



## Nebraska Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News  
NE Dept. of Ag Market News

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/15/2024

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/4/2024)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	1525	350	525
Straw	0	0	40
Total	1525	350	565
<b>Bales:</b>			
Hay	25	0	110
Total	25	0	110

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.

Special Note: \*\* Next released report will be Thursday, March 28 \*\*

Compared to last week, ground and delivered hay and alfalfa pellets sold steady. Bales of grass hay and alfalfa at a standstill in the eastern and central areas. Out west, bales of dairy quality hay sold steady. Demand was very light in most areas. Many farmers continue to bale cornstalks off their fields before spring planting. There will be a lot of carry over roughages into the 2024 market. Which isn't all bad as forages has been very tight in previous years.

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

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

\*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).

Grass Hay guidelines

Quality	Crude Protein Percent
Premium	Over 13
Good	9-13
Fair	5-9
Low	Under 5

Central

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### Hay (Conventional)

#### 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	25	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.		

#### Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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 Round	75	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

### East

#### Hay (Conventional)

#### Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Pellets 17% Suncured		320.00		F.O.B.		

### Platte Valley

#### Hay (Conventional)

#### Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Ground		190.00		Delivered		
Pellets 17% Dehydrated		375.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		375.00		F.O.B.		

#### Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Ground		100.00		Delivered		

### West

#### 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>
Large Square 3x4	250	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		
Medium Square 3x3	100	200.00-225.00	212.50	F.O.B.		

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	<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	500	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.		

### Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Ground		150.00-180.00		Delivered		

### Alfalfa/Oat Mix - 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 Square 3x4	100	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.		

### Barley - (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	500	75.00	75.00	F.O.B.		

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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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