



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/20/2022

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (5/9/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	296	115	445
Total	296	115	445

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 week: Hay sold fully steady. Demand for hay was moderate to good this week. Hay continues to move on an as need basis. Many ranchers are turning out cows early in order to stop feeding high priced hay. Rain continues to be seen as yet another system moves across the state bringing rain and snow, along with cooler than normal temperatures. Timely rains continue to improve crop conditions and many producers are expecting first cutting in 2-3 weeks in southern and eastern Montana depending on how many warm growing days are seen. New crop hay has started to be offered locally in the \$225.00-250.00/ton range, but no takers were seen so far. According to the drought monitor 83.04% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 2.36% from last week; 61.06 % of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 4.22% decrease from last week; 19.10% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, unchanged from last week; 0% of the state is in an exceptional drought, unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
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	125	300.00	300.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Utility/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	171	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.		

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

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