

January Hay Situation and Price Update

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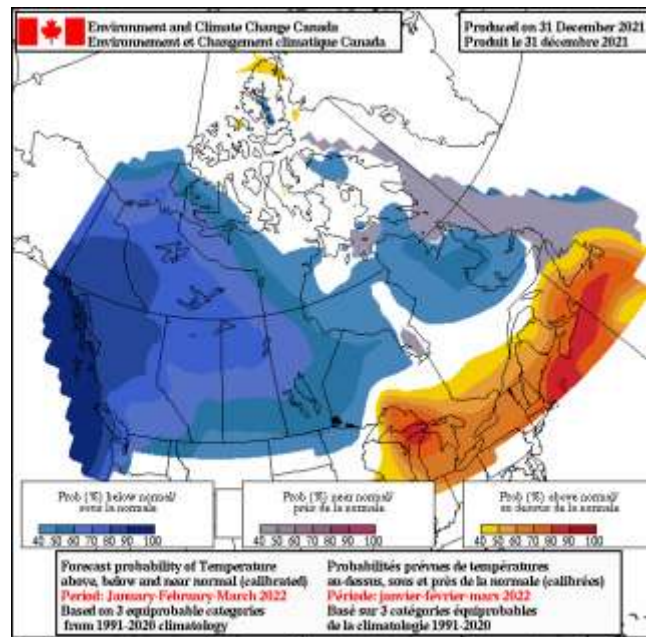
As we begin the year hay supplies throughout Manitoba are reported as tight. The record setting low temperatures in late December and early January are pressuring already tight inventories, despite the extended fall grazing and early arrangements to grow and/or acquire additional feed. With feed supplies tight and the 90-day outlook of below normal temperatures, acquiring additional feeds may be difficult.

Hay Prices

For the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022, hay listings on [Kijiji Manitoba](#) and the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) as well as the Facebook group **Manitoba Hay and Feed For Buy/Sell** are limited. I have used their prices this month along with the prices that I have received from producers.

Because prices quoted below are from a very limited number of new listings this may be reflected in the wide price range within each category. Note: the prices in **red** are the ones I was able to find and use for this month.

Alfalfa:	11-12 cents/lb (haylage 11 cents/lb hay equivalent)
	Dairy Quality 14- 17 cents/lb
Alfalfa/grass:	Good quality 10- 14 cents/lb
	Beef quality 8 -12.5 cents/lb
Beef hay (grass):	7- 10 cents/lb
Greenfeed:	8-10 cents/lb
Horse hay:	12-14 cents/lb
Native Hay:	5-6 cents/lb
Straw: cereal	4 -5.5 cents/lb
Bulrush	2 cents/lb
Corn Silage	4.5 cents/lb



The [Wisconsin Hay Report](#) and the [Progressive Forage Market Insight](#) provide some information as to what is happening to the south of us.

Producers wanting to make use of the [Manitoba Hay Listing](#) service should call Manitoba Agriculture Resource Development 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.