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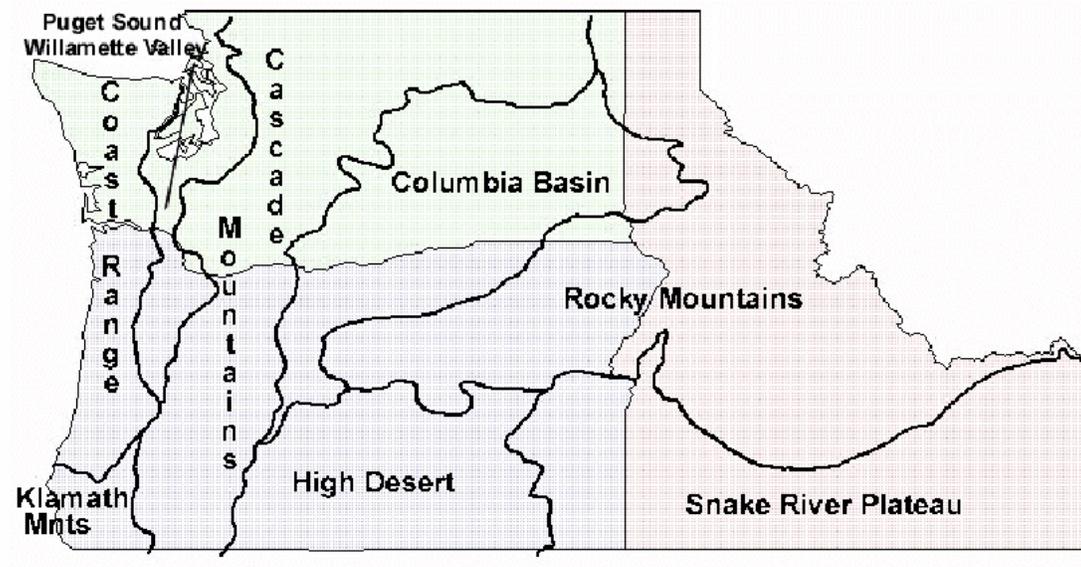
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Hay Quality Guidelines for Nationwide Market News Reporting

Livestock and Grain Market News branch has revised the hay quality guidelines for use in the nationwide Market News reporting program. These revised guidelines establish specific objective measurements of value attributes for each quality category of Alfalfa hay. The revised guidelines include all parameters commonly used to measure hay quality and also have all parameters in proper relationship to each other.

Nationwide uniformity of price information is the goal of revising these guidelines for quality designations. It is important for hay buyers in any part of the United States to be able to read any of USDA's hay reports and know the hay prices quoted are consistent from area to area for quality. So that producers and buyers from different areas, can be talking about hay in the report and feel confident they are talking about the same quality.

Market News reporters from several states formed the task force that collected information and input from hay and forage industry representatives, that information was used to form the revised quality designations and parameters numbers associated with each of the quality designations. USDA and State Departments of Agriculture market news reporters will be using the revised guidelines in market reporting across the country.

The following are the revised national hay guidelines on Alfalfa. Guidelines are also included for Grass Hay. Reporters will be using test parameter(s) prominent in their trade area, **visual characteristics**, as well as the **intent of sale (usage)** to determine hay quality.

Table 1: Alfalfa guidelines (for domestic livestock use and not more than 10% grass)

<u>Quality</u>	<u>ADF</u>	<u>NDF</u>	<u>*RFV</u>	<u>**TDN-100%</u>	<u>**TDN-90%</u>	<u>CP</u>
<u>Supreme</u>	<u><27</u>	<u><34</u>	<u>>185</u>	<u>>62</u>	<u>>55.9</u>	<u>>22</u>
<u>Premium</u>	<u>27-29</u>	<u>34-36</u>	<u>170-185</u>	<u>60.5-62</u>	<u>54.5-55.9</u>	<u>20-22</u>
<u>Good</u>	<u>29-32</u>	<u>36-40</u>	<u>150-170</u>	<u>58-60</u>	<u>52.5-54.5</u>	<u>18-20</u>
<u>Fair</u>	<u>32-35</u>	<u>40-44</u>	<u>130-150</u>	<u>56-58</u>	<u>50.5-52.5</u>	<u>16-18</u>
<u>Utility</u>	<u>>35</u>	<u>>44</u>	<u><130</u>	<u><56</u>	<u><50.5</u>	<u><16</u>

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula. **TDN calculated using the western formula. Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100 % dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of sale (usage).

Table 2: Grass Hay guidelines

<u>Quality</u>	<u>Crude Protein Percent</u>
<u>Premium</u>	<u>Over 13</u>
<u>Good</u>	<u>9-13</u>
<u>Fair</u>	<u>5-9</u>
<u>Utility</u>	<u>Under 5</u>

Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter.

