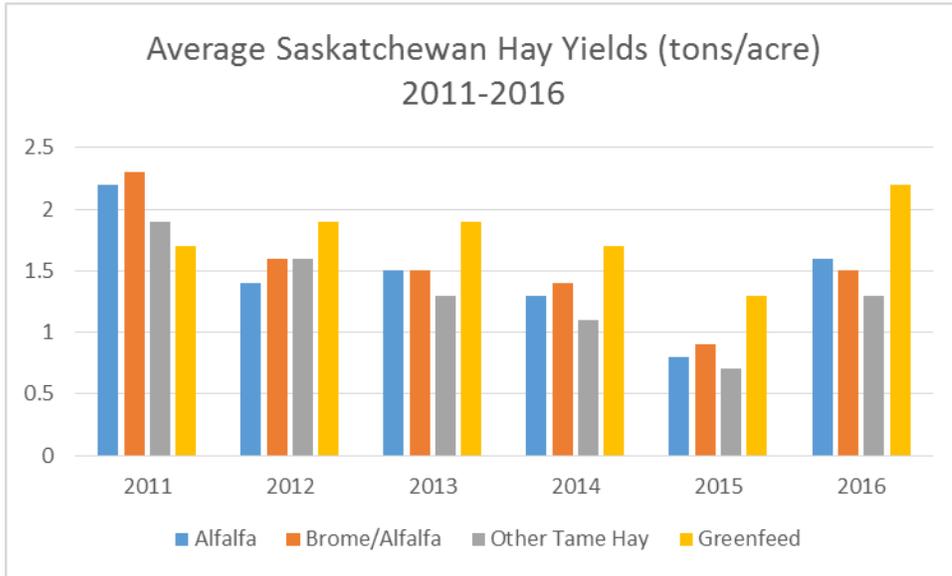


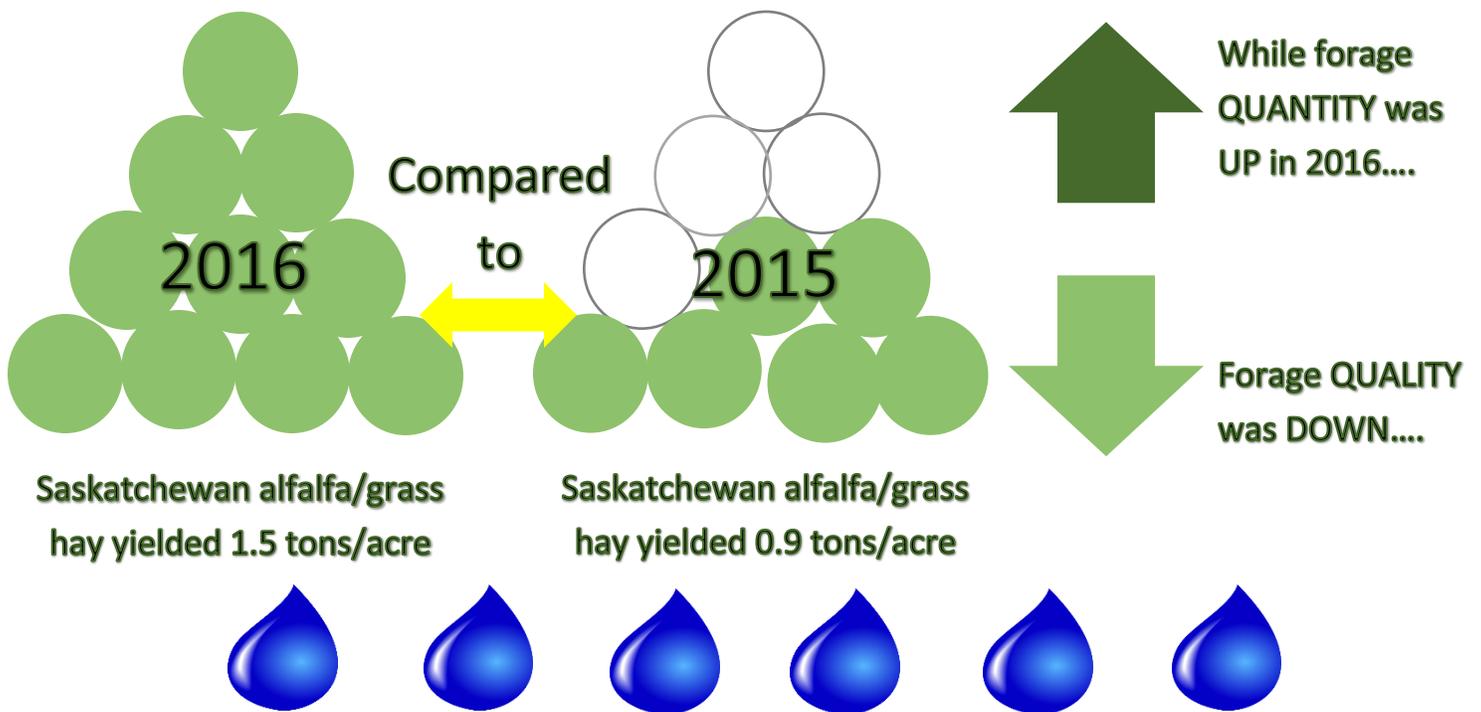


# A Snapshot of the Saskatchewan Forage Market Price Survey September 2016



Saskatchewan experienced hay yields that were slightly above the long-term average for the province, and therefore prices were lower than reported in 2015.

Saskatchewan experienced fairly moist growing conditions for most of the province, except for west central, central and southeast parts of the province that were dry. Average hay yields for crops are displayed at the left.



2016 Provincial Forage Yields (tons/acre)		
Crop	Dry Land	Irrigated Land
Alfalfa	1.6	2.2
Brome/Alfalfa	1.5	2.3
Other Tame Hay	1.3	3
Wild Hay	1.2	1.6
Greenfeed	2.2	4.3

Haying weather was generally uncooperative across Saskatchewan during July and August. Many producers struggled to put hay up in between continual rain showers, and much of the hay was rained on prior to baling, causing quality issues. Some producers opted to silage rather than bale and there were several listings for “wrapped” or silage bales.

Corn and barley silage yields were reported to be above average.

Forage Type	Weighted Average Price (\$/tonne)
Grass Hay	\$100.66
First Cut Alfalfa	\$97.78
Second Cut Alfalfa	\$127.36
Alfalfa/Grass mix	\$97.98
Greenfeed	\$94.96
Cereal Straw	\$63.11
Pulse Straw	\$40.08*

\*Simple average available only

