



## Montana Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News  
MT Dept. of Ag Market News

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 6/24/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (6/6/2022)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	2086	730	4925
Total	2086	730	4925

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 July 8th, 2022 \*\*\*

Compared to two weeks ago: Hay sold generally steady. Demand for hay was light to moderate. Old crop hay sales continue to occur but on an as need basis. It remains very dry in Northcentral Montana and across the front slope. Buyers continue to search for hay to make it to first cutting. Many producers are starting to cut first cutting in the central portions of the state, while eastern and southern Montana has some hay already in the bale. Several producers report rains have destroyed quality for hay in Washington and Idaho and have buyers looking into Montana for high quality first cutting or old crop 3rd. Several sales of hay were destined for western states this week. Discussions of new crop hay contracts continue as two camps are establishing positions: Eastern and Southern Montana producers are more proactive in trying to establish the hay market as rains have helped produce what many see as a bumper crop, while central and western Montana are more reserved as they see dry conditions across the front slope and highline along with very good demand from western states as beneficial to hay prices. According to the drought monitor 43.93% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 31.19% from two weeks ago; 19.96% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 9.35% decrease from two weeks ago; 9.17% of the state is in extreme drought or worse, down 3.86% from two weeks ago; 3.01% of the state is in an exceptional drought, down 1.08% from two weeks ago.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
<b>Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Medium Square 3x3	270	320.00	320.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop
<b>Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)</b>						
	<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	10	350.00	350.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Small Lots	Old Crop
Large Square 3x4	36	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		New Crop
Large Square 3x4	230	270.00	270.00	F.O.B.		Old Crop
<b>Alfalfa - (Contract (Trade)/Per Ton)</b>						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Large Round	1500	200.00-250.00	233.33	F.O.B.		New Crop

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### Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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	30	280.00	280.00	F.O.B.		Old Crop

### Timothy Grass - 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>
Small Square	10	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.	Small Lots	Old Crop

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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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