



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 7/18/2025

Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand light. No market trend available due to a lack of comparable trades. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Summary for July 15, 2025, temperatures were mixed over the region with the northern and western areas 2-4 degrees above normal while the southern and eastern areas were 2-4 degrees below normal for the week. The wettest areas this week were in southwest Kansas, northeast Nebraska and portions of northeast Colorado, where over 200% of normal rain was recorded. Dryness continued in eastern Wyoming and in areas of the Dakotas as well as in northeastern Kansas. The wetter pattern over Nebraska over the past several weeks has allowed continued improvement to drought in the state. A full category improvement was made over most of central and northeast Nebraska and into portions of southern South Dakota. Moderate drought and abnormally dry conditions were improved over northeast Colorado while abnormally dry conditions expanded over northeast Kansas. The next available report will be Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (6/30/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2698	10	12930
Straw	750	0	2450
Total	3448	10	15380
Bales:			
Hay	2409	1725	1341
Total	2409	1725	1341

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.

Mountains and Northwest CO						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good (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	200	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Stables		1st Cut
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>
Medium Square 3x3	48	170.00	170.00	F.O.B.-Stables		New Crop
Northeast						



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Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/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		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		New Crop
Large Square 3x4		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		Old Crop

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 3x4	1200	130.00-140.00	134.17	F.O.B.-Feedlot		1st Cut

Straw (Conventional)

Wheat - (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	750	80.00	80.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop

San Luis Valley

Hay (Organic)

Alfalfa - Supreme (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>
Large Square 3x4	800	280.00	280.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		1st Cut

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	75	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		1st Cut

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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 Bundled	105	13.25	13.25	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		1st Cut

Southeast

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 Bundled	1554	9.00	9.00	F.O.B.-Stables		2nd Cut



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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	75	140.00	140.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		1st Cut

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	500	125.00	125.00	Delivered-Feedlot		1st Cut

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	550	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

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