



## South Dakota Direct Hay Report

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### Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 1/24/2025

According to U.S. Drought Monitor as of January 21, 2024, some of the coldest air of the year settled into the region over the last week. Departures from normal temperatures were 12-15 degrees below normal in portions of Wyoming, South Dakota, and Colorado, and into Kansas and Nebraska. Dry conditions dominated the region with only portions of southwest Kansas and the Plains of Wyoming and Colorado recording precipitation. December and January are the driest months of the year and deficits are accumulating with little to no precipitation over the last several weeks. Conditions will continue to be monitored for further degradation in the region.

#### 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<br>(1/13/2025) | Last Year |
| <b>Tons:</b>  |           |                              |           |
| Hay           | 500       | 500                          | 425       |
| Straw         | 0         | 0                            | 1120      |
| Total         | 500       | 500                          | 1545      |
| <b>Bales:</b> |           |                              |           |
| Straw         | 0         | 0                            | 100       |
| Total         | 0         | 0                            | 100       |

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.

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| 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                                    | 50         | 250.00             | 250.00         | 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 3x4                                    | 25         | 100.00             | 100.00         | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |
| Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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         | 170.00             | 170.00         | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |
| Grass - Good (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> |
| Medium Square 3x3                                   |            | 180.00-185.00      |                | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |
| N/A                                                 |            |                    |                |                    |                    |                 |
| Hay (Conventional)                                  |            |                    |                |                    |                    |                 |
| 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> |
| Large Round                                         | 125        | 120.00             | 120.00         | F.O.B.-Dairy       |                    |                 |
| Large Square 3x4                                    | 50         | 150.00             | 150.00         | F.O.B.-Dairy       |                    |                 |
| Alfalfa - Utility (Ask/Per Bale)                    |            |                    |                |                    |                    |                 |
|                                                     | <u>Qty</u> | <u>Price Range</u> | <u>Wtd Avg</u> | <u>Freight/Use</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Crop Age</u> |
| Large Round                                         |            | 30.00              |                | F.O.B.             | Weedy              |                 |
| 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> |
| Large Round                                         | 175        | 110.00             | 110.00         | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |
| Mixed Grass - Premium (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> |
| Large Round                                         |            | 150.00             |                | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |



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| Straw (Conventional)       |            |                    |                |                    |                    |                 |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 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> |
| Round                      |            | 60.00              |                | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |
| Wheat - (Ask/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               |            | 6.00               |                | F.O.B.             |                    |                 |

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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