



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 7/25/2025

Compared to last report(7-11-25): Hay sold mostly 10.00-20.00 higher on good to very good demand. The strongest demand continues to be seen from Northern Montana, as drought conditions coupled with limited irrigation water have greatly increased the demand for hay in the region. Most of the hay sold was purchased delivered for 200.00-250.00. New crop prices continue to establish themselves and some variation in price continues to be seen. Rare July rains have fallen across much of South, Central and Southeastern portions of the state over the past 2 weeks allowing for summer pastures to green in some locations and sustain themselves in others. Drought conditions have expanded over the western portion of the state with several counties in or west of the Rockies showing drought expansion. Cattle herd expansion is on the minds of many ranchers and many are purchasing hay and grain hay ahead of winter as they try to fine enough feed to sustain extra mouths. Producers in Southern and Eastern Montana are in the middle of 2nd cutting. Central Montana is wrapping up first. Market activity was mostly moderate to active this secession. According to the drought monitor 65.65% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, up 3.17% from 2 weeks ago. 34.27% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, up 1.40% from 2 weeks ago. 10.23% of he state is in Extreme drought or worse, up 0.74% from 2 weeks ago. 0% of the state is in Expectational drought, unchanged from 2 weeks ago. Notably, 77.61% of the state is abnormally dry, up 2.46% from 2 weeks ago.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (7/7/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2685	3625	5300
Total	2685	3625	5300

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 - 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	1400	160.00-190.00	178.21	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	700	160.00-175.00	168.57	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Fair (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	185	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.		
Large Square 3x4	400	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

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

Click here for Hay glossary of terms

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