

REPORT ON 2020 AUCTION SALE OF HAY & STRAW

The 59th Adkin Annual Sale of Hay & Straw was held at Ardington, Oxfordshire on Tuesday 14th January 2020, and is the third to be held in conjunction with Thimbleby & Shorland, in order to maintain this important service to the local farming community. The trade was in marked contrast to last year, with meadow hay in particular making half the prices achieved in 2019, reflecting the increased supply and reduced demand. Auctioneer Chris Boreham said "The trade for hay was better than expected, with over half the lots sold, much higher than the clearance rate reported at some other sales held this winter. There is a local demand for good hay, for both the stables and farm livestock. There was a total clearance of big bale straw, and although the demand was not quite as strong as expected vendors were realistic with their expectations." Most of the hay was of very good quality, and the 2019 straw was all baled dry, but lacked colour due to the hot summer. There was no trade for haylage.

Thanks go to all parties for continuing to support the sale. The very testing 2019/20 winter and the shortage of winter-drilled crops will undoubtedly have an impact on this year's harvest. The impact on the market next year of course remains to be seen.

The principal prices achieved were:

HAY Big Bales

Meadow

Claas 2100 bales Organic Meadow Hay £18.00 per bale (Marcham Farms Ltd) 100% clearance
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Conventional Bales

£2.50 per bale (Mrs C Ackrill), 38% clearance

Seeds

4 string bales Timothy/Ryegrass Hay £37 per bale (G D Lay & Partners), 30% clearance

STRAW Big Bales

Winter Barley Straw (100% clearance)

MF 2140 bales £14 per bale (Bitmead Cholsey Partnership)

Spring Barley Straw (100% clearance)

Claas 3200 bales £19.00 per bale (Gale Partnership)

BB 9080 bales £24.50 per bale (W L Bowden & Son)

MF 2140 bales £13 per bale (Bitmead Cholsey Partnership)

Wheat Straw (100% clearance)

Claas 3200 bales to £17 per bale (Gale Partnership)

MF 2250 bales £14.00 per bale (M Gosden)

Conventional Bales

£1.45 per bale for 2018 Wheat straw, 50% clearance

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