



California Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to the last report: Trade activity and demand were moderate. Retail hay demand was good. Dairy hay demand was steady. Export hay demand was light. In the North San Joaquin Valley, low-potassium hay was reported at \$230/ton. Throughout the state of California, production costs (fuel, fertilizer, parts, energy) have gone up. According to the US Drought Monitor, average temperatures were above normal across nearly the entire region this week, while below-normal temperatures were observed across much of New Mexico, and in parts of Arizona and along the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California, where temperatures were between 1 to 6 degrees F below normal. The next available hay report will be May 23, 2025.

*** Beginning 6/20/25, this report will be published biweekly. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to mymarketnews@usda.gov. ***

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/5/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	15345	4632	4527
Total	15345	4632	4527
Bales:			
Hay	7176	3322	1787
Straw	2560	0	0
Total	9736	3322	1787

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.

Central San Joaquin Valley						
Hay (Conventional)						
Wheat - 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	50	160.00	160.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop
Wheat - 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>
Standing	8000	55.00	55.00	Delivered-Dairy		New Crop

North Inter-Mountains						
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	375	185.00	185.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop



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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	75	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch	Weedy	

Forage Mix-Three 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 3 Tie	512	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Retail		

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>
Large Square 3x4	20	80.00	80.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	250	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Retail	Small Lots	New Crop

North San Joaquin Valley

Hay (Conventional)

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	400	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.-Dairy	Rain Damage	
Small Square 3 Tie	75	240.00	240.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
Large Square 3x4	100	325.00	325.00	Delivered-Dairy	Very High Testing	Old Crop
Large Square 3x4	1250	240.00	240.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

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	75	235.00	235.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
Large Square 3x4	1120	174.00-200.00	176.79	F.O.B.-Dairy	Rain Damage	
Large Square 3x4	100	230.00	230.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New 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	762	15.00-16.00	15.33	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		

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	350	180.00-200.00	191.43	F.O.B.-Dairy		



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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 3x4	100	180.00	180.00	F.O.B.	Rain Damage	2nd Cut

Oat - 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	300	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Wheat - 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	1800	175.00-185.00	178.33	Delivered-Dairy	Beardless	New Crop

Wheat - 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	200	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.	Dusty	

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	512	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Retail		2nd Cut

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - 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	25	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.-Retail		1st Cut

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	2048	13.00	13.00	F.O.B.-Retail		1st Cut

Forage Mix-Three Way - 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	512	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Retail		

Oat - 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	1024	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop



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Straw (Conventional)

Wheat - (Trade/Per Bale)

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Small Square	2560	6.00	6.00	F.O.B.-Stables		

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	512	13.50	13.50	Delivered-Retail		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	1024	14.95-18.00	16.48	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

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	150	210.00	210.00	F.O.B.-Export		2nd Cut

Alfalfa - Premium/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	550	205.00	205.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

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>
Small Square 3 Tie	150	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

Klein 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>
Large Square 3x4	100	160.00	160.00	F.O.B.-Export		New Crop

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