



MFGA Green Gold Report – June 14, 2021 – EASTERN/INTERLAKE

Reports for Optimum Alfalfa Harvest Date cover Manitoba’s Central, Western, Eastern and Interlake areas.

SITE	RFV NIR	RFV PEAQ	Height	CP
Garson	177	258	12	23
Gimli	-	-	-	-
Grunthal	158	156	28	22
Headingley	-	-	-	-
RM of West St. Paul – Stony Mountain	-	-	-	-
Winnipeg	-	-	-	-
EASTERN AVERAGE	167	204	18	22

The RFV has dropped by 15 pts or 3 pts/day in 1 days due to the moisture that was received. The optimum alfalfa harvest date for the Eastern/Interlake would be June 11.

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The sites with missing RFV and CP information are due to not having that information at the time this report is being sent out.

Understanding Wet Hay Extra moisture in hay can cause heat inside the bale. Heat produced by the bale comes from two sources: **First**) biochemical reactions from plants themselves as hay cures. (This heating is minor and rarely causes the hay temperature to exceed 110 degrees F.); **Second**) Most heat in hay is caused by the metabolic activity of microorganisms. They exist in all hay and thrive when extra moisture is abundant. When the activity of these microbes increases, hay temperature rises. Hay with a little extra moisture may not exceed 120 degrees F., whereas, wetter hay can quickly exceed 150 degrees. If the hay rises above 170 degrees, chemical reactions can begin to occur

that produce enough heat to quickly raise the temperature above 400 degrees and the wet hay can begin to burn and cause fires

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