



California Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/8/2024

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (2/26/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2125	1825	3050
Total	2125	1825	3050
Bales:			
Hay	8025	5225	4200
Total	8025	5225	4200

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 were moderate. Retail hay demand were steady to good. Dairy hay demand was light. According to the US Drought Monitor on March 5, 2024, Heavy precipitation fell this week across much of the central and northern Pacific Coast, and heavy snow also fell in a major storm in the Sierra Nevada. Significant snow amounts also fell across parts of Idaho and northwest and southwest Montana. Improving snowpack in these areas and lessening precipitation deficits led to improvements in drought or abnormal dryness in numerous locations. Recent precipitation in western and central Oregon continued to chip away at long-term precipitation deficits, leading to the removal of one long-term moderate drought area and coverage reductions of another. Meacher and Park counties in Montana have missed out on recent snowfall, leaving current snowpack numbers very low, and moderate drought worsened to severe drought. Heavy precipitation in northwest Washington (with some locations likely seeing over 9 inches of liquid precipitation) led to a reduction in moderate drought and abnormal dryness coverage. Along the Arizona-New Mexico border, severe drought coverage was locally reduced in a reassessment of short- and long-term drought conditions. The next available report will be Friday, March 15, 2024

Central San Joaquin Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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	25.00	25.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

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	500	190.00-195.00	192.50	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

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>
Small Square 3 Tie	25	22.00	22.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

North Inter-Mountains

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Alfalfa - Supreme (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	25	275.00	275.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

Alfalfa - 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 3 Tie	500	20.00	20.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

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 Square 4x4	200	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.		Old Crop

Forage Mix-Two Way - 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>
Small Square 3 Tie	500	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Orchard/Timothy 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 3 Tie	500	19.00	19.00	F.O.B.-Retail		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 3 Tie	1000	13.50	13.50	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Triticale - 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	25	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

North San Joaquin Valley

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 4x4	200	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

Sacramento Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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 3 Tie	2500	18.25	18.25	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop

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Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - 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 3 Tie	500	16.50	16.50	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Wheat - Good (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 3 Tie	1500	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop

South

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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 3 Tie	500	19.50	19.50	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Alfalfa - Good (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 3 Tie	1000	18.00	18.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Southeast

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	200	220.00-225.00	222.50	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	100	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

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	50	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		New Crop

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	200	155.00	155.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

Bermuda Grass - 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 3 Tie	100	265.00-270.00	267.50	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

[Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines](#)

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