

### HAY PRICES WEAKEN ACROSS THE UPPER MIDWEST

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Hay prices were down the first half of June, as Upper Midwestern farmers hit the fields and demand for auction hay declined, according to the June 11 [Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest](#).

On average, prime alfalfa hay (greater than 151 RFV/RFQ) was \$196/ton for large square bales, \$143/ton for large rounds, and \$245/ton for small squares. Grade 1 (125-150 RFV/RFQ) large squares sold for \$140/ton; large rounds, \$121/ton; small squares, \$188/ton. Grade 2 (103-124 RFV/RFQ) large squares averaged \$107/ton; large rounds, \$112/ton. Grade 3 (87-102 RFV/RFQ) large squares and small squares averaged \$120/ton while large rounds sold for \$86/ton.

#### Wisconsin

High-quality second- and third-crop alfalfa ranged from \$130/ton to \$180/ton at the [Equity Cooperative June 13 hay auction](#). High-quality first-crop alfalfa sold for \$90-125/ton while low-quality hay averaged \$85/ton or less.

Large-square and large round dairy alfalfa hay sold for \$100-130/ton and \$100-110/ton, respectively, at the [Fennimore Livestock Exchange June 11 auction](#). No other hay was reported sold.

First-crop alfalfa large squares sold for \$135-160/ton at the [June 16 auction at Reynolds Livestock LLC](#), Dodgeville. First-crop large rounds ranged from \$105/ton to \$122.50/ton. First-crop alfalfa-grass large rounds averaged \$120/ton; grass large rounds, \$107.50-115/ton; grass large squares, \$140/ton.

Premium alfalfa large squares averaged \$250/ton at [Tim Slack Auction & Reality's June 13 auction](#) at Lancaster. Good-quality alfalfa large squares ranged from \$125/ton to \$195/ton; large rounds, \$130/ton; and small squares, \$3.50/bale. Fair-quality alfalfa large rounds averaged \$65/ton. Good-quality grass large squares sold for \$165/ton, large rounds, \$110-130/ton.

#### Minnesota

Fair-quality alfalfa large squares sold for \$130/ton; large rounds and small squares, \$120/ton at the Pipestone Hay and Straw Auction for June 12, according to the [June 13 USDA Ag Market News report](#). Utility large rounds sold for \$95/ton. Alfalfa-grass fair-quality large rounds priced at \$110/ton, small squares, \$100/ton. Utility mixed-hay large rounds sold for \$50/ton. Grass good-quality large squares sold for \$140/ton; large rounds, \$145/ton. Fair-quality grass large rounds ranged from \$110/ton to \$130/ton. Utility small squares were \$95/ton, large rounds, \$65-100/ton.

#### Iowa

Second-crop alfalfa large squares topped the [Dyersville Sales Co. June 13 auction](#) at \$185/ton. New-crop alfalfa large squares ranged from \$145/ton to \$165/ton. New-crop round bales topped at \$170/ton while the bulk of the dry new-crop round bales sold for \$135-160/ton.

New-crop alfalfa large squares at the [June 13 Fort Atkinson Hay auction](#) were \$160-190/ton; large rounds, \$40-145/ton; and small squares, \$125-145/ton. Second- and third-crop large squares sold for \$125/ton and \$175/ton, respectively. First-crop 2017 alfalfa large rounds ranged from \$50/ton to \$115/ton while third-crop large rounds were \$80-115/ton. Fourth-crop small squares averaged \$135/ton. New-seeding/grass large rounds averaged \$50/ton; small squares, \$125-170/ton.



[USDA's Iowa Hay Summary for the week ending June 15](#) reported more hay available, but that most of the supreme and premium hay was shipped into the state. Supreme alfalfa large squares topped at \$250-300/ton while small squares sold for \$300-335/ton. Premium alfalfa and alfalfa-grass large squares sold for \$190-205/ton. Good-quality alfalfa-grass small squares ranged from \$125/ton to \$170/ton. Fair-quality grass large squares sold for \$100-135/ton; large rounds, \$125-145/ton. Utility grass large rounds were \$65-110/ton.

The June 14 Rock Valley Hay Auction brought premium alfalfa large squares priced at \$155/ton, according to [USDA's Ag Market News report of June 15](#). Good-quality alfalfa large squares sold for \$132.50-145/ton; large rounds, \$127.50-140/ton. Fair-quality alfalfa large squares were \$115-125/ton; large rounds, \$105-125/ton. Utility alfalfa large squares sold for \$102/ton; large rounds, \$85-87.50/ton.

Alfalfa-grass utility large rounds went for \$112.50/ton. Grass premium large rounds were \$160-162.50/ton, good-quality large rounds, \$135-145/ton; fair-quality large rounds, \$120-130/ton. Utility large rounds sold for \$110-117.50/ton.

### **South Dakota**

Good-quality alfalfa large rounds ranged from \$122.50/ton to \$137.50/ton at the Corsica Hay and Straw Auction for June 11, according to the [June 12 USDA Ag Market News report](#). Fair-quality large rounds sold for \$102.50-115/ton.

Grass good-quality large rounds were \$130/ton and utility grass large rounds, \$62.50/ton.

Mostly steady prices but moderate demand characterized the hay market, according to USDA's June 15 South Dakota Weekly Hay Summary as reported by [USDA's Ag Market News](#).

"Interest has been lighter this past week. Hay producers are reporting that first-cutting tonnage varied across the state, from normal production levels to about two-thirds of normal," according to USDA. Moisture is lacking in the northern part of the state, due in part to the past week's high temperatures and strong winds exacerbating already dry conditions. The U.S. Drought Monitor states 43% of the state is experiencing some drought conditions.

Premium alfalfa large squares and small squares averaged \$200/ton in the East River area. Good-quality to premium large squares of new-crop alfalfa were \$160-175/ton. Fair- to good-quality alfalfa large squares averaged \$150/ton. Fair-quality large rounds were \$125-135/ton and \$150/ton delivered. Alfalfa-grass good-quality large rounds averaged \$135/ton; fair- to good-quality large rounds, \$135/ton delivered. Grass good-quality large rounds averaged \$125/ton.

No West River hay prices were reported.