

Historical Grass and Legume Seed Prices: 1970 to 2014

The following table and accompanying graphs provide historical price information for the more commonly grown turf, forage, and legume seed crops of Alberta. Prices provided are **averages**, and reflect prices paid to growers, for clean and bagged seed, ready for shipping. Prices within any given year will have reached higher or lower levels than those shown in the tables. It is wise to use the prices provided as a guide for each crop. Alberta's ["Agricultural Financial Services Corporation" \(AFSC\)](#) has tracked prices on a monthly basis since 1999.

Yearly Average Prices Paid to Producers - 2005 to 2014									
	Creeping Red Fescue	Timothy	Timothy certified	Smooth Brome	Meadow Brome	Alfalfa	Red Clover	Alsike Clover	Sweet Clover
2005	0.36	0.22	0.41	0.49	0.33	0.89	0.60	0.46	0.28
2006	0.39	0.23	0.39	0.69	0.72	0.96	0.61	0.35	0.24
2007	0.46	0.29	0.47	1.19	1.48	1.04	0.74	0.31	0.25
2008	0.60	0.44	0.60	0.88	1.43	1.22	0.95	0.44	0.32
2009	0.45	0.37	0.48	0.44	1.19	1.21	0.84	0.42	0.39
2010	0.35	0.34	0.46	0.40	0.76	1.27	0.62	0.51	0.47
2011	0.42	0.57	0.71	0.84	0.88	1.39	0.73	0.88	0.80
2012	0.50	0.75	0.89	1.58	1.25	1.65	0.72	1.13	0.74
2013	0.63	0.75	0.90	1.54	1.35	1.76	0.77	1.18	0.71
2014	0.74	0.67	0.82	1.56	1.58	1.82	0.85	1.26	0.70

Price Quotes in CDN \$, \$/lb.

Note: Table showing average prices from 1970 to 2014 found at the bottom of this article.

Price quotes for the various grass and legume seed species will vary monthly, depending on demand, supply, transportation, value of the Canadian dollar, time of year, interest rates, and other factors. One or more of these factors can cause prices to drop or spike from month to month. The chart below, with prices from the past 3 years, shows an estimated average price for certain species, and high and low price quotes for that year. As can be seen, in recent months prices for most species have been moving upwards as production of most grass and legume seed species have declined.

