

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, Gloucestershire

21st November 2025 Report

TRADE REMAINS STRONG WITH HAY PRICE AT OVER £200/T. STRAW EASED A LITTLE AS SHEDS OPEN

With over 3,500t offered and a room full of buyers the trade rose from the levels of our October sale for hay, whilst they eased for straw..



Many were studying the catalogue... whilst some were enjoying the food!!

Hay availability remains tight, resulting in a modest price increase compared to the October sale. Maximum prices were lower than the previous sale, reflecting a slight decline in overall quality, however, seeds hay and mixture hay showed positive movement. Price ranges for both hay and straw narrowed, as indicated by reduced min–max variation.

Straw values were stable, averaging **£52 per 0.9m x 1.2m bale**, equivalent to approximately **£105/t for barley straw** and **£110/t for wheat straw**. Feedback from buyers suggests that weaker demand for barley straw is linked to its shorter length and brittleness—conditions attributed to the summer drought—making wheat straw the preferred option.

Haylage of good quality achieved strong prices as buyers secured supplies. The warm autumn appears to have delayed demand for maize and fodder beet; however, colder weather is expected to stimulate interest, and these commodities are anticipated in the next sale.

We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you in the New Year on the 9th January.

The table below summarises the average bale prices:

	Size Example Unit	0.9m x 1.2m x 2.4m	0.7m x 1.2m x 2.4m	0.8m x 0.9m x 2.4m	0.7m x 0.8m Or 0.6m x 0.9m 2.4m	ROUND	Conventional	Average	Min	Max	Clearance on big bales
		Claas 3300, MF187	Quadrant	D1010 MF185	D800/D1000			On Square bales			
		£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/bale	£/t *	£/t *	£/t *	%
STRAW	W WHEAT	52	41	29	33	32	2.70	110	90	117	85
	W BARLEY	52	36	-	-	-	-	105	90	115	100
	Sp BARLEY	56	40	-	-	-	-	105	90	135	85
	TRITICALE	52	-	-	-	-	-	110	110	110	100
	PEA	45	-	-	-	-	-	105	105	105	77
	OSR	40	-	-	-	-	-	88	88	88	30
HAY	SEEDS	100	102	86	47	-	-	240	178	320	100
	MEADOW	104	87	-	65	52	7.00	205	76	280	82
	MIXTURE	126	-	-	55	-	6.50	250	192	287	100
HAYLAGE	4ft length	83	-	39	-	-	-	80	40	138	75
MAIZE SILAGE		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
FODDER BEET		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

* PLEASE NOTE OUR CALCULATIONS BASED ON OUR BEST ESTIMATES OF BALE WEIGHTS

**The next Hay and Straw Sales for 2025-26 season at Stow-on-the-Wold are on
9th January 2026 (73rd Annual sale), 13th February 2026, Friday 20th March 2026**

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