



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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

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Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand light. Small Squares of horse quality alfalfa hay and grass hay sold unevenly steady. The U.S. drought monitor has the state at 70.41% D0-D4 category versus 39.66% D0-D4 category from this period last year. Areas across the state in Extreme Drought (D3) include parts of Mesa, Delta, Montrose, San Miguel, Mineral, Rio Grande, Archuleta, and Conejos counties. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Drought Summary for May 13, 2025, warm temperature dominated the High Plains this week, with departures ranging up to 20 degrees F above normal, especially along the northern portions of the region, while cooler-than-normal temperatures were observed along the southern border. Precipitation fell across the western and southern portions of the region this week; however, in most areas, amounts were insufficient for significant improvement. Beneficial heavy precipitation (1 to 3 inches) in eastern Colorado and Kansas led to improvements in moderate to severe drought (D1-D2) and abnormal dryness (D0) in these areas. Conversely, dry conditions resulted in the introduction and expansion of drought. Extreme drought (D3) was introduced in western Nebraska, and moderate to extreme drought (D1-D3) expanded in western Colorado and eastern Nebraska. Abnormal dryness was also expanded in southern Wyoming this week. According to the NASS Colorado Crop Progress Report for week ending May 11, 2025, Alfalfa 1st cutting is 1%. Stored feed supplies were rated 2% Very Short, 17% Short, 71% Adequate, and 10% Surplus. The next available report will be Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/5/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1046	22042	1363
Straw	1000	0	0
Total	2046	22042	1363
Bales:			
Hay	3149	1093	1556
Total	3149	1093	1556

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.

Mountains and Northwest CO						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa/Grass 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	55	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop
Grass - 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>
Medium Square 3x3	24	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop
Northeast						



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Alfalfa - (Offer/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		130.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop
Standing		110.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/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		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		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 Round	1000	130.00	130.00	Delivered-Feedlot		Old Crop

Corn - (Offer/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		35.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Triticale - (Offer/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		50.00-60.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Straw (Conventional)

Wheat - (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	1000	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (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>
Large Square 3x4		175.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop-3rd Cut

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	300	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-2nd Cut
Small Square Bundled	1764	9.00	9.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut



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Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)

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Large Square 3x4		150.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot		Old Crop-1st Cut

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 Round	13	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop-1st Cut

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		Old Crop-1st Cut

Sudan - 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	9	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		Old Crop

Southwest

Hay (Conventional)

Forage Mix-Four Way - Premium (Ask/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		8.00		F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Forage Mix-Four 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	250	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-1st Cut

Orchard 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	180	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	Old Crop-2nd Cut

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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