



Texas Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 10/4/2024

Compared to the last report: Hay prices are mostly steady across all regions. Hay movement and demand remain limited. Producers in the South have received some timely rains allowing for a third cutting despite irrigation water being shut off to the valley following second cutting. The majority of the hay put up in that region has been in the utility to fair category, but some higher quality hay is beginning to hit the stacks now. Producers in the Far West are experiencing drought conditions. According to the US Drought Monitor, an expansion of exceptional drought (D4) in the Texas Big Bend area was noted. Rainfall during the past 60 days was less than half of normal in portions Eastern Texas, and the Texas Big Bend area. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), half of the Texas cotton crop was in poor or very poor condition, along with 31 percent of Texas corn. According to the Texas Crop and Weather report, Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist for grain marketing in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said the weather has been transitioning back to a La Niña pattern with drier and warmer than normal weather that will likely last through the coming winter. This reversal of fortune and shifting weather patterns means growing conditions through winter could be subpar for some cool-season crops like wheat for grazing. And drier soils coupled with a drier and warmer fall and winter weather pattern could spell less than optimal planting conditions for next spring.

Due to limited sales and price changes this report will be released bi-weekly until more volumes of hay is moving.

*** The next report release will be October 18th, 2024***

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported ()	Last Year

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 - Premium/Supreme (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 Square 3x4		240.00-260.00		Delivered		
Bermuda 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>
Small Square		220.00-240.00		F.O.B.		
Bermuda Grass - Premium (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		8.00-12.00		F.O.B.		
Panhandle						



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Large Square 3x4		300.00-320.00		Delivered		
Alfalfa - 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 Square 3x4		260.00-280.00		Delivered		
Small Square		260.00-320.00		Delivered		
Alfalfa - Premium (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		9.00-12.00		Delivered		
Alfalfa - 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>
Large Square 3x4		250.00-260.00		Delivered		
Bermuda 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>
Large Round		200.00-225.00		Delivered		
Bermuda Grass - Good (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		125.00-140.00		Delivered		

South						
Hay (Conventional)						
Bermuda Grass - Premium (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		110.00		F.O.B.		
Small Square		10.00		F.O.B.		
Bermuda Grass - Fair/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>
Large Round		135.00-155.00		F.O.B.		
Small Square		235.00-265.00		F.O.B.		



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Bermuda Grass - Fair/Good (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		70.00-80.00		F.O.B.		
Small Square		8.00-10.00		F.O.B.		

Bermuda Grass - Utility (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		60.00-70.00		F.O.B.		

West

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (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 Square 3x4		270.00-280.00		F.O.B.		
Small Square		330.00-360.00		F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (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		10.00-12.00		F.O.B.		

Alfalfa - 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>
Large Square 3x4		250.00-270.00		Delivered		

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

Click here for Hay glossary of terms

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-and-grain-hay-terms>

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