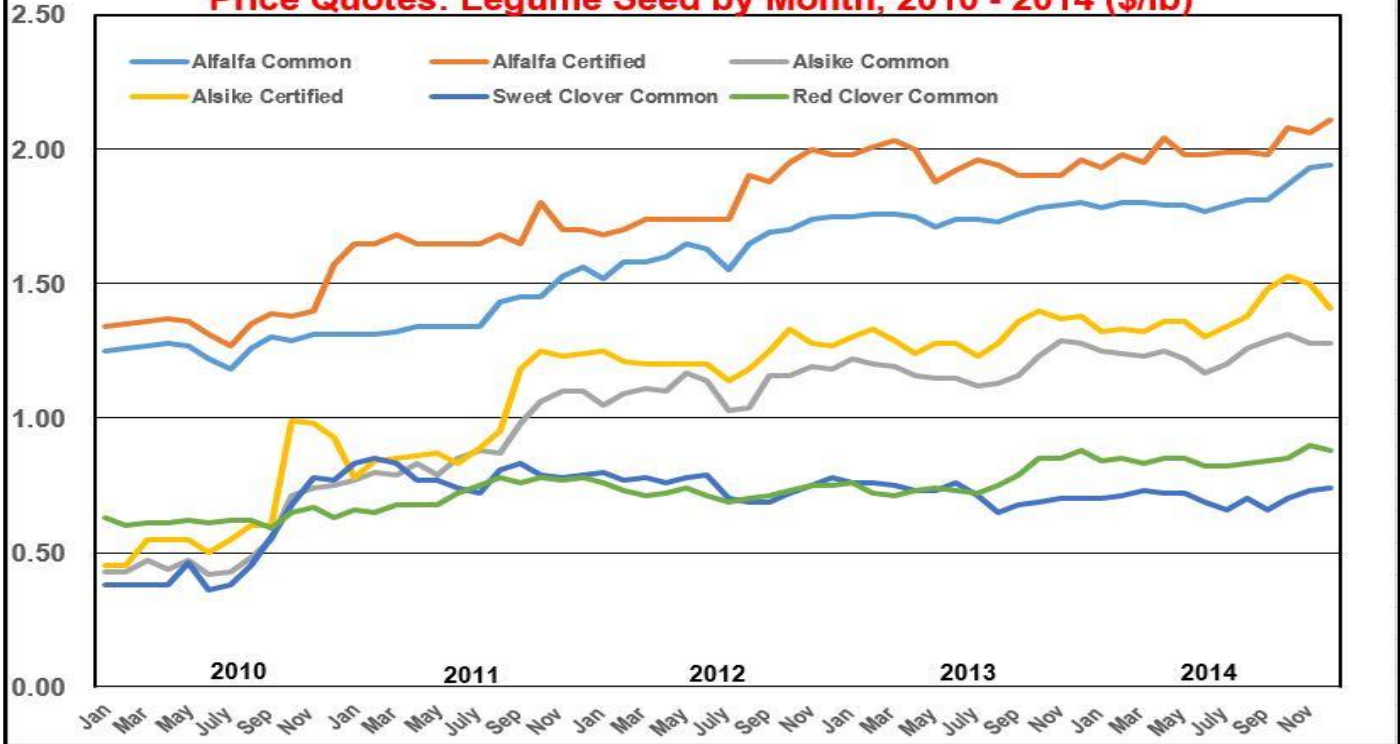
Average Grass/Leguume Seed Prices, Selected Species (with high and low monthly \$ for that year)															
Crop	2010			2011			2012			2013			2014		
	Avg \$ for 2010	\$ Low 2010	\$ High 2010	Avg \$ for 2011	\$ Low 2011	\$ High 2011	Avg \$ for 2012	\$ Low 2012	\$ High 2012	Avg \$ for 2013	\$ Low 2013	\$ High 2013	Avg \$ for 2014	\$ Low 2014	\$ High 2014
Alfalfa: Common	1.27	1.25	1.31	1.39	1.31	1.56	1.65	1.52	1.75	1.76	1.71	1.80	1.82	1.78	1.94
Alfalfa: Certified	1.37	1.27	1.57	1.68	1.65	1.80	1.83	1.68	2.00	1.94	1.88	2.03	2.00	1.93	2.11
Alsike: Common	0.53	0.42	0.75	0.90	0.77	1.10	1.13	1.03	1.19	1.18	1.12	1.29	1.26	1.17	1.31
Alsike: Certified	0.64	0.45	0.99	0.98	0.78	1.25	1.23	1.14	1.33	1.32	1.23	1.40	1.40	1.30	1.53
Smooth Brome: Com	0.40	0.36	0.56	0.86	0.59	1.26	1.58	1.16	1.88	1.54	1.19	1.94	1.56	1.38	1.89
Smooth Brome: Cert	0.49	0.41	0.72	1.03	0.76	1.41	1.78	1.23	2.25	1.76	1.36	2.50	1.78	1.55	2.17
Meadow Brome: Com	0.77	0.69	0.75	0.89	0.74	1.11	1.25	1.06	1.49	1.35	1.19	1.51	1.58	1.44	2.01
Meadow Brome: Cert	0.98	0.85	0.98	1.08	0.93	1.23	1.45	1.22	1.80	1.57	1.40	1.76	1.80	1.60	2.22
CR Fescue: Com	0.35	0.32	0.39	0.42	0.33	0.49	0.50	0.46	0.54	0.63	0.55	0.70	0.74	0.72	0.75
CR Fescue: Cert	0.38	0.34	0.42	0.48	0.35	0.56	0.57	0.52	0.61	0.68	0.62	0.74	0.78	0.76	0.79
Sweet Clover: Com	0.50	0.38	0.78	0.79	0.72	0.79	0.74	0.69	0.80	0.71	0.65	0.76	0.70	0.66	0.74
Red Clover: Com	0.62	0.59	0.67	0.72	0.66	0.78	0.72	0.69	0.76	0.77	0.71	0.88	0.85	0.82	0.90
Timothy: Com	0.34	0.30	0.40	0.57	0.40	0.73	0.75	0.68	0.81	0.75	0.69	0.82	0.67	0.64	0.71
Timothy: Cert	0.46	0.38	0.54	0.71	0.53	0.91	0.89	0.79	0.95	0.90	0.80	0.95	0.82	0.70	0.86

