

HAY MARKET STEADY TO STRONGER TOWARD END OF NOVEMBER

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The Upper Midwestern hay market is steady to stronger, according to recent auction sale reports and the Nov. 28 [Hay Market Demand and Price Report for the Upper Midwest](#).

Prime (greater than 151 RFV/RFQ) alfalfa large squares sold for \$255/ton; large rounds, \$221/ton; and small squares, \$288/ton, according to the Upper Midwestern report. Grade 1 hay (125-150 RFV/RFQ) averaged \$215/ton for large squares, \$191/ton for large rounds, and \$202/ton for small squares while Grade 2 hay (103-124 RFV/RFQ) averaged \$171/ton for large squares and \$152/ton for large rounds. Grade 3 hay (87-102 RFV/RFQ) large squares and large rounds averaged \$100/ton and \$121/ton, respectively.

Wisconsin

Premium alfalfa large squares priced at \$225/ton at the [Nov. 23 Tim Slack Auction & Realty sale](#) at Lancaster. Good-quality alfalfa sold for \$135-170/ton in large squares, \$130-140/ton in large rounds, and \$4-5.25/bale in small squares. Good-quality grass large squares sold for \$140-145/ton, large rounds, \$125/ton; and small squares, \$4/bale.

First-crop alfalfa large squares averaged \$225/ton, while second-crop ranged from \$105 to \$115/ton, and third-crop, \$140 to \$195/ton at the [Nov. 19 Reynolds Livestock, LLC auction](#). Alfalfa second-crop large rounds sold for \$117.50-127.50/ton, first-crop, \$120/ton; and third-crop, \$110/ton. Third-crop alfalfa large squares wrapped sold for \$110/ton. Third-crop alfalfa large rounds wrapped brought \$90-120/ton; fourth-crop wrapped, \$50-105/ton; second-crop wrapped, \$90/ton; and first-crop wrapped, \$40-90/ton. Grassy large rounds averaged \$137.50/ton.

Minnesota

Good-quality alfalfa large rounds priced at \$205/ton, according to the [Nov. 28 USDA Market News report](#) of the Nov. 22 Pipestone Hay and Straw Auction. Fair-quality alfalfa large rounds brought \$170-195/ton while utility large rounds sold for \$145-160/ton. Alfalfa-grass large rounds ranged from \$170 to \$175/ton; utility large rounds, \$145/ton. Premium grass large rounds averaged \$170-185/ton, good-quality grass large rounds brought \$150-165/ton, fair-quality large rounds, \$135-145/ton; and utility large rounds, \$80-135/ton. Good-quality oat hay large rounds ranged from \$155 to \$160/ton.

Iowa

A “very strong” market, with grass large rounds (stored inside) at their highest price – \$175/ton – since last February, characterized the [Nov. 23 Dyersville Sales Co. auction](#), according to the auction house. Good-quality alfalfa large squares ranged from \$185 to \$240/ton; fair-quality alfalfa large squares, \$155 to 185/ton. Alfalfa large rounds ranged from \$150 to \$175/ton at good quality, \$105 to \$145/ton at fair quality, and \$60 to 100/ton at utility hay, wet. Good-quality grass large rounds ranged from \$70 to \$175/ton. Good-quality mixed hay large squares sold for \$175-240/ton; large rounds, \$150-175/ton.

Second-crop alfalfa large squares ranged from \$135 to \$225/ton; third-crop, \$175 to 195/ton; and first-crop averaged \$215/ton at the [Nov. 23 Fort Atkinson Hay auction](#). Third-crop alfalfa large rounds priced at \$100-155/ton; second-crop, \$100-150/ton; and first-crop, \$60-140/ton. First-crop alfalfa small squares sold for \$195/ton; third-crop, \$175/ton. Grass large rounds ranged from \$120 to \$145/ton.

Supreme alfalfa large squares sold for \$250-260/ton; large rounds, \$250-255/ton at the Nov. 21 Rock Valley Hay Auction, according to [USDA's Market News report of Nov. 22](#). Premium- to supreme-quality alfalfa medium squares averaged \$245/ton and large rounds sold for \$222.50-247.50/ton. Premium alfalfa large rounds sold for \$210-215/ton. Alfalfa-grass premium large rounds averaged \$200/ton, and grass premium large rounds sold for \$220-240/ton. Grass good- to premium-quality large squares averaged \$195/ton; large rounds brought \$197.50-207.50/ton. Grass good-quality large rounds brought \$182.50-195/ton; fair- to good-quality grass large rounds, \$150-155/ton.

Good- to premium-quality alfalfa small squares averaged \$260/ton, according to the [Nov. 22 USDA Market News' Iowa Direct Hay Report](#). Premium alfalfa-grass medium squares averaged \$240/ton. Good-quality mixed grass large rounds averaged \$100/ton.

South Dakota

Premium alfalfa large rounds averaged \$240/ton at the Dakota Hay Auction at Corsica, according to [USDA's Nov. 28 Market News report](#). Alfalfa large rounds sold for \$210-230/ton at good quality. Alfalfa-grass premium large rounds

averaged \$245/ton; good-quality barley large rounds averaged \$205/ton. Grass premium large rounds ranged from \$190 to \$220/ton; good-quality grass large rounds averaged \$185/ton, and utility large rounds, \$130/ton.

Supreme alfalfa large rounds and premium alfalfa large squares each averaged \$260/ton, according to [USDA's Market News' Nov. 17 South Dakota Direct Hay Report](#). Alfalfa-grass premium large rounds averaged \$230/ton. Grass premium large rounds averaged \$200/ton, good-quality large rounds, \$180/ton.