



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to two weeks ago small square bales of alfalfa and grass hay sold steady. Not enough test on round bales for a market trend. Ground and delivered hay sold steady to 5.00 lower. Dairy hay contracts between the same parties sold 10.00 lower than last year's contract. Several of the ground and delivered companies are off the market on buying new crop hay as they continue to work through previous years stockpile hay supplies. Demand was almost nil these last two weeks. Most areas of the state have had rain, hail, wind or a combination of all. Most of the state looks pretty good for the middle of July with several fields of corn shooting tassels and some silking. Some areas across the state are still abnormal to moderate drought and need more moisture to fill the soil profile. Overall, in way better shape than 60 days ago. Alfalfa producers are finishing up second with others starting on third cutting. Grass hay production is off some from last year tonnage as spring moisture was slow to come and the plants are just maturing late. Maybe 2 to 4 weeks behind a "normal" year.

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).

Grass Hay guidelines

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

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (6/30/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2550	625	4075
Straw	1375	0	100
Total	3925	625	4175
Bales:			
Hay	120	183	950
Straw	600	0	350
Total	720	183	1300

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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.

Central
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		130.00-135.00		Delivered		

Alfalfa - Premium/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	2000	175.00	175.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		

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	50	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

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	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.		

Straw (Conventional)

Rye - (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>
Round	125	50.00-55.00	51.00	F.O.B.		

Rye - (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>
Round	100	40.00	40.00	F.O.B.		
Small Square	500	5.00	5.00	F.O.B.		

East
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>
Pellets 17% Dehydrated		330.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		240.00		F.O.B.		



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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	8.00	8.00	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 Round	500	100.00	100.00	Delivered-Dealer/Mill/Processor		

Brome Grass - 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	50	7.00	7.00	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		130.00		Delivered		
Pellets 17% Dehydrated		300.00-305.00		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		100.00		Delivered		

West

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		140.00		Delivered		
Pellets 17% Suncured		265.00		F.O.B.		

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	1250	60.00	60.00	F.O.B.		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines



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