As at September 30, 2016, there were few hay listings and actual reported transactions compared to other years. Most prices recorded represent “asking” prices. As fall and winter progresses and the late annual crop harvest continues, the prices of forage will fluctuate accordingly.



#### Average forage prices in Saskatchewan from 2013-2016

Forage Type	2016	2015	2014	2013
	Average Price (\$/Tonne)	Average Price (\$/Tonne)	Average Price (\$/Tonne)	Average Price (\$/Tonne)
Grass Hay	\$100.66	\$162.98	\$94	\$82
First Cut Alfalfa	\$97.78	\$197.23	\$98	\$98
Second Cut Alfalfa	\$127.36	\$232.33	\$118	\$111
Alfalfa/Grass Mix	\$97.98	\$177.35	\$86	\$81
Greenfeed	\$94.60	\$140.96	\$83	\$79
Straw	\$63.11	\$47.99	\$44	\$46

#### Small Square Hay Bales



#### 2016 Silage Values



#### 2016 Forage Freight Rates



#### Pests & Disease



There were no major or generalized outbreaks of forage pests or forage disease reported in Saskatchewan in 2016. There were some localized reports of alfalfa weevils in some areas however, including the northeast, north central, south central and southeast regions of the province.

The Saskatchewan Forage Council would like to recognize all of the producers, forage purchasers, sellers, and transporters, who shared their insight on the forage market in September. We truly appreciate your assistance!

The full version of the September, 2016 Saskatchewan Forage Market Report, including a review of conditions by region, is available at [www.saskforage.ca](http://www.saskforage.ca)