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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/25/2025

Compared to last week all reported hay sales sold steady. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Sellers are starting to let go of some tonnage since new crop will be here before we know it and they all need space in hay barns for the 2025 product. Some producers still have some 2023 sitting around the farm. Per NASS, week ending April 19, sugar beets planted is at 33% completed compared to 35% for last year. Corn planted is at 1% compared to 3% last year. Barley emerge is at 27% compared to 41 last year. Few reports of some sprinkles or very light rain across different areas from visiting with hay producers.

Alfalfa Quality Guidelines

Quality	ADF	NDF	*RFV/RFQ	**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).

Grass Hay guidelines

Quality Crude Protein Percent

Premium Over 13 Good 9-13 Fair 5-9 Low Under 5

Volume						
	This Week	Last Reported (4/14/2025)	Last Year			
Tons:						
Нау	665	1405	700			
Total	665	1405	700			

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)							
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)							
Cubes	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 375.00-420.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>	

East

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Hay (Conventional)								
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Pellets 15% Suncured		260.00		F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Premium (Trad	le/Per Ton)	1						
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u> 30	Price Range 170.00	Wtd Avg 170.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>		
Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Pe	er Ton)							
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u> 280	Price Range 150.00	<u>Wtd Avg</u> 150.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/P	er Ton)							
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u> 100	Price Range 105.00	<u>Wtd Avg</u> 105.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>		
West								
				nventional)				
Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade	e/Per Ton)		, ,	,				
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square	20	270.00	270.00	F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/	Per Ton)							
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Cubes		380.00		F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Premium (Trad	le/Per Ton)							
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square 3 Tie	25	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.				
Small Square	50	265.00	265.00	F.O.B.		2nd Cut		
Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square 3 Tie	25	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.				
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square	10	270.00	270.00	F.O.B.				
Small Square	50	265.00	265.00	F.O.BStables		2nd Cut		

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Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)							
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u> 50	Price Range 200.00	Wtd Avg 200.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.BStables	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u> 2nd Cut	
Timothy Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)							
Small Square	<u>Qty</u> 25	Price Range 265.00	Wtd Avg 265.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.BStables	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u> 1st Cut	

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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