

Call of the Land for Feb 4, 2009 Grass and Legume Seed Market update

Note: prices provided are normally given as grower prices, quoted by processors to growers after cleaning and dockage. However, with quotes now not being offered by many companies, last quotes may be provided.

Grass and legume seed markets continue to move at a slow pace, with little buying and selling reported. There are few reports of any new business, be it in the turf grass sector, or the forage grass or legume sector. Seems as if everyone is waiting to see what happens with the American economy, and the fallout any recovery, or further depression, will bring.

With no new buying, processors have basically quit quoting Creeping red fescue prices. Latest quotes are around the 55 to 60 ¢/lb range, but until seed starts to move and new orders come in, no processor will commit to buying any new inventory.

The forage grass seed sector also remains quiet. Most prices are starting to be pressured due to a lack of demand. Smooth brome grass quotes are in the 45 to 50 ¢/lb range. Certified Carlton in the 60 – 70 ¢/lb range. Meadow brome grass seed quotes continue to be strong, and even some sales, resulting in grower prices in the \$1.50-\$1.70/lb range. Common timothy quotes have moved down to the 40-45 ¢/lb mark. Certified Climax timothy is quoted at a 10 to 15 ¢/lb premium.

On the legume side of thing, common alfalfa seed prices are in the \$1.20 to \$1.40/lb range, depending on the variety initially grown, but movement has slowed down. Sweet clover quotes are in the 40 to 50 ¢/lb range with limited demand. Alsike clover quotes remain in the 40-50 ¢/lb range. Red clover continues to be strong, \$1.00 to \$1.20 + /lb, but seed movement here has also slowed.

The next two months is traditionally when new orders start coming in, for both spring and next year's seed orders. We're hoping orders start to pick up, otherwise, we may a very slow market, with growers perhaps, having to hold onto their seed stocks for another year.

Grass and Legume Seed Prices												
Commodity	Creeping Red Fescue	Boreal C R Fescue	Smooth Brome grass	Carlton Smooth Brome grass	Meadow Brome grass	Fleet Meadow Brome grass	Timothy	Climax Timothy	Alfalfa	Red Clover	Alsike Clover	Sweet Clover
	Common #1 - Min 97% Pure, 85% Germ	Cert #1	Common #1	Cert #1	Common #1	Cert #1	Common #1	Cert #1	Common #1	Common #1	Common #1	Common #1
Jan 8-07	45	47	110 - 115	140-145	120-130	150-160	20-25	40 - 45	90 - 95	65 - 70	25 - 30	25 - 30
Feb 2	45	45 - 47	110 - 120	130 - 135	120-125	150-155	20 - 30	40 - 45	90 - 95	65 - 75	25 - 35	20 - 30
Mar 2	45	45-52	115-130	135-140	120-150	150-160	20-25	45-50	90-95	65-75	25-35	20-30
April 2	46-47	47-50	130	155-160	160-165	185-190	25-30	45-55	90-100	65-75	25-30	20-25
May 4	48-50	50-55	120-130	150-160	160-165	180-190	25-30	45-55	90-100	65-75	25-30	20-25
May 28	46-47	49-52	120-130	150-160	160-165	180-190	25-30	45-50	90-105	65-75	25-30	20-25
June 22	45-46	47-50	120-130	150-160	160-165	180-190	30	45-50	90-105	65-75	25-30	20-25
July 13	45-46	47-50	120-130	150-160	160-165	180-190	30	45-50	90-105	65-75	25-30	20-25
Aug 13	42-45	45-50	100-130	150-160	150-165	170-190	25-30	45-50	100-110	65-75	25-30	25-30
Sept 7	45	50	100-130	150-160	150-165	170-190	25-30	45-55	105-110	65-80	25-35	25-30
Oct 3	45	50	110-130	150-160	150-165	170-190	25-35	45-55	105-115	65-80	25-35	25-30
Nov 7	45	55-60	110	140-155	150-165	180-195	25-35	50-55	120-125	70-80	25-30	25-30

Dec 5	45-46	60+	130	140-155	150-165	180-195	25-35	50-55	120-125	75-85	25-30	25-30
Dec 31	0.50	75	130-150	140-155	150-165	180-195	25-35	50-55	120-125	75-85	25-30	25-30
Feb 5-08	50	60	130-140	140-150	160-170	190	35+	55-60	120-130	85-100	35	25-30
Mar 11	52-55	60	130-140	140-150	160-170	190	35-40	55-60	120-130	85-100	35-37	25-30
Apr 1	55	60-70	130-140	140-150	160-170	190	35-40	55-60	120-130	85-100	35-37	25-30
May 6	60	65-75	120-135	140-150	160-170	170-190	45-50	55-65	115-130	85-100	23-40	25-30
June 3	62-65	70-75	120-130	130-145	160-170	170-190	50	60-65	100-120	85-100	35-45	30
July 8	62-65	65 - 70	100-120	110-120	150-160	170-190	50	60-65	100-125	85-100	35-45	30
Aug 5	65-68	80-90	85-110	110-120	150-160	170-190	50	65-70	100-125	85-100	35-45	30
Sept 2	65-68	80-85	55-65	65-70	150-170	170-190	50-55	65-75	100-125	90-110	45-50	45-55
Sept 29	65	80	55-60	65-70	165-170	170-190	50	65-70	120-140	100-110	50-60	40-50
Nov 4	62-65	75-80	55-60	65-70	165-170	170-190	45-50	65-70	120-130	100-115	45-50	40-50
Dec 2	60-62	70-75	55-60	65-70	160-170	170-190	45-50	55-70	120-140	100-115	45-50	40-50
Jan 5-09	60-62	65-75	45-60	60-70	160-170	170-190	40-50	50-65	120-150	110-125	40-50	35-50
3-Feb												
Prices are quotes only, until actual orders come in, that's when firm pricing is established												
- prices in ¢/lb												
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