

**Quality Tested Hay Auction - Sauk Centre MN**  
**Auction Date: September 16, 2010**



Mid-American Hay Auction - Mid American Auction Co. Inc.											
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							\$/Ton	\$/RFV	\$/LB		
LOT	DESCRIPTION	H-2-O	PROT	RFV	CUT	TONS	\$/TON	\$/RFV	14% M	14% M	DM

AS IS

**2 Large Round Alfalfa**

185	Large Round	14.41	22.16	183	1	11.89	\$ 100.00	\$0.55	\$100	\$0.549	\$0.058
Nice Green Color, Stems looked a little coarse											
171	Large Round	14.72	23.06	132	2	12.28	\$ 75.00	\$0.57	\$76	\$0.574	\$0.044
Looks like it took one rain maybe but not too bad in the bale											

**1 Medium Round Alfalfa**

176	Medium Round	23.23	20.50	103	3	20.84	\$ 60.00	\$0.58	\$67	\$0.653	\$0.039
Looks weathered, on the ground and probably was out for Wednesday rain											

**2 Medium Square Alfalfa RFV 151-175**

172	Medium Square	16.95	20.25	164	1	26.72	\$ 110.00	\$0.67	\$114	\$0.695	\$0.066
Probably rained on hay, but not too bad											
174	Medium Square	15.34	20.76	151	4	24.82	\$ 155.00	\$1.02	\$157	\$1.039	\$0.092
Nice green color and appearance											
	<b>Average *</b>	<b>16.15</b>	<b>20.51</b>	<b>158</b>			<b>\$ 132.50</b>	<b>\$0.84</b>	<b>\$136</b>	<b>\$0.862</b>	<b>\$0.079</b>

**3 Medium Square Alfalfa RFV 126-150**

180	Medium Square	12.60	21.58	148	2	25.89	\$ 95.00	\$0.64	\$93	\$0.631	\$0.054
mostly green											
190	Medium Square	19.19	22.81	137	3	19.05	\$ 60.00	\$0.44	\$64	\$0.467	\$0.037
weathered											
169	Medium Square	21.53	22.96	135	3	19.14	\$ 60.00	\$0.44	\$66	\$0.486	\$0.038
	<b>Average *</b>	<b>17.77</b>	<b>22.45</b>	<b>140</b>			<b>\$ 71.67</b>	<b>\$0.51</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$0.535</b>	<b>\$0.044</b>

**1 Medium Square Alfalfa RFV 101-125**

177	Medium Square	12.76	18.56	121	3	21.33	\$ 90.00	\$0.75	\$89	\$0.736	\$0.052
green											

**1 Medium Square Alfalfa RFV 76-100**

184	Medium Square	14.67	19.82	89	2	18.34	\$ 65.00	\$0.73	\$66	\$0.738	\$0.038
weathered											

**1 Medium Round Mixed Hay**

178	Medium Round	28.06	16.50	90	Mx 2	16.61	\$ 40.00	\$0.44	\$48	\$0.530	\$0.028
weedy grass, weathered, wet											

**2 Medium Square Mixed Hay**

183	Medium Square	12.06	21.91	158	Mx2	9.45	\$ 120.00	\$0.76	\$117	\$0.743	\$0.068
Green											
179	Medium Square	15.31	16.01	116	Mx1	21.47	\$ 65.00	\$0.56	\$66	\$0.567	\$0.038

**1 Large Round Grass Protein 9-13**

175	Large Round	17.15	11.13	75	G 1	20.25	\$ 75.00	\$1.00	\$78	\$1.037	\$0.045
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1 Medium Square Grass Protein 9-13												
170	Medium Square	13.03	10.75	105	G 1	21.21	\$ 55.00	\$0.53	\$54	\$0.519	\$0.032	
weathered brown												

Straw and Bedding Material							
LOT	DESCRIPTION					BALES	\$/BALE

3 Large Round Staw							
182	Large Round	STRAW	Bright	Large	30	\$ 40.00	**
187	Large Round	STRAW	Bright	Large	22	\$ 35.00	**
173	Large Round	STRAW - Old and weathered			38	\$ 11.00	

1 Medium Square Straw							
186	Medium Square	STRAW	Bright		32	\$ 27.50	

I was at this sale and the relationship between price, color and physical condition was obvious - not a mystery.