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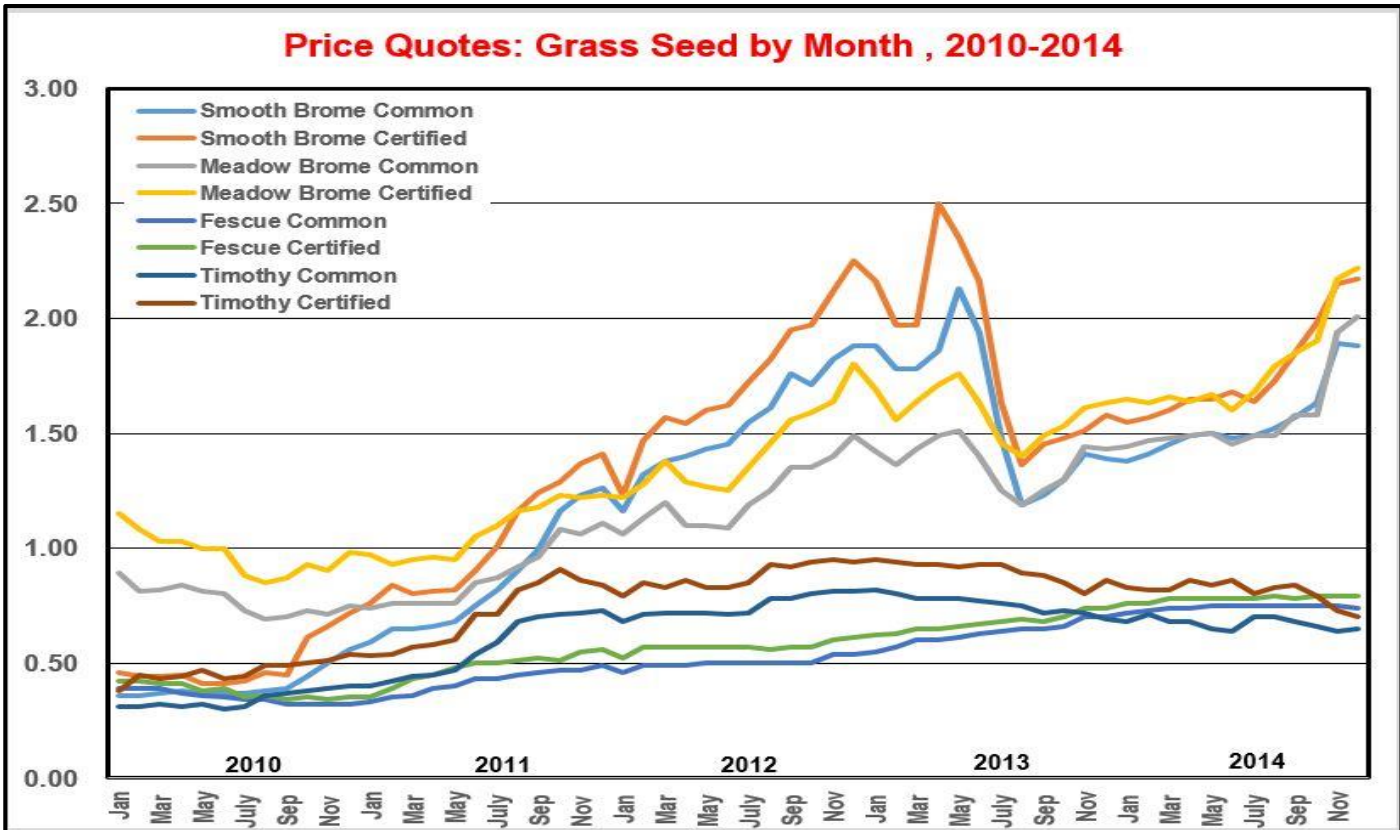
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1970	0.15	0.08	-	0.11	-	0.30	0.12	0.08	0.03
1971	0.22	0.08	-	0.10	-	0.28	0.09	0.08	0.05
1972	0.27	0.17	-	0.10	-	0.38	0.12	0.10	0.05
1973	0.40	0.30	-	0.32	-	0.80	0.20	0.25	0.06
1974	0.20	0.18	-	0.25	-	0.55	0.25	0.25	0.11
1975	0.12	0.13	-	0.15	-	0.50	0.28	0.28	0.08
1976	0.20	0.20	--	0.35	-	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.10
1977	0.35	0.55	-	0.40	-	0.75	0.40	0.20	0.10
1978	0.40	0.45	-	0.45	-	1.10	0.35	0.15	0.08
1979	0.60	0.40	--	0.45	-	1.45	0.22	0.12	0.08
1980	0.65	0.55	-	0.45	-	1.40	0.15	0.10	0.13
1981	0.45	0.15	-	0.43	-	0.90	0.15	0.10	0.15
1982	0.35	0.20	-	0.40	-	0.95	0.45	0.25	0.20
1983	0.40	0.23	-	0.45	-	0.95	0.40	0.23	0.23
1984	0.25	0.15	-	0.45	-	0.95	0.35	0.18	0.14
1985	0.45	0.32	-	0.45	-	1.18	0.50	0.27	0.18
1986	0.50	0.44	-	1.25	-	1.35	0.67	0.37	0.28
1987	0.72	0.65	-	1.70	-	1.35	0.45	0.55	0.25
1988	0.50	0.41	-	0.40	-	1.05	0.28	0.23	0.08
1989	0.38	0.18	-	0.31	-	0.95	0.24	0.24	0.06
1990	0.21	0.15	-	0.25	-	1.05	0.23	0.22	0.07
1991	0.46	0.21	-	0.45	-	0.70	0.23	0.23	0.08
1992	0.70	0.27	-	0.61	-	1.20	0.38	0.29	0.12
1993	0.34	0.28	-	1.15	-	1.50	0.46	0.30	0.10
1994	0.33	0.22	-	0.71	-	1.25	0.38	0.25	0.08
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1996	0.45	0.22	0.45	0.57	-	1.10	0.61	0.38	0.13
1997	0.50	0.15	0.45	1.00	-	1.15	0.75	0.80	0.45
1998	0.58	0.26	0.50	1.00	-	1.17	0.61	1.11	0.52
1999	0.94	0.35	0.70	0.44	1.50	0.92	0.42	1.50	0.21
2000	0.99	0.45	0.55	0.45	1.75	0.69	0.39	1.74	0.11
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Price Quotes: Legume Seed by Month, 2010 - 2014 (\$/lb)



Price Quotes: Grass Seed by Month, 2010-2014



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