End usage may influence hay price or value more than testing results.

Hay Quality Designation's physical descriptions:

Supreme: Very early maturity, pre bloom, soft fine stemmed, extra leafy. Factors indicative of very high nutritive content. Hay is excellent color and free of damage.

Premium: Early maturity, i.e., pre-bloom in legumes and pre head in grass hays, extra leafy and fine stemmed-factors indicative of a high nutritive content. Hay is green and free of damage.

Good: Early to average maturity, i.e., early to mid-bloom in legumes and early head in grass hays, leafy, fine to medium stemmed, free of damage other than slight discoloration.

Fair: Late maturity, i.e., mid to late-bloom in legumes, head-in grass hays, moderate or below leaf content, and generally coarse stemmed. Hay may show light damage.

Utility: Hay in very late maturity, such as mature seed pods in legumes or mature head in grass hays, coarse stemmed. This category could include hay discounted due to excessive damage and heavy weed content or mold. Defects will be identified in market reports when using this category.

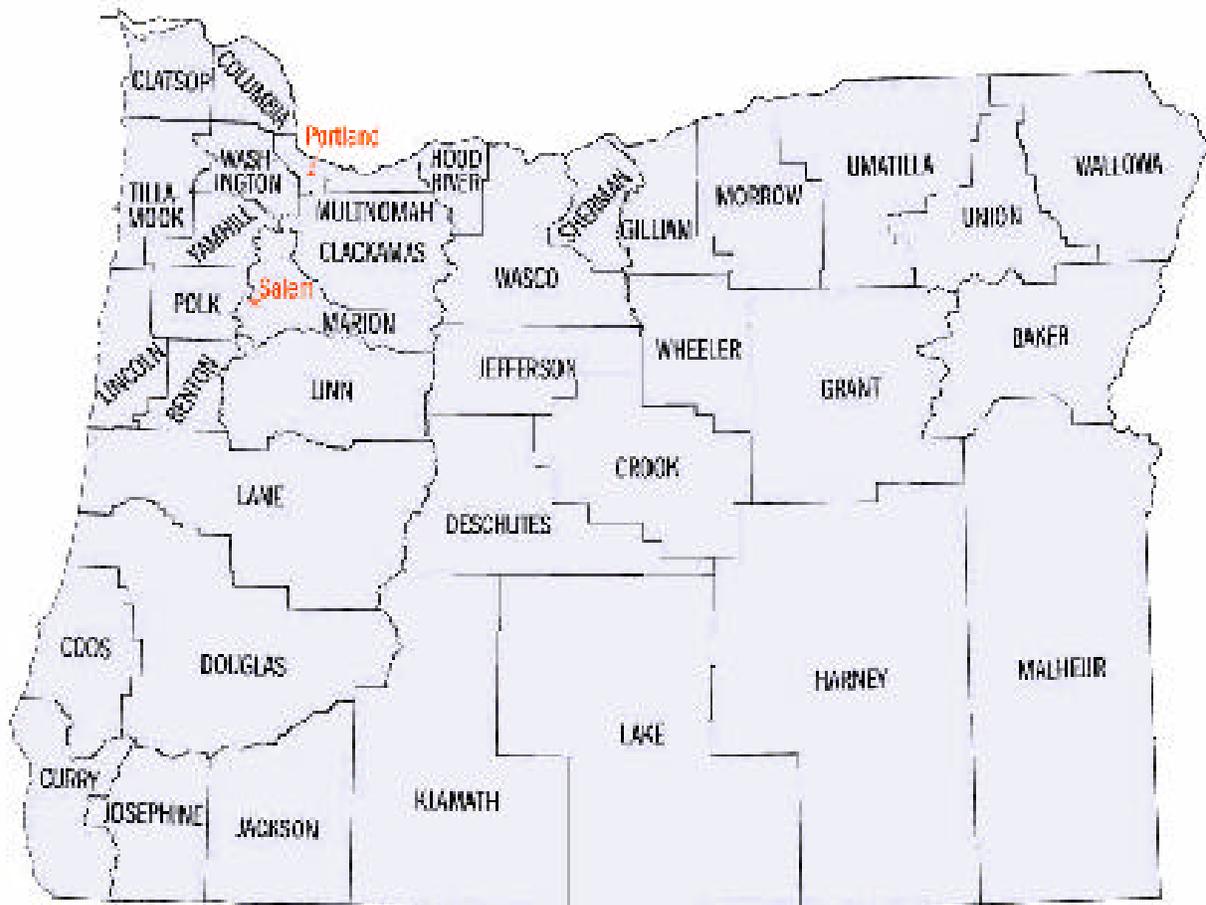


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Washington – Oregon Columbia Basin

QUALITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2000 2-3 tie bales													
Premium	98.21	99.97	95.02	88.99	109.55	108.34	111.63	106.48	106.85	105.63	106.09	108.54	104.54
Good	83.74	85.94	82.92	80.55	---	---	102.80	85.00	90.00	89.39	86.95	86.42	89.05
Fair	73.82	74.65	67.19	70.50	---	---	82.14	79.46	81.71	80.00	78.44	79.08	77.42
Oat Hay	---	70.00	---	---	---	---	75.00	70.00	---	75.00	75.00	72.25	74.11
2000 big bales													
Premium	92.42	90.58	90.09	---	108.07	107.31	99.72	103.02	102.48	100.40	98.25	98.18	103.54
Good	82.09	83.77	81.44	---	---	90.93	89.48	89.13	86.01	82.53	84.97	86.02	86.87
Fair	72.58	73.64	74.63	---	---	---	81.22	79.88	78.28	77.73	73.25	75.90	77.69
Oat Hay	65.00	---	---	---	---	80.00	68.44	73.69	70.00	73.18	77.14	---	72.60
2001 2-3 tie													
Premium	106.79	102.50	102.90	99.95	128.04	125.23	126.50	126.44	125.00	124.45	124.09	124.45	121.57
Good	90.42	83.81	81.80	85.93	87.50	100.00	109.32	118.25	111.26	113.13	107.92	110.00	98.64
Fair	85.39	73.23	75.49	80.00	---	100.00	97.17	102.38	98.29	100.00	99.53	105.00	93.10
Oat Hay	70.00	---	---	---	---	---	92.58	100.00	106.67	95.00	105.00	---	88.00
2001 big bales													
Premium	98.00	94.80	100.00	95.85	123.16	121.31	122.62	118.95	120.09	121.31	124.32	122.68	118.81
Good	84.24	84.20	86.11	86.58	---	108.99	108.49	105.36	104.23	105.47	104.64	103.76	101.90
Fair	82.65	75.57	77.73	---	---	100.17	93.38	97.37	96.88	96.41	99.30	100.54	96.33
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	89.39	90.00	75.00	89.60	85.00	---	88.18
2002 2-3 tie													
Premium	125.71	121.43	116.33	113.46	125.53	126.90	123.50	114.64	124.69	104.86	113.96	112.41	117.93
Good	110.41	102.89	92.89	97.76	110.00	---	112.86	102.68	99.52	87.73	103.33	93.00	103.34
Fair	105.00	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	80.00	---	---	86.54
Oat Hay	87.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	77.50	---	83.00
PremExport	123.85	120.00	121.92	---	126.88	136.72	128.22	120.96	117.28	115.11	108.53	110.00	124.10
GoodExport	115.00	115.00	---	---	---	---	118.19	117.25	106.80	110.00	101.56	110.88	115.73
2002 big bales													
Premium	118.59	105.44	104.15	107.17	116.55	122.86	113.78	113.86	112.65	109.01	101.75	106.30	112.65
Good	104.91	101.16	97.50	---	100.00	112.82	94.46	96.89	92.75	86.97	86.81	88.44	95.94
Fair	99.25	96.58	90.00	---	---	104.46	85.30	81.50	81.20	79.91	80.00	77.13	85.27
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	68.13	---	71.94	---	---	70.00	---	69.77
GoodExport	---	---	---	---	115.00	---	---	---	85.60	---	---	---	89.89
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	115.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	115.00
Premium	105.73	92.73	95.50	90.00	108.34	111.87	99.72	95.00	90.38	91.61	89.49	95.00	100.99
Prem/Sup	111.24	108.00	---	---	118.33	110.00	---	---	---	104.31	95.00	---	110.42
Good	90.34	87.76	82.81	79.35	77.73	90.00	---	82.50	---	81.14	80.00	80.00	82.48
Fair	80.00	81.24	75.00	70.00	65.00	---	---	70.00	65.00	64.00	---	---	75.69
Oat Hay	68.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	68.75
PremExport	111.63	109.15	90.00	95.00	117.83	123.49	96.62	91.87	94.05	91.44	92.73	93.45	108.51
GoodExport	98.80	---	---	---	---	108.07	82.94	80.02	83.38	77.22	85.00	85.00	85.26
2003 big bales													
Supreme	115.00	---	115.00	115.00	---	107.74	---	115.00	115.00	---	---	---	109.36
Premium	95.34	---	95.51	94.54	95.27	97.95	86.73	82.94	93.09	88.68	80.70	84.36	90.27
Prem/Sup	---	---	---	---	90.70	110.00	100.00	---	93.33	100.47	91.66	97.00	98.09
Good	80.77	83.18	82.96	80.43	75.91	74.77	71.73	60.02	74.19	80.20	---	75.00	75.40
Fair	77.59	75.00	74.43	75.00	---	64.71	62.69	58.46	65.00	55.96	65.65	55.00	62.83
Oat Hay	67.25	75.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70.00	---	60.00	67.94
PremExport	92.55	90.67	84.58	82.86	104.67	106.22	91.37	82.65	---	86.17	85.00	78.00	94.75
GoodExport	---	82.90	76.55	---	---	70.50	73.03	65.51	71.46	70.63	70.99	68.68	71.24



