



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/25/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/14/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	639	55	498
Total	639	55	498

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 last week: Hay sold steady to 10.00 higher. Ranchers were out searching to find hay this week. Many ranchers that have been feeding straw in a mixed ration are reporting that with warmer weather cows are not eating the straw as good as they were when it was cold. This has many ranchers looking for hay to supplement until grass is ready. In state hay movement remains light due to tight supplies. Hay continues to move into the state from Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota and much of this hay is being delivered for 305.00-345.00 a ton depending on location. Hay contracts continue to be discussed but conditions remain dry and many are not willing to contract with weather, high fuel costs, and high fertilizer costs all hanging in the balance. BLM leases have pushed back turnout dates and cut some leases altogether. This has many, especially in eastern Montana in a panic as they rely on these leases for summer grazing. According to the drought monitor 85.37% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 1.80% from last week. 82.52% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 2.42% from last week. 52.45% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, up 0.59%; 0% of the state is in an exceptional drought, unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
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	24	350.00	350.00	F.O.B.-Stables		
Large Square 3x4	440	285.00-325.00	317.05	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	175	275.00	275.00	F.O.B.		

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

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