



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 6/5/2026

Compared to last report, round bales of alfalfa sold steady to 5.00 higher. Large square bales of alfalfa sold steady. Old crop round bales of grass hay steady to 30.00 higher. Ground and delivered mostly steady except the western area sold steady to 10.00 higher. Old crop dehy and sun-cured pellets steady. Demand was good. Quite a few livestock owners are scrambling to find hay to feed their livestock since the rains have been slow to come and pastures are slow to grow. Spotty rain showers along with some hail in various places across the state. Tonnage on first cutting has a wide range, few early reports on dryland of .50 to 1 ton per acre with irrigation from 1 to 2 tons. With most reports on the lower end of the spectrum. Several eastern area contacts have been done with first cutting and will be starting second cutting in another week or so. As one moves west there is still a lot of first cutting to be cut and baled. Some contacts have green chopped their first cutting of alfalfa and fields of rye grass.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/18/2026)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2450	2725	535
Straw	0	175	0
Total	2450	2900	535
Bales:			
Hay	50	50	495
Total	50	50	495

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 - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Ground		205.00		Delivered		

Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	100	140.00	140.00	F.O.B.		New Crop

Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	50	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.		
Large Round	60	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.	Rain Damage	New Crop



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Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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>
Small Square	50	8.00-10.00	9.00	F.O.B.		

Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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	125	100.00-140.00	128.00	F.O.B.		

Rye Grass - (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	250	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop

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		350.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		250.00		F.O.B.		

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	25	245.00	245.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

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>
Medium Square 3x3	25	215.00	215.00	F.O.B.-Stables		New Crop

Alfalfa - 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 Square 3x4	100	110.00	110.00	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		180.00		Delivered		
Pellets <15% Suncured		320.00		F.O.B.		



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Pellets 17% Dehydrated		350.00		F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Good (Offer/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		90.00-95.00		F.O.B.		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	215	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.		
Corn Stalk - (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		140.00		Delivered		

West						
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		225.00-235.00		Delivered		
Alfalfa - (Offer/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% Suncured		350.00		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 Square 3x4	1500	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		New Crop

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