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QUALITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2000 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	114.63	112.50	---	113.57	115.00	---	---	114.44
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	108.75	105.00	103.50	109.75	106.10	101.88	107.54
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	96.18	93.27	97.66	95.72	90.33	96.08
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	85.00
2000 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	111.26	110.00	---	120.00	110.00	107.92	110.00	110.96
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	104.11	104.14	104.00	100.65	100.34	98.83	99.17	101.95
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	99.01	80.00	92.22	88.35	93.45
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	80.00	81.66	85.00	81.00
2001 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	127.14	128.75	---	---	130.00	---	---	129.12
Premium	98.00	102.67	105.00	---	---	116.67	122.14	124.29	121.00	120.00	125.83	---	116.15
Good	90.00	90.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	111.67	110.00	113.33	---	97.04
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	---	110.00	---	106.67
2001 big bales													
Supreme	110.00	107.05	---	---	---	130.00	128.14	126.82	135.00	125.00	125.00	130.00	125.30
Premium	97.93	99.77	102.11	102.27	99.06	115.00	118.63	123.30	123.62	115.00	124.07	121.03	113.77
Good	88.17	88.45	84.88	90.68	97.00	105.00	99.66	---	110.34	100.00	108.13	113.68	95.99
Fair	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00	90.00	105.00	---	90.22
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	120.00	---	115.00	---	125.00	---	---	115.98
Premium	---	120.00	---	122.00	120.00	---	120.00	115.31	---	115.00	115.00	---	116.80
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	97.00	105.00	---	---	101.92
Fair	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	85.00	---	---	---	85.00
PremExport	---	---	---	---	125.00	---	119.27	116.87	---	---	---	---	119.02
GoodExport	---	---	---	---	---	---	111.67	100.00	---	---	---	---	108.24
2002 big bales													
Supreme	---	125.00	---	---	---	---	122.34	110.00	110.00	---	105.56	---	113.87
Premium	117.50	---	---	120.00	115.00	112.50	117.04	112.03	111.38	105.00	103.75	---	113.01
Good	110.00	105.95	110.00	115.00	97.43	---	110.00	100.42	100.41	95.00	94.31	90.00	101.03
Oat Hay	90.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	85.00	76.88	72.50	81.24
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	125.00	---	---	---	110.00	---	---	120.00	---	---	---	107.50	113.00
Premium	115.00	---	---	---	97.18	---	114.15	101.67	107.44	---	---	91.67	107.67
Good	---	95.00	76.31	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	77.85
Fair	85.00	---	---	---	70.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.63
Oat Hay	---	---	69.62	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	69.62
PremExport	---	---	---	---	---	115.00	100.00	95.00	---	---	---	---	105.53
2003 big bales													
Supreme	108.86	100.00	108.13	105.00	---	115.00	100.00	101.30	120.08	105.00	108.29	101.08	111.59
Premium	104.66	108.33	100.00	---	100.00	96.54	94.59	95.43	96.31	96.46	96.94	100.00	96.15
Good	91.10	90.00	88.00	92.50	81.49	85.00	---	95.00	---	80.00	80.00	80.00	89.13
PremExport	---	---	---	---	---	105.00	---	105.00	---	---	---	---	105.00
GoodExport	---	77.37	---	---	---	---	---	---	80.00	---	---	---	77.50

