



Montana Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News
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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 2/3/2023

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (1/23/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1440	820	402
Straw	0	150	10
Silage	650	650	0
Total	2090	1620	412

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 fully steady. Demand for hay remains good to very good for light offerings. Hay usage was high over the past week as extremely cold and snowy conditions were seen over much of the state. Ranchers continue to buy hay on an as need basis, but are reluctant to buy large quantities of hay as prices remain historically high. Demand for straw is very good, however supplies are tight and not much straw is selling as a result. Many ranchers continue to use straw as bedding and to blend into rations to help cheapen hay. According to the drought monitor 67.78% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, up 7.89% from last week. 37.00% of the state is in a Severe drought or worse, unchanged from last week; 10.80% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse unchanged 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	140	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	500	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Utility (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	800	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.		

Silage (Conventional)						
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Haylage - RFV 150-169 (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Bulk	650	160.00	160.00	F.O.B.		

[Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines](#)

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