



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/8/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/28/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	350	265	4915
Straw	0	90	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>4915</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 buy hay on an as need basis. Cows continue to chase grass and many ranchers are being forced to buy hay to keep cows in adequate body condition. Demand for hay remains good to very good. Many producers are out of hay for the season and supplies remain tight. Discussions of new crop contracts reopened this week and ranchers seemed will to pay 250.00-300.00 per ton but producers are still not willing to pull the trigger as many are concerned with input costs and moisture going forward. No contract prices have been established. 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. According to the drought monitor 85.32% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse; 82.52% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse; 52.44% of the state is in extreme drought or worse; 0% of the state is in an exceptional drought, all drought categories are 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	350	300.00-325.00	319.64	F.O.B.		

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

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