



REPORT ON ANNUAL AUCTION SALE OF HAY AND STRAW

The Adkin Annual Hay & Straw Sale held at Ardington, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 10th January 2012 met a variable trade in line with recent results elsewhere.

What a difference a year makes! Twelve months ago snow and ice led to an unprecedented demand and with short supply prices for hay peaked. An open mild winter, thus far and more plentiful supply saw a restricted demand particularly for big bale hay. The exception proved to be a parcel of Seeds hay which sold to £43 per bale.

Wheat straw in big bales met a very strong demand (fuelled by export demand) with prices above last year's levels and unusually above Barley straw levels. Small bales of both hay and straw met a reasonable trade in line with expectations.

The principal prices were:

Conventional Bales

Meadow Hay to £3 per bale, average £2.50 per bale (Mr & Mrs R P Florey)

Ley Hay to £2.64 per bale, average £2.32 per bale (A'Bear & Cox)

Wheat Straw to £1.20 per bale (R W Powell & Son, West Hagbourne)

Big Bales

Barley Straw

Claas Quadrant bales to £24.61 per bale (Gale Estates)

MF185 bales to £17.50 per bale (Delafield Brothers, Marsh Baldon)

Wheat Straw

Claas Quadrant bales to £22.15 per bale (Gale Estates)

MF 185 to £22.50 per bale (Delafield Bros)

Seeds Hay

NH BB9060 bales to £43 per bale (Hendred Farm Partnership).

Meadow Hay

Claas 2100 bales to £25.00 per bale (Marcham Farms Ltd)

NH BB9060 bales to £20.63 per bale (GD Lay & Partners)

Silage and Haylage

Demand was limited with all lots unsold

We will be pleased to receive enquiries for any unsold lots. Please contact Philip Pocock on 01235 434380.