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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 3/28/2025

Compared to last week movement of hay has been steady with very little moisture. According to U.S. Drought Monitor as of March 25,2025. Major storm systems continued to "undercut" the Dakotas and portions of neighboring states. Notably, severe drought (D2) was broadly expanded in South Dakota, where season-to-date snowfall totals were broadly at least 1 to 2 feet below average. With the northern Plains' drought occurring at multiple time scales, current impacts include poor conditions for rangeland, pastures, and winter wheat. In contrast, late-season storminess across the northern Intermountain West, including much of northern and western Wyoming, led to improved mountain snowpack, more favorable spring and summer runoff prospects, and reductions in drought coverage and intensity.

Alfalfa Quality Guidelines Quality ADF NDF *RFV/RFQ **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 (3/17/2025)	Last Year					
Tons:								
Hay	575	150	250					
Straw	50	75	100					
Total	625	225	350					
Bales:								
Нау	202	180	0					
Total	202	180	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.

East

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Hay (Conventional)								
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 250.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u> Old Crop		
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 200.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Grass - Good (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Round	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 90.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u> Old Crop-1st Cut		
Prairie/Meadow Grass -	Premium	(Trade/Per Ton)						
Medium Square 3x3	<u>Qty</u> 25	<u>Price Range</u> 150.00	<u>Wtd Avg</u> 150.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>		
			ı	N/A				
			Hay (Coi	nventional)				
Alfalfa - Premium (Trad	e/Per Ton)						
1 0 0	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4	100	180.00	180.00	F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
Large Round	<u>Qty</u> 100	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>		
•		120.00	120.00	F.O.B.				
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Prem								
Small Square	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 8.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>		
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Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
Large Round	<u>Qty</u> 50	<u>Price Range</u> 150.00	<u>Wtd Avg</u> 150.00	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	112	55.00	55.00	F.O.B.				

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Grass - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Bale)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	25	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.				
Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
	Qty	<u>Price Range</u>	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	25	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.				
Grass - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Ton)								
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	200	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.				
Grass - Good/Premium (Trade/Per Bale)								
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	65	45.00	45.00	F.O.B.	CRP			
Grass - Good (Trade/Per Ton)								
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round	75	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.				
Straw (Conventional)								
Corn Stalk - (Trade/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Round	50	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.				

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