\* I calculated averages here for a couple groups, but - as always - consider "averages" with caution. With a small number of lots and lots that were clearly in less than idea physical condition, it doesn't seem very useful to calculate averages.

\*\* Loads 182 and 187 were very much the same size and condition for large round straw and I could call that an average of 37.50. Load 173 looked almost as much like compost as straw.

Medium Square Alfalfa RFV 126 to 150: We could probably say green hay in good condition sold for \$95 and hay that took a bit of a hit in the weather average \$60.

This is why I like to know the range of value as well as the average.

**History Selected Lots 2010-2011**  
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	Average 2006-2007	Average 2007-2008	Averages 2008/2009	Averages 2009/2010	9/2/2010	<i>Yr Ago</i> 9/17/2009	9/16/2010
<b>Medium Squares RFV 176-200</b>							
Loads	8.7	4.7	3.4	2.8	1	2	0
Ave RFV	186	186	185	188	197		
Range RFV	176-200	176-200	176-200	176-200		<b>183 &amp; 187</b>	Physical
Ave \$/T	\$123	\$210	\$162	\$156	\$130		Condition &
Range \$/T	\$60-180	\$130-320	\$90-240	\$110-210		<b>\$110 &amp; 145</b>	Color is
<i>Think carefully about the meaning of averages on small sample numbers.</i>							Key today
<b>Medium Squares RFV 151-175</b>							
Loads	14.8	10	14.1	7.2	8	5	2
Ave RFV	163	161	167	162	162	<b>166</b>	158
Range RFV	151-175	151-175	151-175	151-175	152-175	<b>155-173</b>	151 & 164
Ave \$/T	\$111	\$194	\$135	\$140	\$78	<b>\$114</b>	\$132
Range \$/T	\$65-185	\$125-300	\$75-195	\$70-245	\$40-130	<b>\$70-160</b>	\$155 & 110
<b>Medium Squares RFV 126-150</b>							
Loads	13.1	14	24	11.1	7	2	3
Ave RFV	139	136	139	139	136	<b>147</b>	140
Range RFV	126-150	126-150	126-150	126-150	127-143	<b>144-150</b>	148,137,135
Ave \$/T	\$97	\$164	\$112	\$117	\$59	<b>\$88</b>	\$72
Range \$/T	\$55-160	\$75-275	\$50-200	\$70-115	\$45-65	<b>\$85-90</b>	\$95,60,60
<b>Medium Squares RFV 101-125</b>							
Loads	4.5	11	10.5	8.7	4	3	1
Ave RFV	109	115	117	115	118	<b>115</b>	
Range RFV	101-125	101-125	101-125	101-125	113-124	<b>106-124</b>	121
Ave \$/T	\$81	\$142	\$97	\$101	\$52	<b>\$83</b>	
Range \$/T	\$60-140	\$59-210	\$55-150	\$70-170	\$40-60	<b>\$77-90</b>	\$90
<b>Small Squares Hay</b>							
Loads	1.3	1.3	1.4		0	0	0
Ave RFV							
Range RFV	101-202	105-232	117-194				
Ave \$/T							
Range \$/T	\$55-140	\$85-275	\$55-150				
<b>Sm Sq Straw</b>							
Loads	0.75	0.75	0.4		0	0	0
		2.19	\$1.37				
Range	\$1 - 2.75	\$1.35-3.00	\$ .75-2.25				
<b>Md Sq Straw</b>							
Loads	22.8	10	11.7	12	8	14	1
Ave \$/Bale	\$18.21	\$25.92	\$16.76	\$24.68	\$15.56	<b>\$19.82</b>	
Range \$/Bale	\$7.50-27.50	\$12.50-45	\$5-35	\$3-46	\$15-17.50	<b>\$17-24</b>	\$27.50