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Kansas Hay Market Report

Ground/Grinding alfalfa movement: Southwest/South Central
Tonnage: 7,799/5,187 Last week: 7,331/5,934 Last year: 9,076/5,686

Hay market trade slow; Prices nudged slightly higher for good grinding alfalfa and ground and delivered while lower quality grinding alfalfa stayed steady. Recent drops in the cattle, grain, and global markets seem to have had limited impacts on the hay market at this time. Spring is officially here, and although it is not April yet, those spring showers continue to move through the state which could bring those May flowers early. Most producers across the state have reported some form of precipitation, whether fog, drizzle or rain. For those in the eastern half of the state, fieldwork is at a standstill again while, in contrast, extreme northwestern and southwestern Kansas remains in drought. The U.S. Drought Monitor indicated that dry conditions continue to persist in the drought and abnormally dry areas of eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and southwest Nebraska where less than 0.50 inches of precipitation (about 50% of normal or less) has fallen so far this month. Abnormal dryness (D0) remained at 8 pct, moderate drought (D1) remained at 4 pct, and severe drought (D2) remained at 2 pct. 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, ground/delivered steady; grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-226.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock or Dry Cow 160.00-165.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 110.00-125.00, Ground and delivered locally to feed lots and dairies, 150.00-165.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.50-8.50/bale, large squares 100.00-110.00. Sudan: large rounds 60.00-70.00. Triticale: large rounds 100.00-105.00. Wheat straw: large rounds 40.00-50.00, large squares 65.00-75.00 delivered. The week of 3/15-3/21, 7,799T of grinding alfalfa and 1,913T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

South Central Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, alfalfa pellets steady; grinding alfalfa and ground/delivered, steady to 5.00 higher, movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, small squares 255.00-275.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-178.00. Stock cow, 140.00-150.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 95.00-110.00, Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 140.00-150.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct protein 195.00-205.00, 17 pct protein 200.00-210.00, Dehydrated 17 pct 300.00-310.00. Grass Hay: Bluestem, none reported. Sudan: large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: large squares 65.00-75.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 3/15-3/21, 5,187T of grinding alfalfa and 275T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

Southeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: horse or goat, 230.00-240.00. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow 150.00-160.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 115.00-125.00. Ground and delivered, none reported; Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 125.00-135.00, good, mid squares 105.00-120.00, large squares, 90.00-110.00, large rounds 60.00-65.00. Brome, good, small squares 125.00-150.00, mid to large squares 110.00-120.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00. Wheat Straw: mid and large squares 60.00-75.00, large rounds 55.00-65.00. The week of 3/15-3/21, 1,985T of grass hay was reported bought/sold.

Northwest Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered steady; movement slow. Alfalfa: Horse or goat, 205.00-215.00. Dairy, Premium/Supreme 1.00-1.05/point RFV. Stock cow, fair/good 150.00-160.00. Fair/good grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots and dairies, 125.00-135.00. Sudan, large rounds 60.00-70.00.

North Central-Northeast Kansas

Dairy alfalfa, grinding alfalfa, ground/delivered, grass hay steady movement slow. Alfalfa: horse, premium small squares 9.50-10.50/bale. Dairy 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 185.00-225.00, Premium 170.00-195.00, Good 150.00-170.00. Stock Cow, 150.00-160.00. Fair/good, grinding alfalfa, 100.00-110.00. Ground and delivered 130.00-140.00. Grass hay: Bluestem, small squares 6.00-7.00/bale, mid squares 90.00-100.00, large squares 85.00-100.00, large rounds 70.00-80.00. Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large squares 105.00-120.00, large rounds 75.00-85.00; Sudan, large rounds 55.00-65.00. Wheat Straw: small squares 5.00-6.00/bale delivered, large squares 100.00-110.00 delivered, large rounds 60.00-70.00. The week of 3/15-3/21, 1,470T of grinding alfalfa and 280T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold.

***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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