



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/1/2022

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (3/21/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	265	639	1178
Straw	90	0	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>1278</b>

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 fully steady. Ranchers continue to search for hay as cows are starting to chase green grass and not consuming poorer quality hay or mixed rations with straw in them as well as they were earlier in the season. Demand for hay remains good to very good. Many producers are out of hay, however some continue to sell hay as they find they have excess loads after delivering contracted loads. In state hay movement remains light due to tight supplies. Hay continues to move into the state from neighboring states and much of this hay is being delivered for 305.00-345.00 a ton depending on location. Hay contracts have stalled as many producers wait to see if it will rain this spring. Snow pack is below normal with most regions in southern and Southwestern Montana 67-83% of normal snowpack, while Northeastern Montana showing snowpack 92-101% of normal snowpack. The highline remains the driest of all regions with snowpack 25% of normal in the milk river valley. Reductions in grazing leases from BLM and Forest service lands are driving more cattle to market as most have nowhere to go with cattle for the summer. According to the drought monitor 85.32% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 0.05% from last week. 82.52% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 52.44% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, down 0.01% from last week; 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	35	325.00	325.00	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	200	280.00	280.00	F.O.B.		

### Timothy Grass - 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>
Small Square	30	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.		

Straw (Conventional)						
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### Barley - (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	90	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		

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Click here for Hay glossary of terms

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