



October Hay Situation and Price Update

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October continues to be a challenge for forage producers across Manitoba. Although the moisture situation has improved and some pastures have greened up, the cold temperatures have stopped any significant growth. Heavy snowfall accumulations in some areas have hampered 2nd cut and the baling greenfeed and straw. Across the province, producers continue to supplement cattle on pasture and are weaning calves and culling cows to reduce feed requirements for their herds. There has also been an increase in the sale of horses as owners scramble to procure hay.

Hay Prices

Looking at prices that I received this month and on the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) site and Kijiji, prices are similar to the [September Hay Report](#). What has changed is there are more hay and straw listings this month.

Alfalfa:	8-12 cents/lb
	Dairy Quality 12-15 cents/lb
Alfalfa/grass:	good quality 5- 7.5cents/lb
	Beef quality 5-6.5 cents/lb
Beef hay (grass):	4-7 cents/lb
Greenfeed	5-7 cents/lb
Horse hay:	N/A
Straw:	3-5.5 cents/lb or in swath 3 cents/lb

[Kijiji Manitoba](#) has more hay for sale listings 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 should call Manitoba Agriculture toll-free at 1-84-GROW-MB-AG (1-844-769-6224) and the department will call them back within 30 minutes to capture information.

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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.