



## **December Hay Situation and Price Update**

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The December hay situation indicates the forage supplies are still adequate to above, but there are a few hay marketers reporting they are sold out of hay and/or straw. With winter settled in, we may see an increase in sales and possibly prices as we get closer to spring and producers get a better handle on forage usage thru the winter.

### **Hay Prices**

With forage supplies adequate to above, prices have stayed fairly steady from last month's update. Supplies of beef quality hay are in a surplus situation and dairy quality supplies seem to be adequate but sales are limited. Straw supplies are limited and although demand has been good, prices have held steady to up just slightly.

Alfalfa:	5-7 cents/lb
	Dairy Quality 10-12 cents/lb (upper end for RFV 190-200)
Alfalfa/grass:	good quality 5-7cents/lb
	Beef quality 2.5-4 cents/lb
Beef hay (grass):	2.5-5 cents/lb
Horse hay:	5-7 cents/lb
Straw:	1.5-2.5cents/lb

Although we haven't seen an increase in hay prices over the past month, looking at the Wisconsin report I see that their prices have increased \$5-10/t.

[Kijiji Manitoba](#) has more listings for hay for sale this month as does the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) site and the [Wisconsin Hay Report](#). You can go to [Kijiji](#) to access other provinces or the [Internet Hay Exchange](#) to access listing in the US and Canada. For those of you on social media [Facebook](#) has a Hay/Feed for Sale in Saskatchewan & Manitoba page that you may want to join.

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