



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 2/28/2025

Compared to last week: Hay sold mostly steady in a narrow comparison. Hay producers continue to move hay as recent reductions in prices have spurred sales. Some ranchers have purchased hay as lower prices have given ranchers a reason to buy loads incase it turn off dry this summer. Market activity was mostly active this week with several large sales of hay seen. Many producers are attempting to sell out of all their hay prior to the start of the 2025 hay season. The goal is to start fresh in 2025 in the hopes that tighter supplies help increase demand for hay within the state. Weather has warmed some this week which allowed for producers to get back in stacks and start moving hay out. According to the drought monitor 35.01 the state is in Moderate drought or worse, down 6.29% from last week. 14.14% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, down 7.84% from last week. 4.58% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, down 0.43% from last week. 0% of the state is in Expectational drought, unchanged from last week. Notably, 59.10% of the state is abnormally dry, down 7.63% last week.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (2/17/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	3222	1075	1266
Total	3222	1075	1266

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.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	50	215.00	215.00	F.O.B.-Stables		

Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	75	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.-Stables		

Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	300	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		
Medium Square 3x3	75	175.00	175.00	F.O.B.-Stables		

Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	22	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.		



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Alfalfa - Utility (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	200	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.		

Grass - Utility (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	500	50.00	50.00	F.O.B.	Rain Damage	
Large Square 3x4	2000	30.00	30.00	F.O.B.	Rain Damage	Old Crop

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

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