



## Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/28/2023

	Volume		
	This Week	Last Reported (4/17/2023)	Last Year
<b>Tons:</b>			
Hay	525	1165	0
Total	525	1165	0

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.

Special Note: \*\*\*Due to very light sales receipts this report will be released bi-monthly until September when heavier receipts can be confirmed.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Next release date will be Friday May 12th, 2023 \*\*\*

Compared to last week: Hay sold generally steady. Demand for hay was mostly moderate to good for light offerings. Demand slipped slightly this week as many ranchers are turning cows and grass cattle out early due to high hay costs and leftover fall grass. Some ranchers and small producers are letting small single load quantities of excess hay go. Advertised prices show some are willing to take less money as many expect an abundant new crop. Hay continues to sell into Texas and Oklahoma as hay prices in the southern plains remains above \$300/ton. About 60% of hay in this weeks report sold into these states. Many continue to catch back hauls to help cut shipping costs. According to the drought monitor 40.46% of the is in Moderate drought or worse, up 0.25% from last week. 0% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 5.29% from last week. 0% of the state is in Extreme or Exceptional drought or worse, 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	475	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Timothy Grass - 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>
Small Square	25	360.00	360.00	F.O.B.		
<b>Timothy Grass - 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>
Small Square	25	240.00	240.00	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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