



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/27/2022

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (5/16/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	65	296	69
Total	65	296	69

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.

Special Note: \*\*\*Due to very light sales receipts this report will be released bi-monthly until early August when heavier receipts can be confirmed. Next release date will be Friday June 10th, 2022 \*\*\*

Compared to last week: Hay sold fully steady. Demand for hay was moderate to good this week. Hay sales were very light this week as ranchers continue to buy on an as need basis. Rain is forecasted for much of eastern and central Montana over the weekend and early next week, however many report very dry conditions continue especially along the eastern rocky mountain front. Some ranchers who have the ability are turning out cows early in order to stop feeding high priced hay. However, many who run cows on CRP and Forest service land cant turn out until June 15 or so. Cooler than normal temperatures continue to slow the growth of first cutting. Traditionally hay is starting to be cut around the last week of May or the First of June, but this year hay is behind schedule as most say first cutting wont start until around the 10th of June at the earliest. Discussions of new crop contracts continue to occur and many have hay priced in the \$240-250/ton range in the stack but no confirmed takers have been found thus far. According to the drought monitor 82.77% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 0.27% from last week; 60.26 % of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 0.80% decrease from last week; 16.80% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, down 2.30% 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)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	65	300.00	300.00	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

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-and-grain-hay-terms>

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