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## TENBURY FODDER & STRAW SALE REPORT – 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Nick Champion, auctioneer reports a busy saleroom at the collective auction sale of 6,335 bales of fodder and straw held at The Fountain Inn, Oldwood, Tenbury Wells on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Straw is in generally short supply and trade was firm throughout with local farmers, dealers and an Irish buyer bidding strongly with prices £10 up on round bales and around £15 up on 6 stringers from the November sale. The large entry of hay, haylage and silage met with very little interest and few bidders other than on the odd lot of June hay and some silage in the right location. The clamp of maize silage met with good interest. The heavy rainfall on the day didn't come soon enough to stimulate demand for fodder and it remains to be seen how the demand will go if the weather stays very wet for any length of time.

Round bale June seeds hay sold at £32 from E H Handley & Sons, Sutton. Round bale meadow hay topped at £22 for June made from R J Poole, Monkwood Green and 4 string 6' x 80 x 88 from New Inn Farm Ltd, Clifton on Teme sold at £30. Round bale seeds haylage sold at £31 from Eastham Court Partners, Eastham and round bale silage topped at £25 from R T & P D Rawlings, Greete. The 300 tonnes of clamp maize silage sold at £46 per tonne from Jethawk, Stanford Bishop.

Round bale straw topped at £30 for wheat from M S, J D & N J Ward, Eastham, with winter barley to £29 from Derek Small & Sons, Greete. 6 string 8' x 120 x 90 wheat sold to £43 from R J Nott & Son, Rock and 4 string 7'6" x 80 x 88 wheat (2022) sold to £30 from Peachley Court Farm Ltd, Lower Broadheath. 6 string winter barley 8' x 120 x 90 topped the sale at £56 from R W & P M Brown, Sutton. 4 string oat straw sold to £24 for 7'6" x 80 x 88 from J W Pugh Farming Ltd, Lower Broadheath.

Round & square bale clearance rates: hay 18%, haylage/silage 22.4%, straw 87%.

General prices as follows: -

MEADOW HAY	MIN	MAX	AVERAGE
Conventional Bales	£3.00	£3.00	£3.00
Round Bales 4'/4'6"	£14.00	£22.00	£19.78
Square Bales 6' x 80 x 88cm	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00

SEEDS HAY	MIN	MAX	AVERAGE
Round Bales 4'	£32.00	£32.00	£32.00
Square Bales 5'6" x 80 x 88cm (2021)	£22.00	£22.00	£22.00
Square Bales 7'6" x 80 x 88cm	£20.00	£20.00	£20.00

SEEDS HAYLAGE	MIN	MAX	AVERAGE
Round Bales 4'3"	£31.00	£31.00	£31.00



**Fodder sale report continued – 08.02.2024.**

<b>MEADOW HAYLAGE</b>			
Round Bales 4'	£25.00	£25.00	£25.00

<b>SILAGE</b>			
Round Bales 4'/4'6''	£18.00	£25.00	£22.04

<b>WHEAT STRAW</b>			
Round Bales 4'/4'6''	£20.00	£30.00	£24.35
Round Bales 4'3'' (outside singly)	£18.00	£18.00	£18.00
Square Bales 7'6'' x 80 x 88cm (275 kg)	£27.00	£30.00	£29.00
Square Bales 8' x 120 x 90cm (400 kg)	£40.00	£43.00	£41.15

<b>BARLEY STRAW</b>			
Round Bales 4'/4'6''	£21.00	£29.00	£24.26
Square Bales 8' x 120 x 90cm (400 kg)	£56.00	£56.00	£56.00

<b>OAT STRAW</b>			
Square Bales 7'6'' x 80 x 88cm (275 kg)	£23.00	£24.00	£23.42

<b>MAIZE SILAGE (per tonne)</b>	£46.00	£46.00	£46.00
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