



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 1/6/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (12/12/2022)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	4515	2022	854
Straw	0	0	170
Total	4515	2022	1024

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 report:(12-16-22) Hay sold mostly steady to 10.00 higher. Demand for hay was mostly good to very good for light offerings. Hay supplies have tightened significantly and continue to tighten. The cold spell that hit before Christmas forced many ranchers to use up more hay than anticipated as temperatures plunged well below zero for most of that week. Hay supplies continue to be delivered out of the Dakotas, however heavy amounts of snow have slowed delivery as many locations are buried in snow. According to the drought monitor 59.92 of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, 2.31% lower than the week of 12-16-22; 36.33% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 1.64% lower than the week of 12-16-22; 10.80% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, 1.36% lower than the week of 12-16-22; 0% of the state is in an Exceptional drought, unchanged from the week of 12-16-22.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						

Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	650	245.00-265.00	255.77	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	2300	250.00-270.00	256.52	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

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

Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	65	200.00	200.00	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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