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2000 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	116.06	120.00	118.29	112.73	115.70	---	115.72
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	111.14	108.14	108.95	109.64	107.34	109.72
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	94.29	89.50	91.07
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	74.29	80.00	85.00	---	78.90
2000 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	113.44	116.11	---	110.49	115.90	---	115.00	114.99
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	---	90.00	---	90.00	93.75
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	85.00	90.00	---	86.50
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	75.00
2001 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	115.83	111.15	112.50	110.00	---	---	139.28	---	---	144.69	140.00	145.00	139.79
Premium	108.57	101.47	106.46	110.00	103.75	---	131.78	126.56	135.00	130.00	---	128.28	115.31
Good	85.00	88.50	88.16	97.19	105.00	---	---	---	---	119.83	102.50	100.00	99.97
Fair	---	---	85.98	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.98
2001 big bales													
Supreme	---	114.74	---	115.00	---	140.00	139.94	135.00	---	135.00	---	150.00	131.21
Premium	---	---	---	110.00	115.00	---	---	---	122.48	---	---	120.00	121.71
Good	---	---	88.33	---	---	---	110.00	---	110.00	---	---	---	106.45
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	125.00	140.00	---	---	120.00	150.00	136.39	128.17	121.87	131.31	120.52	112.86	133.01
Premium	---	---	---	---	120.00	130.00	124.49	120.00	---	110.48	116.60	110.00	119.67
Good	---	---	---	95.29	86.33	---	---	---	---	100.00	---	105.00	93.61
Fair	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00
Oat Hay	85.00	85.00	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.39	75.00	---	77.86
Prem Export	---	---	---	---	---	---	134.71	110.00	108.08	120.00	---	120.00	131.11
Good Export	---	---	110.00	101.00	---	---	110.00	110.00	105.32	105.00	---	---	106.08
2002 big bales													
Supreme	150.00	135.00	---	137.00	135.68	140.00	---	132.12	---	125.00	---	130.00	131.58
Premium	125.91	---	115.00	---	105.00	---	115.00	125.00	---	100.00	100.00	---	117.83
Good	110.00	---	100.00	88.57	85.00	---	---	---	100.00	100.28	96.76	105.00	93.63
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	---	90.00
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	120.00	100.00	104.65	115.00	120.00	125.00	---	119.88	119.88	113.68	---	117.85
Premium	---	101.38	---	94.61	105.00	---	114.85	96.43	---	100.57	95.00	100.00	100.22
Good	92.50	---	---	---	---	---	70.00	---	---	---	---	---	88.00
Fair	---	80.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	80.00
Oat Hay	75.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	72.73	75.00	80.00	75.00	---	74.15
Prem Export	---	110.00	---	95.00	---	---	115.48	99.63	97.96	120.00	---	---	106.30
Good Export	105.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	101.00	---	---	---	102.56
2003 big bales													
Supreme	120.00	120.00	105.61	100.00	105.00	120.00	120.00	112.50	115.16	116.35	119.17	105.00	117.68
Premium	---	100.00	100.00	95.00	98.80	98.00	111.52	101.97	104.88	105.00	100.00	---	103.83
Good	90.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	70.07	73.06
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	75.00
Oat Hay	70.56	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	70.00	---	65.00	---	69.50

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2000 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	101.88	---	105.21	107.00	---	---	101.74
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	---	---	99.77	100.00	---	99.81
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	85.00
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70.00	77.14	---	---	72.94
2000 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	---	---	---	---	---	100.00
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	97.06	100.00	100.00	99.22	95.00	95.00	98.24
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	90.00
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	76.53	---	75.00	75.00	---	75.96
2001 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	120.00	---	125.00	---	---	---	120.57
Premium	110.00	---	101.38	---	---	---	---	112.57	---	---	---	---	110.02
Good	---	---	95.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00
2001 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	122.89	123.13	---	125.00	130.00	122.50	---	123.99
Premium	95.00	100.00	---	---	---	---	115.13	---	114.33	112.28	125.00	122.30	116.02
Good	77.73	---	90.00	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	111.03	111.15	110.00	102.63
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	93.18	90.00	95.00	90.00	---	90.47
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	120.00	120.00	---	120.00	125.00	---	120.41
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00	---	95.00
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00	95.00
Fair	92.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	92.00
2002 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	115.72	112.25	---	113.78	112.96	---	113.97
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	---	106.10	106.94	115.00	---	105.00	---	106.40
Good	100.00	95.30	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	94.88	88.85	90.23	90.00	94.06
Fair	91.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	84.27	---	80.00	---	83.54
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	---	75.00
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	110.00
Premium	---	---	---	95.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00
Good	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.98
Fair	---	70.00	75.00	70.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70.00	73.69
2003 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	101.03	110.00	110.00	100.00	112.12	114.41	---	108.65
Premium	---	---	---	---	104.08	100.00	---	98.64	100.00	100.31	101.53	95.00	100.54
Good	83.09	79.65	80.00	75.00	---	---	---	80.00	77.50	69.00	72.14	75.00	78.37
Fair	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	---	75.00	65.00	---	---	74.32
Oat Hay	75.00	---	75.00	---	---	---	---	---	65.00	---	65.00	---	67.95

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Eastern Oregon – Baker, Malheur and Wallowa Counties

QUALITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2000 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	105.00	---	---	98.08
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	92.46	90.00	87.56	98.08	98.61	97.63	97.50	94.64
Good	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	80.00	---	85.00	81.97	87.50	83.75
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	67.86	69.45	77.67	75.00	77.69	80.00	---	73.49
2000 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	94.00	90.00	---	99.00	---	---	---	92.65
Premium	---	---	---	---	---	89.04	90.00	91.13	91.86	94.18	93.34	96.00	91.89
Good	---	---	---	---	---	78.87	84.30	83.82	81.00	86.00	86.22	85.00	83.32
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	66.52	70.88	75.55	75.84	75.53	76.56	---	74.80
2001 2-3 tie bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	125.00	---	---	---	---	---	125.00
Premium	100.00	100.00	95.34	---	---	---	115.00	---	120.00	120.00	120.00	---	99.91
Good	80.00	81.94	86.62	85.00	---	95.00	105.00	102.87	116.54	110.00	110.00	105.00	98.75
Fair	---	75.00	75.12	---	---	83.56	99.43	94.49	90.00	100.00	95.55	94.55	84.01
2001 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	124.29	126.75	---	121.62	---	128.71	122.00	125.12
Premium	95.00	96.50	99.29	93.75	---	110.39	116.71	114.69	115.46	120.00	115.82	114.69	112.11
Good	81.19	80.79	83.57	85.00	---	91.75	104.48	101.34	110.91	97.09	110.00	105.00	93.91
Fair	---	75.00	---	---	---	88.07	95.08	94.05	94.48	98.95	94.43	95.00	92.72
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	105.00	---	---	---	---	---	107.00
Premium	---	125.00	110.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.69	90.00	---	99.49
Good	106.40	97.93	86.25	90.00	---	80.18	75.32	82.86	100.00	86.11	80.00	78.55	81.70
Fair	90.00	92.50	---	---	84.29	---	71.25	80.00	78.25	77.00	75.00	---	76.72
Oat Hay	---	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00
PremExport	110.00	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	---	110.00	---	---	115.00	110.38
GoodExport	---	---	---	100.00	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	---	94.38
2002 big bales													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	114.59	112.80	113.70	---	115.00	103.16	105.33	100.00	111.84
Premium	116.96	108.46	107.00	---	98.12	102.29	94.96	96.54	95.22	101.38	90.44	90.00	97.65
Good	103.53	90.90	90.24	89.00	90.00	80.24	82.85	84.56	84.55	82.11	78.29	79.26	84.03
Fair	95.00	85.84	---	---	90.00	---	69.29	74.88	76.44	75.00	71.28	70.00	74.81
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	90.00	---	---	---	65.00	81.94
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	100.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00
Premium	85.00	90.00	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	97.50	95.00	---	93.04
Good	85.00	---	75.00	83.75	72.31	---	---	---	80.26	---	84.09	---	80.88
Fair	76.88	---	71.15	73.81	---	71.86	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	72.62
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	---	75.00
PremExport	110.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	100.00	---	---	---	---	100.83
GoodExport	---	88.00	85.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	87.61
2003 big bales													
Supreme	105.88	95.00	95.00	---	95.48	100.00	---	100.00	---	92.94	105.00	105.00	97.64
Premium	92.00	80.00	80.00	90.00	81.96	95.00	87.23	90.45	94.71	90.00	90.29	95.00	88.09
Good	78.05	77.30	80.83	86.88	75.19	---	70.00	---	80.00	72.03	70.00	72.86	75.36
Fair	74.20	---	65.00	---	---	77.14	---	67.22	55.00	---	70.00	58.75	66.41
Oat Hay	---	---	60.00	---	---	---	65.00	66.43	---	---	---	---	65.00
PremExport	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	90.00
GoodExport	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70.00	---	---	70.00

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Southern Oregon – Klamath Basin

QUALITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	137.50	137.50	---	---	---	120.00	121.17	120.00	115.60	116.64	118.89	111.67	119.08
Premium	123.67	120.00	125.00	110.00	116.53	---	113.81	111.09	109.12	108.63	95.84	110.00	107.43
Good	113.57	100.00	102.50	100.00	---	---	---	111.00	85.56	98.96	84.44	85.00	94.67
Fair	---	---	100.00	---	---	---	80.00	75.00	77.18	---	---	---	81.32
Oat Hay	103.00	---	88.75	---	---	---	---	75.00	80.00	80.00	---	---	82.61
PremExport	---	115.00	---	100.00	---	120.26	121.27	125.00	105.00	110.96	---	104.00	116.01
GoodExport	---	110.00	110.00	105.00	95.00	---	110.32	105.63	92.50	94.19	96.67	90.00	101.59
2002 big bales													
Supreme	---	135.00	135.00	---	---	117.31	120.00	119.46	110.00	115.00	116.91	---	116.22
Premium	---	---	115.00	---	---	112.50	110.00	---	101.33	110.00	110.00	---	106.01
Good	---	100.00	100.00	100.00	---	---	105.00	---	80.00	---	84.11	80.00	88.72
Fair	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	70.18	---	---	---	70.18
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	115.00	120.00	110.28	115.00	100.00	109.92	---	107.00	---	118.22	114.47	110.38	114.06
Premium	117.00	97.92	103.16	100.00	101.98	105.00	108.09	105.00	100.34	107.59	103.96	108.75	104.23
Good	92.87	85.72	82.27	82.72	76.88	75.00	92.22	--	80.00	82.50	82.78	---	84.65
Fair	84.00	75.00	70.00	---	---	---	70.00	75.00	---	65.00	60.00	---	68.80
Oat Hay	70.00	---	70.00	76.43	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	--	---	73.75
PremExport	103.06	---	115.00	---	---	---	105.85	---	86.09	---	90.00	---	102.05
GoodExport	95.00	80.00	---	---	---	---	90.00	---	---	---	---	---	90.42
2003 big bales													
Supreme	---	110.00	---	110.00	110.00	109.66	100.00	---	100.00	109.26	107.51	---	107.75
Premium	---	110.00	---	---	110.00	---	107.77	103.53	---	104.20	102.14	---	104.40
Good	91.25	---	---	---	80.00	---	---	---	---	97.75	---	80.00	90.35
Fair	80.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.00	70.00	80.00	---	---	77.08
PremExport	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00	---	---	---	---	95.00



