



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/10/2024

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (4/29/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	8205	475	162
Straw	40	0	100
Total	8245	475	262

Please Note: The above volumes (tonnage, acres, and bales) listed on this USDA LPGMN report are for confirmed trades only, it does not include estimated volume (tonnage) for bids or offers to the trade.

Compared to last week: Hay sold generally steady to weak. Rain was seen across the state this past week as many Eastern and Central locations picked up 1-3 inches with some picking up more and others less. This recent rain had many sellers looking to sell as the worry of drought has lightened some. Some producers moved large quantities of hay this past week, however many buyers are not taking delivery until summer or even early fall. Hay selling into Canada continued this week, however it was lighter as rain has muddied stack yards making it difficult to load. Buying was very active across the state. Supplies of hay remain heavy but a limited number of producers are starting to sell out of hay. Many are content to carry hay over into the next crop year and hope demand continues to improve. The best demand for feeder quality (utility and fair) hay remains around \$130.00-150.00/ton delivered. Demand for straw is light as heavy straw supplies continue to be seen especially in the northern portion of the state. According to the drought monitor 43.37% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 12.69% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 1.47% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, also unchanged from last week. According to the commentary in the Western drought summary, "The heavy rains in eastern Montana ended a recent stretch of dry weather there, preventing any degradation to ongoing drought. The effects of these rains across the eastern plains will be evaluated further next week." The drought monitor runs its data on Tuesday so much of the rain that fell over this past week will be taken into account for next weeks update.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	20	300.00	300.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square 3x4	205	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	500	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	1200	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.		



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Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

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Large Square 3x4	175	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	450	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.	Export	

Alfalfa - Utility/Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square 3x4	5100	105.00-120.00	106.27	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square 3x4	300	105.00	105.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	20	300.00	300.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	10	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Utility (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Medium Square 3x3	75	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

Timothy Grass - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Medium Square 3x3	150	180.00	180.00	F.O.B.		

Straw (Conventional)

Wheat - (Trade/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Square	40	40.00	40.00	F.O.B.		

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