



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/24/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/13/2023)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	950	705	639
Straw	12	55	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>639</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. Ranchers continue to search and buy hay on an as need basis. Larger quantities of hay continue to be bought at a discount to single or partial loads. Additional snowfall is forecasted for central and southern Montana this weekend. Many ranchers are busy calving and some are looking for emergency loads of straw as mud and snow continues to keep pens dirty. Additional snow continues to eat away at the drought as every week the drought monitor shrinks the drought coverage in the state. According to the drought monitor 48.34 of the is in Moderate drought or worse, down 8.66 from last week. 11.99% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 7.27% from last week. 0% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, down 3.11% from last week. 0% of the state is in an Exceptional drought, unchanged from last week.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
<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 Square 3x4	385	250.00-270.00	253.38	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	565	205.00-225.00	207.30	F.O.B.		
Straw (Conventional)						
<b>Barley - (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	12	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.	Certified Weed Free	

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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