



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 12/16/2022

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (12/5/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2022	315	1660
Straw	0	50	0
Total	2022	365	1660

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 mostly 10.00 higher. Demand for hay this week was mostly good to very good for light offerings. Ranchers showed very good demand this week for hay as they search for hay for winter needs. Hay supplies have tightened significantly in the last few weeks. A harsh, snowy, cold winter has increased feed consumption as many producers are forced to feed cows due to heavy amounts of snow that remain on the ground. Many ranchers report that they have lots of fall regrowth but it remains covered in 10-18 inches of snow. Hay supplies out of the Dakotas have slowed this week as roads remain unpassable due to a huge winter storm. Ranchers in need of emergency loads were forced to pay higher money for local hay this week. According to the drought monitor 62.23 of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, 2.41% lower than last week; 37.97% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 0.96% lower than last week; 12.16% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, 0% of the state is in an Exceptional drought, both unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						

Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	100	270.00	270.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	350	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	1500	225.00-245.00	231.67	F.O.B.		

Grass - Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	32	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.		

Timothy Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	30	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.		

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Timothy Grass - 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>
Small Square	10	320.00	320.00	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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