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Idaho

QUALITY	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVG
2000 2-3 tie													
Supreme	88.27	86.67	---	---	85.08	99.71	100.00	96.67	100.00	100.00	---	---	90.72
Premium	83.19	80.00	83.61	---	89.07	89.19	90.00	---	85.00	90.00	97.91	93.00	90.47
Good	77.07	72.00	76.80	---	---	82.77	85.00	---	84.40	85.00	---	85.00	80.61
Fair	70.76	70.22	---	---	70.00	---	77.67	65.00	70.91	82.62	70.00	80.00	72.35
Oat Hay	---	---	---	---	---	65.00	62.50	---	---	72.27	---	---	64.20
2000 big bales													
Supreme	91.34	90.33	95.78	110.00	99.12	99.49	98.06	98.93	102.22	96.39	101.50	108.00	98.60
Premium	85.55	86.25	86.77	91.12	91.19	87.79	86.86	87.32	91.19	95.47	93.48	94.12	89.64
Good	78.35	77.17	77.82	78.67	---	75.93	78.83	77.78	81.49	83.60	83.85	84.40	79.31
Fair	67.72	72.25	66.81	---	74.00	70.89	73.83	71.86	75.57	76.24	76.29	78.38	73.65
Oat Hay	---	---	60.00	---	---	62.00	63.40	63.39	65.00	69.35	---	62.00	61.87
2001 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	120.00	---	130.00	130.00	150.00	140.71	135.00	---	140.00	---	127.96
Premium	102.94	97.00	100.00	110.00	110.00	119.24	---	126.10	---	---	120.00	---	114.37
Good	85.00	80.65	84.29	83.66	---	87.33	---	112.23	117.39	110.00	100.72	110.00	96.65
Fair	75.83	76.43	---	77.50	---	---	---	95.04	91.49	---	98.50	105.00	89.96
Oat Hay	65.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	85.00	---	---	---	---	72.50
2001 big bales													
Supreme	98.10	110.00	114.06	113.13	130.00	132.66	133.63	134.84	138.95	127.54	126.03	132.60	130.06
Premium	103.49	103.84	103.86	105.26	105.00	120.96	122.60	125.01	123.78	118.50	117.21	122.05	119.92
Good	87.10	82.97	86.79	93.18	87.73	101.96	105.00	110.60	105.93	95.37	104.39	99.49	98.01
Fair	79.99	80.00	80.80	85.00	---	94.23	98.81	96.79	96.93	94.55	97.04	93.50	95.55
Oat Hay	70.00	60.00	---	---	---	82.93	82.74	82.28	84.24	85.00	80.00	---	81.14
2002 2-3 tie													
Supreme	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	110.00	110.00	105.00	---	---	107.97
Premium	130.00	---	115.00	100.00	---	---	---	---	100.00	95.00	---	100.00	110.57
Good	---	---	96.56	85.00	---	80.41	---	88.85	89.84	---	81.61	---	87.11
Fair	---	---	82.55	75.00	---	---	---	73.74	71.48	---	73.18	---	74.53
2002 big bales													
Supreme	119.27	---	110.00	99.30	110.89	106.07	99.05	102.46	96.04	101.83	105.90	96.57	102.40
Premium	120.64	114.81	108.45	90.08	101.00	96.94	88.49	86.12	90.52	88.81	88.30	86.13	92.99
Good	108.15	91.99	87.75	79.12	83.69	81.91	76.87	75.70	78.29	78.16	73.98	70.13	79.17
Fair	93.66	85.70	78.80	74.14	72.56	70.13	66.13	67.08	69.22	68.41	67.13	65.62	70.02
Oat Hay	85.00	85.00	---	---	---	72.50	66.23	65.49	62.99	70.00	61.14	65.00	64.90
2003 2-3 tie													
Supreme	89.44	---	---	85.00	---	---	90.00	---	---	90.00	---	---	87.40
Premium	---	88.37	80.00	---	76.88	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	82.92
Good	---	80.00	67.86	---	67.50	---	72.50	---	75.00	---	---	---	72.11
Fair	---	61.47	60.00	57.50	---	---	66.96	---	61.67	---	65.00	60.00	61.81
PremExport	---	80.00	---	---	---	112.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	107.08
GoodExport	---	72.50	74.38	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	74.33
2003 big bales													
Supreme	101.60	104.90	84.50	82.55	81.09	90.57	90.88	93.44	98.06	101.36	101.29	104.90	98.26
Premium	73.64	83.59	80.19	72.37	87.86	87.90	85.87	80.78	83.84	89.59	88.13	90.73	85.29
Good	73.56	72.94	72.37	67.84	64.74	74.46	68.31	65.75	73.51	77.40	68.03	73.94	71.16
Fair	65.31	61.86	60.75	57.25	52.42	53.55	56.20	56.44	56.02	55.76	57.74	58.04	57.44
Oat Hay	65.00	55.00	60.00	---	---	67.27	59.87	60.34	61.76	55.65	59.00	60.00	61.48
PremExport	---	100.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	95.00	85.00	---	92.00
GoodExport	---	---	63.00	70.00	58.34	---	60.00	68.91	68.22	69.44	69.50	65.00	67.01

