



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/9/2021

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (3/29/2021)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	4915	1178	0
Straw	0	100	0
Total	4915	1278	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.

Compared to last week: Hay sold steady to firm. Demand was mostly good. Hay movement was moderate this week. Buyers continue to buy hay on an as need basis. Much of the feeder quality hay supply has been exhausted and buyers are purchasing dairy quality hay to keep cows happy and from chasing grass. Many small sales of dairy hay sold this week. Some producers are starting to pull the trigger on new crop contracts. Demand for new crop hay is very good. Drought concerns remain high and producers continue to watch soil moisture levels as they try to plant new seedings. Currently 43.51% of the state is in Moderate drought or worse an increase of 1.54% since last week. According to the drought monitor 83.48% of the state is Abnormally dry, a increase of 0.09% since last week. Notably, the drought in far Eastern Montana continues to worsen as 5.60% of the state is now considered in Extreme drought.

N/A						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - Premium/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 Square 3x4	980	170.00-200.00	174.08	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Premium (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>
Small Square	10	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa - Fair/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 4x4	300	155.00	155.00	F.O.B.		
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 4x4	55	115.00	115.00	F.O.B.		
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Fair/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	165.00	165.00	F.O.B.		
Large Round	120	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.		Old Crop



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Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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 4x4	250	120.00	120.00	F.O.B.		

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - (Contract (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>
Medium Square 3x3	1500	185.00	185.00	F.O.B.		New Crop
Small Square	1500	220.00	220.00	F.O.B.		New Crop

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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