



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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NE Dept. of Ag Market News

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/5/2023

| Volume | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | This Week | Last Reported (4/24/2023) | Last Year |
| Tons: | | | |
| Hay | 925 | 1025 | 825 |
| Total | 925 | 1025 | 825 |
| Bales: | | | |
| Hay | 130 | 130 | 157 |
| Total | 130 | 130 | 157 |

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, bales of alfalfa and grass hay sold fully steady to instances 10.00 higher. Ground and delivered hay steady to 10.00 higher. Alfalfa pellets steady. Demand was very good for all forage products. All, contacts said phones have been very busy this week. Many contacts are having to tell people they don't have enough hay left for new customers. Cattlemen continue to look for a load to get them buy until summer grass turnout. This may or may not happen in some areas as pastures are very slow to grow due to lack of topsoil moisture. A widespread rain would really help and brighten moods of most everyone. Many farmers are running pivots either before or right after planting. Some pivots have been around several times this spring on alfalfa and spring planted oats. Some talk on standing hay price but nothing set in stone. One contact negotiating new crop alfalfa in the western side of the state to longtime ranching contacts for 230.00-240.00 on first cutting round bales.

Alfalfa guidelines (for domestic livestock use and not more than 10% grass)

| Quality | ADF | NDF | *RFV | **TDN-100% | **TDN-90% | CP |
|---------|-------|-------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Supreme | <27 | <34 | >185 | >62 | >55.9 | >22 |
| Premium | 27-29 | 34-36 | 170-185 | 60.5-62 | 54.5-55.9 | 20-22 |
| Good | 29-32 | 36-40 | 150-170 | 58-60 | 52.5-54.5 | 18-20 |
| Fair | 32-35 | 40-44 | 130-150 | 56-58 | 50.5-52.5 | 16-18 |
| Utility | >35 | >44 | <130 | <56 | <50.5 | <16 |

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

**TDN calculated using the western formula.

Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of Sale (usage).

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Grass Hay guidelines

| Quality | Crude Protein Percent |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Premium | Over 13 |
| Good | 9-13 |
| Fair | 5-9 |
| Low | Under 5 |

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| Central | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa - 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 Round | 150 | 250.00 | 250.00 | F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy | | |
| Large Round | 200 | 200.00-225.00 | 212.50 | F.O.B. | | |
| Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton) | | | | | | |
| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Ground | | 285.00 | | Delivered | | |
| 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 Round | 100 | 80.00 | 80.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton) | | | | | | |
| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Ground | | 160.00 | | Delivered | | |
| Prairie/Meadow Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale) | | | | | | |
| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Small Square | 20 | 9.00 | 9.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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 Round | 50 | 220.00 | 220.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Large Round | 100 | 210.00 | 210.00 | F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch | | |

| East | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale) | | | | | | |
| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Small Square | 50 | 10.00 | 10.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton) | | | | | | |
| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Pellets 15% Suncured | | 410.00 | | F.O.B. | | |
| Pellets 17% Dehydrated | | 420.00 | | F.O.B. | | |

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Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Small Square | 50 | 8.00 | 8.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Platte Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 275.00 | | Delivered-Feedlot/dairy | | |
| Ground | | 285.00 | | Delivered | | |
| Pellets 17% Dehydrated | | 350.00 | | F.O.B. | | |

Corn Stalk - (Ask/Per Ton)

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
|--------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 155.00 | | Delivered-Feedlot/dairy | | |

West

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Supreme (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 Round | 50 | 300.00 | 300.00 | F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy | Very High Testing | |
| Medium Square 3x3 | 75 | 340.00 | 340.00 | F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy | Very High Testing | |

Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Small Square | 10 | 15.00 | 15.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Alfalfa - 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 3x4 | 200 | 285.00 | 285.00 | F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy | | |

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

| | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
|--------|------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 275.00 | | Delivered-Feedlot/dairy | | |

[Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines](#)

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