Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/26/2024

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/15/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	500	935	1025
Total	500	935	1025
Bales:			
Hay	0	25	130
Total	0	25	130

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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Compared to last week, all reported hay sales sold steady on a very thin test. Demand was light. Several hay producers are holding over several tons of hay. Some hay producers are gearing up to plant alfalfa this spring on irrigated pivots. Some corn planting just getting underway in the Eastern areas of the state with talks of soybean planting too. But overall the drought monitor shows the state in a lot better shape than it was this time last year. According to NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE LINCOLN, LINCOLN, Neb. April 22, 2024 - For the week ending April 21, 2024, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 12% very short, 33% short, 51% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 11% very short, 39% short, 46% adequate, and 4% surplus. Field Crops Report: Corn planted was 6%, near 8% last year and 5% for the five-year average. Soybeans planted was 2%, near 3% last year, and equal to average. Winter wheat condition rated 2% very poor, 3% poor, 27% fair, 52% good, and 16% excellent. Oats planted was 71%, ahead of 63% last year and 60% average. Emerged was 36%, ahead of 20% both last year and average.

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).
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Grass Hay guidelines

Quality	Crude Protein Percent
Premium	Over 13
Good	9-13
Fair	5-9
Low	Under 5

Central

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	200	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round		110.00-140.00		F.O.B.		

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Corn Stalk - (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	200	55.00	55.00	F.O.B.		

East

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Pellets 17% Suncured		280.00		F.O.B.		

Northeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round		115.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

Platte Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Ground		175.00		Delivered		
Pellets 15% Suncured		350.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Dehydrated		350.00		F.O.B.		

Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Ground		90.00		Delivered		

West

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	100	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.		

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Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Ground		150.00-180.00		Delivered		

Millet - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round		115.00		F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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

Click here for Hay glossary of terms

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