



November Hay Situation & Price Update

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The hay situation at the start of November seems to indicate forage supplies are adequate to above throughout the province. See "[Manitoba hay crops see good year](#)". Producers able to take a final cut after the CHP are reporting very low yields.

Hay movement west has been very good with transportation costs limiting distance. Supplies close to the Saskatchewan border are become scarcer, but with the wildfires last month more hay and straw will likely be needed to fill the demand for hay supplies lost to fire.

Although it has been a good year for harvesting hay, there are reports of lower than expected TDN's. Some of these lower TDN's may be due in part to haying of lowlands that haven't been harvested for a number of years. Producers are encouraged to take feed samples to manage their forage supplies.

Straw supplies are reported as adequate to below. Areas that have moved in to corn and soybeans are seeing limited volumes of straw. Export demand has increased which may also make sourcing straw difficult for some producers.

Hay Prices

With forage supplies adequate, prices have stayed fairly steady to down slightly in some areas where demand is limited. Straw supplies are limited.

Alfalfa:	5-7 cents/lb
	Dairy Quality 10 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 cents/lb

[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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