nebraska 27

### **Bid-4-Hay**

[http://www.bid4hay.com/index.php?a=28&b=142&redirect\\_check=4](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 24 July, 2008 there were 5 listings for hay within 300 miles of Ames Iowa.

### **Agri Hay Exchange**

<http://www.agrihayexchange.com/hay/haylistings.aspx?ltID=2>

Operating out of Pennsylvania. It is an online classified listing. It allows for free searching for hay etc. but requires registration on the site. There is a subscription fee for hay wanted and for sale listings on the site, and to advertise.

### **The 'Hay Barn'**

<http://www.haybarn.com/reports/showads.asp?category=Hay>

Hay listings are grouped by state. Sellers list type, description, sometimes price, and telephone number.

### **The Haymarket**

<http://www.case-agworld.com/cAw.HM.html> The 'main page' has a lot of information. About 1/4 of the way down the page are some 'www links' to hay-related listings by 'region of the country'. This leads to various formats of hay listings.

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If you need to look to a farther distance, Check the **Manitoba Canada** www Hay & Forage Council site for Hay sellers:

<http://www.mbforagecouncil.mb.ca/foragehaymarketing/provincialhaymarketersandprocessors/default.aspx>

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