



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/14/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/3/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	750	2684	100
Straw	0	370	0
Total	750	3054	100

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 steady. Demand for hay remains very good for light offerings. Warm spring like temperatures were seen early in the week but by late week cold, rain and snow showers swept across the state. Some locations picked up light to moderate amounts of snow. Warmer weather is expected this weekend. Some producers continue to hold on to hay supplies as winter continues to keep a grip on the state with cold and snowy conditions. Several producers report that they will start to sell hay as soon as they think they will have enough hay for their cows to reach grass. Other hay producers worry next years hay crop will be larger than last years after this years abundant snowfall. These producers are working to sell out before summer and are moving large quantities each week. A large portion of hay is selling south into Texas and Oklahoma where hay prices are over \$300/ton. According to the drought monitor 42.29 of the is in Moderate drought or worse, down 1.75% from last week. 7.91% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 2.13% from last week. 0% of the state is in Extreme or Exceptional drought or worse, 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	750	250.00	250.00	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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