



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/17/2023

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (3/6/2023)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	705	1060	55
Straw	55	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>1060</b>	<b>55</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 generally steady. Demand for hay remains good to very good for light offerings. Hay usage remains high across the state as cold temperatures and snow cover continue to force ranchers to feed heavy amounts of hay. Moderate amounts of snow fell across northern and eastern Montana this week as 2 back to back clipper snowstorms were seen. Local ranchers continue to buy hay on an as need basis but many are counting hay stacks and realizing they will need more hay to make it to grass. New crop contracts were starting to be discussed as some producers are looking to price hay for the upcoming year, no prices have been established but demand for hay looks to remain strong for next year. The U.S. is running on the tightest hay supplies since the 1950s. Straw sold on very good demand this week as ranchers looking for straw for calving purchased emergency loads. limited sales sold sharply higher. According to the drought monitor 57.00% of the is in Moderate drought or worse, down 8.91% from last week. 19.26% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 2.18% from last week. 3.11% 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	360	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		

### Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Round	125	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	150	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.		

### Timothy Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	25	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.		

### Timothy Grass - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	45	240.00	240.00	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>
Large Square	55	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.	Certified Weed Free	

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<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

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