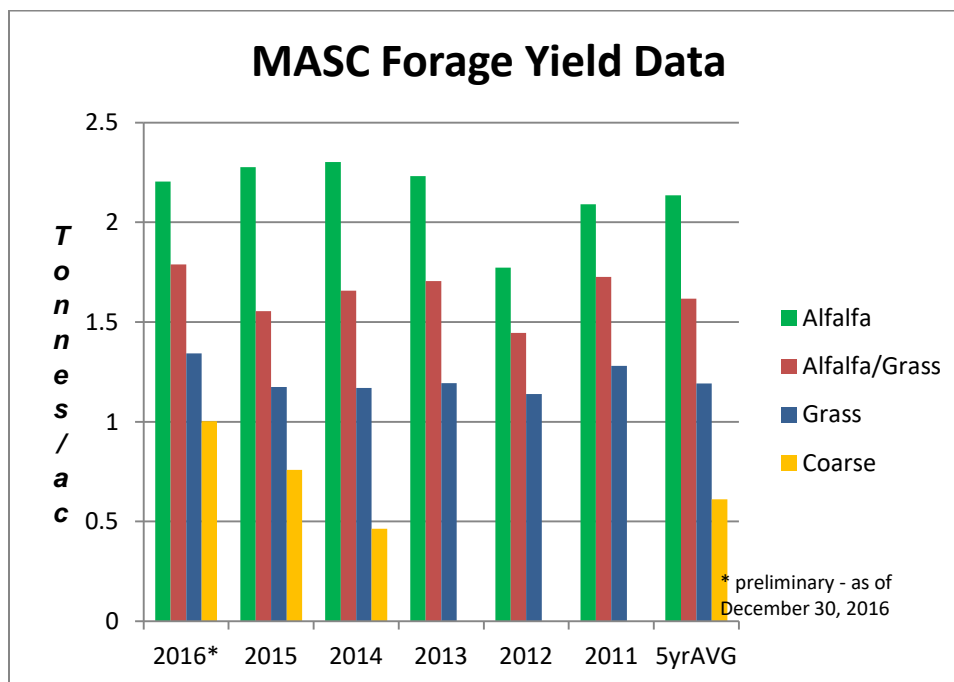**Manitoba**
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Hay Situation and Price Update for January

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As we move into January, the hay situation throughout the province continues to be similar to last month, with indications that forage supplies still adequate to above. Looking at the MASC data for 2016 we can see that forage yields in 2016 were at or above the 5 year average.

All areas of the province are reporting that forage quality is below normal. Now that cold conditions are present, cows may not be able to maintain condition on some of the poorer feedstuff. Producers are being encouraged to have their feed tested to determine if their inventories will meet the nutrient requirements of their livestock.

Hay Prices

With forage supplies adequate to above, we are getting reports of prices softening from last month's update. Supplies of beef quality hay are in a surplus situation and dairy quality supplies seem to be adequate with limited sales. Straw supplies are limited but prices continue to drop.

| Alfalfa: | 4-7 cents/lb |
| | Dairy Quality 6-8 cents/lb |

| 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:	<1-2.2 cents/lb

Movement of hay at this point seems to be very limited with little local or outside demand. Looking at hay prices to the south I am seeing that hay prices have dropped close to $20/t. You can get a better idea of their prices by going to: Wisconsin Hay Report

Kijiji Manitoba has more listings for hay for sale this month as does the Manitoba Hay Listing site.

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If you are interested in assisting the Manitoba Forage and Grassland Association in providing information for our monthly *Hay Situation and Price Update,* please contact John McGregor at john@mfga.net.