



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/24/2024

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/13/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	300	1363	0
Total	300	1363	0
Bales:			
Hay	2538	1556	0
Total	2538	1556	0

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 report: Trade activity and demand light. Southeast Colorado has started putting 1st cutting alfalfa and triticale in the windrow. Stable hay sold mostly steady. Growers and buyers are beginning to contract new crop 1st cutting baled alfalfa in northeast Colorado. Growers are reducing old crop asking prices in an effort to limit carry over. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains summary for May 21, 2024, on this week's map, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and the eastern Plains of Montana saw improvements in drought-affected areas. In Kansas and Nebraska, moderate to heavy rainfall accumulations (2 to 7+ inches) led to a reduction in areas of drought and provided a boost in soil moisture and streamflow levels. In North Dakota, areas of Moderate Drought (D1) were reduced in response to above-normal precipitation during the past 30-to-90-day period as well as numerous recent field reports coming into the National Drought Mitigation Center's Condition Monitoring Observer Reports (CMOR) system. According to the USDA (May 19), statewide pasture and range conditions rated good to excellent are as follows: North Dakota 68%, South Dakota 83%, Nebraska 56%, and Kansas 42%. According to the latest USDA Kansas Crop Progress and Condition Report (May 19), winter wheat condition was rated 11% very poor, 20% poor, 36% fair, 30% good, and 3% excellent. In terms of NOAA NCEI's regional climatological rankings, the Great Plains Region observed its 44th wettest (near normal) and 12th warmest (+3.9 degrees F anomaly) January-April period on record. According to the NASS Colorado Crop Progress Report for week ending May 19, 2024, alfalfa 1st cutting harvested is 3%. The next available report will be Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Northeast						
Hay (Conventional)						
Forage Mix-Four Way - Utility (Trade/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	1000	6.00	6.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop
Forage Mix-Two Way - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	200	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop
Southeast						



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Hay (Conventional)

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	150	150.00	150.00	Delivered-Feedlot/dairy	Multiple Cuttings	Old Crop

Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/Per Bale)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	738	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Prairie/Meadow Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	600	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

Sorghum - 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 Square 3x4	50	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop

Sudan - 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	100	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch	Weedy	Old Crop

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

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