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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground/Grinding alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central
Tonnage: 9,076/5,686 Last week: 9,968/6,329 Last year: 8,667/4,434

Hay market trade activity is light to moderate. Demand is moderate and prices have remained steady for all hay types. Conversations with Producers on new crop indicate a hesitation to report, with most only being speculation on where this hay market will start off. The jury is divided as to whether the recent flooding in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri will affect the hay market. Although more hay is becoming available, most grinders have indicated that they are pretty well bought up until May, leaving some with a few extra loads they did not expect. Widespread light precipitation again occurred over the central plains, adding to farmer and ranchers frustrations. Long range predictions indicate above normal precipitation and below normal temperatures through May. On the positive side, it is officially spring and Kansas did see some warm and sunny days, allowing some farmers to get into the drier and sandier fields to get some much needed work done. If you have hay, feed stuffs, fencing materials, equipment, etc. that you are willing to donate, please contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 1-800-831-0550. If you have any extra hay to sell and/or need hay here in Kansas, use the services of the Internet Hay Exchange: www.hayexchange.com/ks.php.

Southwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grass hay, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 270.00-290.00. Alfalfa: Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 190.00-200.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 170.00-180.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 195.00-205.00 with an instance at 210.00-220.00; Bluestem, premium small squares 140.00-150.00; Sudan: large rounds 70.00-80.00; Cornstalks: Large rounds 65.00-75.00, ground and delivered 85.00-90.00; Wheat straw: large rounds 65.00-70.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 9,076T of grinding alfalfa and 750T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, grass hay steady, ground/delivered 5.00 lower, alfalfa pellets mixed; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 200.00-210.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.10/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-215.00, Premium 175.00-200.00, Good 165.00-175.00. Stock cow, 185.00-195.00 delivered. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 150.00-160.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 175.00-185.00 with an instance at 195.00-200.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 215.00-220.00, 17 pct protein 220.00-230.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 265.00-275.00; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00/bale, large squares 130.00-140.00; Sudan: large rounds 75.00-85.00 with an instance at 100.00-110.00; Wheat Straw: large rounds 65.00-75.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 5,686T of grinding alfalfa and 1,025T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow to moderate. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 220.00-245.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 180.00-190.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 165.00-175.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, premium small squares 140.00-150.00. Good, mid squares 125.00-135.00, large squares, good quality 110.00-115.00, better quality, 130.00-140.00, large rounds 110.00-125.00 with an instance at 130.00. Brome, good, small squares 150.00-160.00, mid squares 140.00-150.00, large squares 145.00-155.00, large rounds 125.00-135.00; Sudan: large rounds 80.00-90.00; Oat hay, mid squares 150.00-160.00; Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 75.00-100.00. Mulch: large rounds 50.00-60.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 1,180T of grass hay was delivered.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady, movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 220.00-230.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 160.00-165.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 150.00-160.00; Alfalfa/oat mix, large rounds 100.00-120.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.00-10.00/bale. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-210.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 160.00-170.00. Stock Cow, 195.00-200.00. Fair/Good, grinding alfalfa, 140.00-150.00 with an instance at 160.00. Ground and delivered 165.00-175.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 8.00-8.50/bale, large squares 120.00-130.00, large rounds 100.00-110.00 with an instance at 125.00 to 135.00. Brome, small squares 9.00-10.00/bale, large squares 150.00-165.00, large rounds 115.00-125.00 with an instance at 140.00-150.00; Sudan: large rounds 80.00-90.00; Wheat Straw: small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, large squares 100.00-110.00, and large rounds 85.00-95.00. The week of 3/17-3/23, 760T of grinding alfalfa and 350T of dairy alfalfa were delivered.

***Prices are dollars per ton and FOB unless otherwise noted. Dairy alfalfa prices are for mid and large squares unless otherwise noted. Horse hay is in small squares unless otherwise noted. Prices are from the most recent sales.

*CWF Certified Weed Free

Alfalfa Quality Guidelines

| Quality | ADF | NDF | *RFV/RFQ | **TDN-100% | **TDN-90% | CP |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Supreme | <27 | <34 | >185 | >62 | >55.9 | >22 |
| Premium | 27-29 | 34-36 | 170-185 | 60.5-62 | 54.5-55.9 | 20-22 |
| Good | 29-32 | 36-40 | 150-170 | 58-60 | 52.5-54.5 | 18-20 |
| Fair | 32-35 | 40-44 | 130-150 | 56-58 | 50.5-52.5 | 16-18 |
| Utility | >35 | >44 | <130 | <56 | <50.5 | <16 |

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the Western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

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