



Montana Direct Hay Report

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

Fri May 16, 2025

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/16/2025

Special Note: Beginning 6/13/25, this report will be published biweekly. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to mymarketnews@usda.gov.

Compared to last week: Hay sold generally steady. Demand continues to improve as many producers are shipping hay to drier locations. All hay on this weeks report is leaving the state, with some destined for Canada and some for Idaho. Hay supplies continue to tighten as producers ship loads out of the state. Very little carryover is expected as most producers have sold down in the last few weeks. Rain has been the biggest story over the last 2 weeks as much of the state received much needed rainfall totals. Producers are expecting a bumper first cutting across much of the central portions of the state. Market activity was mostly moderate to active this week with very good interest seen. According to the drought monitor 57.32% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, up 1.57% from last week. 18.40% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, up 5.15% from last week. 1.01% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 0% of the state is in Expectational drought, unchanged from last week. Notably, 77.32% of the state is abnormally dry, unchanged from last week.

| Volume | | | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | This Week | Last Reported (5/5/2025) | Last Year |
| Tons: | | | |
| Hay | 650 | 2900 | 60 |
| Total | 650 | 2900 | 60 |

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.

| N/A | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa - 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 | 250 | 130.00 | 130.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Alfalfa - 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 | 50 | 115.00 | 115.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Large Square 3x4 | 350 | 100.00 | 100.00 | F.O.B. | Bleached | |

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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

Click here for Hay glossary of terms

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-and-grain-hay-terms>