

MANITOBA MARKETS

Forage Prices, December 2018



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Manitoba Agriculture surveys local forage buyers and sellers to improve the availability of pricing information. This periodic survey tracks prices during times when trade is most active. Forage prices vary according to quality as well as local supply and demand conditions, so these survey prices aim to show an average value and track movement in overall price levels in Manitoba.

	Dec-18 (\$/lb)	Oct-17 (\$/lb)	May-17 (\$/lb)	Mar-17 (\$/lb)
Dairy Quality Alfalfa (RFV of 160 or greater)	0.125	0.070	na	0.079
Beef Quality Alfalfa (Less than 160 RFV)	0.087	0.038	0.041	0.043
Alfalfa/Grass Mix (50% alfalfa/50% brome or 65% alfalfa/35% timothy)	0.088	0.033	0.055	0.040
Tame Grass (75% or more of cultivated grass)	0.083	0.031	0.055	0.031
Straw (Cereal only)	0.040	0.020	na	0.024

Source: Manitoba Agriculture

	Dec-18 (\$/metric tonne)	Oct-17 (\$/metric tonne)	May-17 (\$/metric tonne)	Mar-17 (\$/metric tonne)
Dairy Quality Alfalfa (RFV of 160 or greater)	275	154	na	174
Beef Quality Alfalfa (Less than 160 RFV)	191	84	89	95
Alfalfa/Grass Mix (50% alfalfa/50% brome or 65% alfalfa/35% timothy)	194	73	121	89
Tame Grass (75% or more of cultivated grass)	183	67	121	68
Straw (Cereal only)	88	45	na	53

Source: Manitoba Agriculture

Manitoba Agriculture provides a listing service on its website to connect buyers and sellers of hay, pasture and feeds. Please visit <https://web31.gov.mb.ca/HayListCIntExtrnl/>.

MANITOBA AREA AND PRODUCTION OF TAME HAY

	Seeded Area (acres)	Harvested Area (acres)	Average Yield (metric tonnes per acre)	Production (metric tonnes)
2004	2,400,000	2,250,000	1.55	3,492,700
2005	2,450,000	2,275,000	1.51	3,424,600
2006	2,468,146	2,350,000	1.49	3,492,700
2007	2,355,000	2,255,000	1.50	3,374,700
2008	2,240,000	1,890,000	1.68	3,166,100
2009	2,160,000	1,950,000	1.56	3,039,100
2010	2,040,000	1,755,000	1.73	3,039,100
2011	1,895,466	1,715,000	1.72	2,948,400
2012	1,830,000	1,735,000	1.51	2,617,200
2013	1,760,000	1,650,000	1.50	2,481,200
2014	1,710,000	1,560,000	1.65	2,567,300
2015	1,650,000	1,570,000	1.61	2,526,500
2016	1,608,405	1,483,156	1.88	2,792,300
2017	1,620,000	1,575,000	1.90	2,993,700
2018	1,567,000	1,527,300	1.40	2,144,900

Source: Statistics Canada, Table 32-10-0359-01.

EXPORTS OF ALFALFA AND HAY

	2018 (Jan-Nov)		2017	
	Price (\$/metric tonne)	Quantity (metric tonnes)	Price (\$/metric tonne)	Quantity (metric tonnes)
Alfalfa	255	7,579	211	9,008
Hay	166	1,086	165	1,705

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

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