

Current Hay Market

Hay samples are a hot topic right now with individuals testing their hay to find out the nutritional value. The sporadic, inconsistent weather may very well impact your hay quality if you didn't get it put up at the optimal time. Whether you are selling or purchasing hay, or starting to look at winter feed, I recommend hay testing. This will help you determine the price at which to buy or sell hay and what modifications, if any, you will need to make to your feed program.

The Kansas Hay Market report for Tuesday, August 20th here in South Central Kansas was:

Dairy alfalfa steady to .05 lower, alfalfa pellets, ground/delivered steady, grinding alfalfa steady to 10.00 lower; movement slow to moderate.

Alfalfa: horse, small squares 200.00-210.00. Dairy, 1.00-1.05/point RFV, Supreme 195.00-225.00, Premium 175.00-200.00, Good 165.00-175.00. Stock cow, 145.00-155.00. Fair/Good grinding alfalfa, 90.00-100.00. Ground and delivered locally to feedlots 135.00-150.00; Alfalfa pellets: Sun cured 15 pct. protein 200.00-210.00, 17 pct. protein 210.00-220.00, Dehydrated 17 pct. 305.00-315.00; Teff hay, mid squares 135.00-145.00.

Grass Hay: Bluestem, good small squares 7.00-8.00/bale.

Brome, small squares 7.00-8.00/bale, large rounds 100.00-110.00, lesser quality 70.00-80.00.

Oat hay, large rounds 70.00-85.00.

Wheat Straw: small squares 5.50-6.50/bale, large rounds 40.00-60.00.

The week of 8/11-8/17, 8,429T of grinding alfalfa and 1,308T of dairy alfalfa was reported bought/sold. The average paid by feedlots on August 1 for alfalfa ground and delivered was 149.20, down 14.20 from the previous month, usage was 261T/day, up 10% and total usage was 8,090.5T.

If you would like more information on hay testing, you can call our office at (316) 321-9960 or visit our website at www.butler.ksu.edu/agriculture/