



# Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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

Special Note: \*\*\*Beginning 6/19/25, this report will be published biweekly. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to [mymarketnews@usda.gov](mailto:mymarketnews@usda.gov).\*\*\*

Compared to last week alfalfa and grass hay sold fully steady to instances 10.00 higher. Ground and delivered hay, sun-cured and old crop dehy alfalfa pellets steady. Demand was good to very good. With the continued dry weather and range pastures looking rather tough for this time of year, several livestock owners are looking for hay to procure. Some talks of dry-lotting cows this summer if needed. There is still quite a lot of carry over, old crop hay around so prices shouldn't skyrocket overnight. Some new crop alfalfa on the ground this week in eastern areas of the state. With some mills chopping alfalfa in the central area due to weevil infestations.

All sales FOB the stack or hay yard unless otherwise noted.

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).

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### Grass Hay guidelines

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

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/5/2025)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	4880	2400	750
Total	4880	2400	750
<b>Bales:</b>			
Hay	495	70	65
Total	495	70	65



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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						
Hay (Conventional)						
<b>Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Ground		120.00-130.00		Delivered		
<b>Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	150	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	50	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
Large Round	220	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Alfalfa/Triticale Mix - Good (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	100	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
<b>Cane - (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	200	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
<b>Corn Stalk - (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	60	60.00	60.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
<b>Prairie/Meadow Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Small Square	20	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Prairie/Meadow Grass - Good (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	175	85.00-100.00	90.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Rye Grass - (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	200	75.00	75.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		



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**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% Dehydrated		320.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		250.00-260.00		F.O.B.		

**Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/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>
Chopped	1000	1.10	1.10	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	50	9.50	9.50	F.O.B.		

**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>
Medium Square 3x3	50	155.00-165.00	160.00	F.O.B.		

**Alfalfa - Good (Contract (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	200	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New 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 Round	600	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.		

**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	25	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.		

**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	400	8.00-10.00	9.00	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		130.00		Delivered		



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Pellets 17% Dehydrated		305.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		290.00		F.O.B.		
<b>Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	500	80.00-90.00	86.00	F.O.B.		
Standing	1000	50.00	50.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop
<b>Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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)						

<b>Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Ground		140.00		Delivered		
<b>Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
<b>Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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	170.00	170.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
<b>Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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	140.00	140.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		
Large Square 3x4	50	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	200	140.00	140.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
<b>Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

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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