



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 10/28/2022

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (10/17/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	170	2170	1333
Straw	0	350	200
Total	170	2520	1533

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 was too lightly tested to develop an accurate market trend, however weak undertones were noticed. Demand for hay this week was mostly moderate for moderate offerings. Ranchers continue to search for hay for winter needs. Heavy supplies continue to enter the state both from the Dakotas and Canada. This has allowed ranchers to be more selective as they shop around for hay. Demand for hay to ship west to traders and exporters has lightened as a high dollar has significantly lightened export demand. Additionally, Fall rains and snowmelt has allowed for fall pastures to green in some locations which has helped curb some usage and consequently demand. Producers continue to deliver straw sold earlier in the year. Many producers are grinding straw and adding it to rations to help lower the cost. According to the drought monitor 74.32 of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, 41.97% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, both unchanged from last week. 15.61% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse down 1.02% from last week; 0% of the state is in an Exceptional drought.

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	120	240.00-250.00	245.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Fair (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	225.00	225.00	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	20	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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

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