Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/4/2025

Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand light. Prices mostly unchanged on all hay types. Mid squares of grass hay mix sold steady to 5.00 lower. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Drought Summary for Thursday, April 1, 2025, on this week's map, only minor changes were made in the region, namely in western Nebraska and areas of Kansas. In the Sand Hills of Nebraska, precipitation during the past 7-day period (1 to 2 inches) led to 1-category improvements in areas of Severe (D2) and Extreme (D3) drought. In Kansas, short-term dry conditions (past 30-60 days) led to the expansion of isolated areas of drought in the southwestern and northeastern parts of the state. Generally dry conditions prevailed across much of the region for the week, with some small accumulations (0.5 to 1 inch liquid) observed in southern and eastern South Dakota, northern Nebraska, and southeastern Kansas. In terms of temperatures, near-normal average temperatures were logged across the region. The next available report will be Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Volume

	This Week	Last Reported (3/24/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	175	800	342
Straw	0	0	16
Total	175	800	358
Bales:			
Hay	3736	1618	3746
Total	3736	1618	3746

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.

Northeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Standing		110.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		Old Crop

Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	45	9.75	9.75	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

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Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	50	275.00	275.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-2nd Cut

Corn - (Offer/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Standing		35.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop
Standing		35.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop

Forage Mix-Four Way - Premium (Ask/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square		9.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut
Small Square		10.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-2nd Cut

Forage Mix-Two Way - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	2	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut
Small Square	25	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-4th Cut

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4		155.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot		Old Crop-1st Cut

Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square Bundled		9.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop
Small Square Bundled		10.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4		175.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop-3rd Cut
Large Square 3x4		175.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop-4th Cut

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Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square Bundled	2520	10.50	10.50	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop

Alfalfa - Good (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	125	225.00	225.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop

Prairie/Meadow Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	600	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-1st Cut

Southwest

Hay (Conventional)

Forage Mix-Four Way - (Ask/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square		8.00		F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Orchard Grass - (Ask/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square		14.00-15.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	Old Crop

Orchard Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square 3 Tie	544	18.00	18.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-3rd Cut

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