



## Montana Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News  
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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 2/17/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (2/6/2023)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	995	420	154
Straw	56	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>154</b>

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. Some smaller producers showed willingness to sell excess hay going forward as we are getting closer and closer to turnout time. Hay is lower in the east as competition with North Dakota has tempered prices. Ranchers continue to buy hay on an as need basis but remain unwilling to buy excess hay loads. Many loads of hay are currently being sold into the southern plains as Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado are active buyers in the current hay market. Many of these loads are catching back hauls which has helped lower freight significantly. According to the drought monitor 67.78% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, 23.75% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, 3.71% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, 0% of the state is in an Exceptional drought, all values are unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
<b>Alfalfa - 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	32	280.00	280.00	F.O.B.		
<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 Round	32	265.00	265.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	320	250.00-270.00	254.06	F.O.B.		
<b>Alfalfa - Fair (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	265	210.00-225.00	221.32	F.O.B.		
<b>Timothy Grass - Good (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	282	212.00-250.00	216.31	F.O.B.		
<b>Triticale - (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	64	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.		

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Straw (Conventional)						
Barley - (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>
Round	56	150.00	150.00	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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