



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/13/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/2/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	100	23	25
Total	100	23	25
Bales:			
Hay	2050	492	1225
Total	2050	492	1225

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 the last report: Trade activity light on good demand for horse hay and retail markets. Trade activity light on good demand for dairy markets. Feedlots and dairies in northeast Colorado are bidding on new crop alfalfa, both in standing prices and baled, but no reports of growers accepting current bids. Also, in northeast Colorado, corn silage contracts are reported at 57.00 per ton standing. Trade inactive on all other hay markets. Horse hay sold mostly steady per bale this week on comparable hay trades. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Summary for May 10, 2022, on this week's map, improvement in drought conditions continued on the map in areas of eastern Kansas, Nebraska and eastern South Dakota where another round of storms helped to alleviate short-term deficits as well as provide a modest boost to soil moisture levels and streamflows. However, the longer-term impacts of the drought in western portions of the region are still causing impacts including areas with poor pasture and rangeland conditions and low stock pond levels. In eastern Colorado, conditions degraded in response to continued dryness over the past several months with reports of little new growth of grasses, blowing sand and dust, and very dry soils as well as crops being abandoned in some areas, according to the Colorado Climate Center. For the week, average temperatures were above normal across most of the region with positive departures ranging from 2 to 8+ deg F and the greatest departures observed in eastern portions of Colorado and Montana. According to NOAA NCEI, North Dakota logged its 2nd wettest (+2.3-inch anomaly) April on record (as evidenced in severe flooding observed in eastern portions of the state). Likewise, precipitation in South Dakota and Montana was also both above normal (32nd wettest) for April. In contrast, April was very dry, with Kansas seeing its 3rd driest and Colorado its 5th driest on record. The next available report will be Thursday, May, 19 2022.

Mountains and Northwest CO

Hay (Conventional)

Timothy Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	320	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

Northeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	100	265.00	265.00	Delivered-Feedlot/dairy	4th Cutting	Old Crop



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Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Contract (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 4x4		190.00		Delivered-Feedlot/dairy	1st Cutting	New Crop

Alfalfa - (Contract (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>
Standing		140.00		Delivered	1st Cutting	New Crop

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Good/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>
Medium Square 3x3	54	115.00	115.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

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	282	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.		

Timothy 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	882	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

Southwest

Hay (Conventional)

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 3 Tie	512	19.00	19.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

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

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