Preliminary - EXPORTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE BY COMMODITY 2003 (s tons=short tons)

ALFALFA HAY (Double Compressed)									
From California Ports					From Oregon-Washington Ports				TOTAL
	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	(S TONS)
January	1,594	1,757	191	211	8,781	9,679	471	519	12,166
February	840	926	2,320	2,557	12,221	13,471	303	334	17,288
March	653	720	64	71	8,725	9,618	668	736	11,144
April	522	575	0	0	12,700	13,999	0	0	14,575
May	487	537	242	267	9,278	10,227	79	87	11,118
June	628	692	102	112	9,017	9,939	782	862	11,606
July	2,970	3,274	138	152	10,255	11,304	493	543	15,273
August	3,885	4,282	0	0	9,443	10,409	79	87	14,779
September	4,562	5,029	64	71	9,290	10,240	574	633	15,972
October	5,433	5,989	26	29	10,453	11,522	473	521	18,061
November	4036	4449	13	14	8655	8540	313	345	14349
December	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cumulative	25,610	28,230	3,160	3,483	108,818	119,950	4,235	4,668	156,331
ALFALFA CUBES (Suncured & Dehydrated)									
From California Ports					From Oregon-Washington Ports				TOTAL
	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	(S TONS)
January	2,079	2,292	440	485	5,527	6,092	108	119	8,988
February	1,011	1,114	781	861	2,010	2,216	199	219	4,410
March	464	511	782	862	1,420	1,565	395	435	3,374
April	1,172	1,292	175	193	6,901	7,607	211	233	9,324
May	2,487	2,741	0	0	5,961	6,571	1,134	1,250	10,562
June	431	475	65	72	2,458	2,709	191	211	3,467
July	291	321	2,724	3,003	911	1,004	126	139	4,467
August	372	410	738	813	220	243	47	52	1,518
September	66	73	385	424	4,072	4,489	25	28	5,013
October	193	213	697	768	1,898	2,092	0	0	3,073
November	187	206	222	245	713	786	18	20	1257
December	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cumulative	8,753	9,648	7,009	7,726	32,091	35,374	2,454	2,705	55,453
OTHER HAY (Double Compressed)									
From California Ports					From Oregon-Washington Ports				TOTAL
	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	Japan	S Tons	Other Countries	S Tons	
January	85,062	93,764	43,836	48,320	124,566	137,309	94,381	104,036	383,430
February	72,766	80,210	35,470	39,099	108,804	119,935	41,032	45,230	284,473
March	71,313	78,608	37,485	41,320	106,034	116,881	71,501	78,816	315,625
April	71,593	78,917	26,057	28,723	89,517	98,675	34,862	38,428	244,743
May	61,568	67,866	18,705	20,619	99,616	109,807	24,076	26,539	224,831
June	72,975	80,440	24,661	27,184	91,634	101,008	24,594	27,110	235,742
July	64,171	70,736	21,161	23,326	73,623	81,155	20,463	22,556	197,772
August	60,653	66,858	23,431	25,828	95,973	105,791	18,666	20,576	219,052
September	64,598	71,206	18,007	19,849	94,265	103,908	23,920	26,367	221,331
October	66,599	73,412	29,496	32,513	113,869	125,518	32,562	35,893	267,336
November	59,499	65,586	19,070	21,021	130,979	144,378	25,407	28,006	258,991
December	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cumulative	750,797	827,604	297,379	327,801	1,128,880	1,244,364	411,464	453,557	2,853,326
* Not available as of 1/14/2003- will be updated when available. Source: United States Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Census Note: Cumulative totals may not be exact due to rounding									