

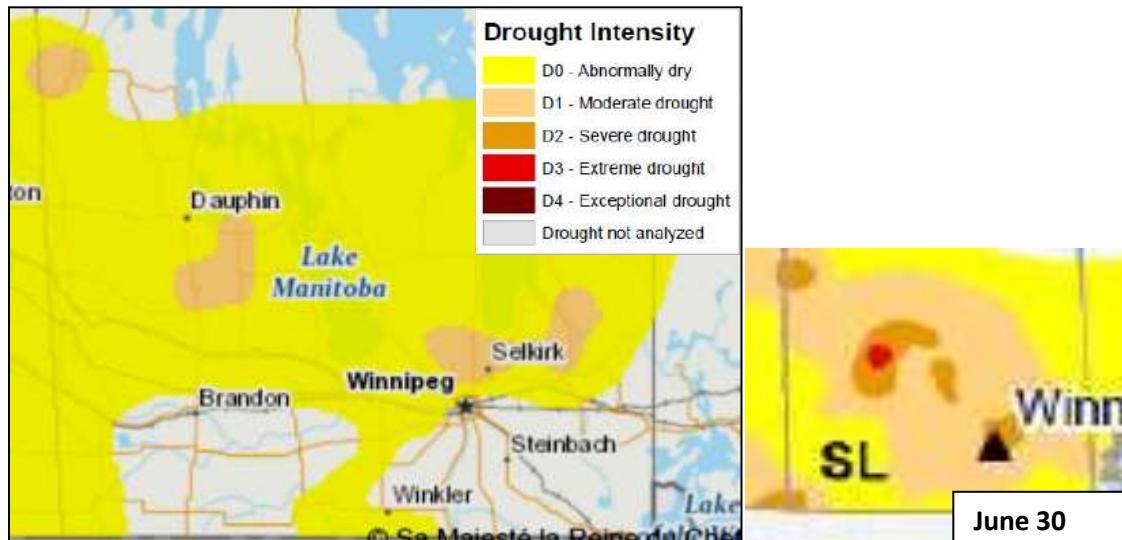
MFGA Hay Relief Report: Hay Situation/Price Update #1

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After a very dry and cool start to the growing season, we can see by viewing the maps below that moisture conditions have been improving. The dry conditions earlier in the growing season had a major effect on first cut with yields reported in the 40-60 per cent of normal range for most. Some areas most affected by the early dry conditions saw even lower yields (see June 30 map). Late June rains helped improve moisture conditions and areas that have a second cut are reporting or anticipating below normal yields (80 per cent). Where moisture conditions are better there is hope for a third cut.

The most recent [crop report](#) from Mb Ag provides a very good overview of the hay and pasture situation for the various regions of the province. Generally Mb will be facing another year with a shortage of hay and the degree of the shortage will vary depending on moisture conditions last fall and when rains were received during this growing season.



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I surveyed the Manitoba Agriculture livestock staff and some of the forage producers and industry personnel to get their impression of hay prices and the hay situation as of the end of July.

Hay Prices

Presently there is limited information on hay prices throughout the province. Prices at this time are very dependent on how the second and possible third cuts yield as well as how producers make up shortfalls in their forage requirements.

Alfalfa:	10-12 cents/lb (8)
	Dairy Quality 12-17 cents/lb (10-12)
Alfalfa/grass:	good quality 8-14 cents/lb – (5- 7.5)
	Beef quality 5-10 cents/lb (5-6.5)
Beef hay (grass):	3-7 cents/lb (3-5.5)
Horse hay:	10 cents/lb
Straw:	3-5 cents/lb or in swath 2.5 cents/lb (1-1.5)

Note: numbers in green are from 2018 Aug report

[Kijiji Manitoba](#) has more listings for hay for sale this month as does the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) site and the [Wisconsin Hay Report](#)

Producers wanting to make use of the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) service would call Manitoba Agriculture toll-free at 1-84-GROW-MB-AG (1-844-769-6224) and the department would call them back within 30 minutes to capture information.

For more information on Hay Listing Services and Related Information visit the MFGA [Hay Relief](#) website.

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