



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/3/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (2/20/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1374	400	355
Straw	0	10	100
Total	1374	410	455

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 generally steady. Demand for hay remains good to very good for light offerings. Local ranchers continue to buy hay on an as need basis. Loads of hay continue to be sent south into the southern plains as Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado are active buyers again this week. Many of these loads are catching back hauls which has helped lower freight significantly. Producers report calls were much more active this week as cold weather continues to be seen. Many locations in central Montana remain buried under 2-3 feet of snow and are seeing extremely cold temperatures as a result. According to the drought monitor 65.91% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 2.17% from last week. 22.89% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 0.86% from last week. 3.11% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, down 0.6% 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)						
	<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	175	250.00-270.00	262.57	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Good (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 4x4	300	230.00	230.00	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	32	235.00	235.00	F.O.B.	Bleached	
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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 Round	67	265.00-275.00	270.22	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	500	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good (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	300	230.00	230.00	F.O.B.		

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