



California Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand was moderate to good. Retail hay demand was good. Dairy hay demand was steady. Export hay demand was light. According to the US Drought Monitor, the most intense levels of drought (D3 and D4) now cover a broad area from southeastern California, southern Nevada, and southwestern Utah through much of Arizona, southern and western New Mexico, and the Texas Big Bend into south-central parts of the state. The next available hay report will be May 02, 2025

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/14/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	14925	2575	15105
Total	14925	2575	15105
Bales:			
Hay	2810	3822	2000
Straw	5632	5632	2500
Total	8442	9454	4500

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.

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>
Small Square 3 Tie	25	260.00	260.00	Delivered-Dairy		Old Crop
Fescue 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 3 Tie	1024	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop
North San Joaquin Valley						
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	100	245.00	245.00	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	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop

Sacramento Valley

Straw (Conventional)

Rice - (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	2048	3.00	3.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		

Wheat - (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	3584	6.00	6.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		

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	1536	14.95-18.00	16.63	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		Old Crop

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	250	14.50	14.50	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		Old 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	1000	210.00	210.00	F.O.B.-Export		2nd Cut
Large Square 3x4	1000	215.00	215.00	F.O.B.-Export		1st Cut
Large Square 3x4	3250	215.00-220.00	217.69	F.O.B.-Export		New Crop
Large Square 3x4	3550	210.00	210.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		1st Cut
Large Square 3x4	5000	210.00-215.00	213.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

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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	500	220.00	220.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Retail/Stable	New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	75	220.00	220.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

Forage Mix-Four Way - 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	195.00	195.00	F.O.B.-Retail		Old Crop

Giant Bermuda 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>
Small Square 3 Tie	25	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Retail	Weedy	New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	150	240.00	240.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

Giant Bermuda Grass - 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>
Small Square 3 Tie	150	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

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