

## Fur & Feather reader panel

Our panel tested a selection of hay supplied by Bunnybasics and Proper Food 4 Pets Ltd.  
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Lois McKernon and Hannah Copeland tested Proper Food 4 Pets premium sun-dried American Alfalfa that retails at £7.50 for 1kg

Lois told us "I tested the hay on my small stud of Netherland Dwarfs who regularly eat hay. The hay I usually use varies from bag to bag, which is why I tend to use mostly Redi grass. I popped the hay into the hutch so the rabbits can either use it as bedding or as food. The hay smelt good, different from ordinary hay and overall the texture was nice too. It wasn't dusty and smelt fresh."

Hannah tested the hay on two of her Netherland Dwarfs. "I buy my usual supply from a local farm in large bales. The hay always has a sweet and pleasant smell, though the smell of the new product in comparison was much stronger. As for the texture of my usual hay, it is very stiff to handle and scratches your hands. As soon as the parcel was delivered to me I knew instantly what was inside, the strong sweet smell was overpowering. When I opened the package I found the hay looked very green and fresh with many leaves and was much softer and pleasant to handle than my current supply. Even though my first impression of the new product was that it was higher quality than my current supply there was 50% wastage. I don't think any of the rabbits really appreciated the change of hay, or was it because it was a totally new product that they were not used to?"



Zena Watson and Louise Procter tested Bunnybasics meadow hay (£15.99 per bale).

Zena tested the hay on three does and two does with kits aged three weeks. "This hay smells lovely. It is a very nice hay, there was no waste at all."

Louise told us "I trialled the hay on my five Mini lops all under 7 months old and two cross breed pets. They all eat hay every day, some more than others. The product felt very nice, soft and smelled very nice much softer than the hay I buy from our local pet supplier. The rabbits were all eager to eat it. The younger rabbits ate more hay than normal and were taking it out of my hand as I put it in the hutch. On opening the packet I was impressed with the smell and texture. It looked like soft grass and smelled sweet. It didn't lose its smell even after being open for a week and the rabbits absolutely loved it. I usually buy a bale from a local pet supplier, my hay is much crunchier and dryer, it doesn't really smell, but this product was much nicer and the rabbits thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks for letting us try it out!"

