



## Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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

Special Note: \*\*\* Next released report will be May 8, 2025 \*\*\*

Compared to last week, reported forage prices steady. Demand was light to instances moderate. Some hay going to out of state feedlots in bales or as ground and delivered product. Quite a few forage producers are holding hay over into the new crop year due to the dryness in the area. Also, they are hoping to increase the price per ton they are selling there hay. Per NASS, for week ending April 19, corn planted is at 8% a little ahead of the five year average of 5% planted. Soybeans come in at 2% planted and it's a little ahead of normal plantings. Oats planted is at 72% compared to average plantings at 66%. Winter wheat is rated 40 % poor to very poor with only 29% rated as good.

All sales FOB the stack or hay yard unless otherwise noted.

Alfalfa guidelines (for domestic livestock use and not more than 10% grass)

Quality	ADF	NDF	*RFV	**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
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	2350	2200	500
Total	2350	2200	500
<b>Bales:</b>			
Hay	170	70	0
Total	170	70	0

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.

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Central						
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		115.00-120.00		Delivered		
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 Round	50	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		
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	300	70.00-75.00	73.33	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
Large Round	450	70.00-85.00	73.89	F.O.B.		
Corn Stalk - (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	50	47.50	47.50	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
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	25	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.		
Prairie/Meadow 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	20	8.00	8.00	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	25	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.		
Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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	100	60.00-65.00	62.50	F.O.B.-Feedlot		
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		320.00		F.O.B.		



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Pellets 17% Suncured	250.00-260.00	F.O.B.			
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	50	155.00	155.00	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 Round	400	80.00-85.00	82.50	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor	New 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>
Medium Square 3x3	50	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.-Stables	
Small Square	100	8.00-10.00	9.25	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		130.00		Delivered	
Pellets 17% Dehydrated		305.00-320.00		F.O.B.	
Pellets 17% Suncured		290.00		F.O.B.	
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	700	75.00-90.00	80.71	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		100.00		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		140.00		Delivered	



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### 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	50	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.		

### Alfalfa - Fair/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	50	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		

### Alfalfa - Utility (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	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

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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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