



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/31/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/20/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1975	950	265
Straw	580	12	90
Total	2555	962	355

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 mostly steady to 20.00 higher. Demand for hay is very good for light offerings. Several ranchers are searching for emergency loads as additional snowfall continues to be seen. 1-2 feet of snow or more fell across parts of southern Montana last weekend and early this week. Above freezing temperatures have been seen much of the week making pastures and pens a sloppy, muddy mess. However, many are excited for the moisture as the drought monitor continues to show drought improvements. Straw is very hard to find as supplies are very light and demand is very good. Ranchers purchased emergency loads as calving is well underway and bedding is critical due to muddy pen and pasture conditions. According to the drought monitor 45.01 of the is in Moderate drought or worse, down 3.33 from last week. 10.04% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 1.95% from last week. 0% 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)

	<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	1575	250.00-300.00	253.81	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Fair/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	400	245.00	245.00	F.O.B.		

Straw (Conventional)						
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Corn Stalk - (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	180	80.00	80.00	F.O.B.		

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	400	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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