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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/2/2025

Compared to the last report: Hay prices are mostly steady across all regions with moderate to light demand. Farmers, ranchers, and municipalities in Texas' Rio Grande Valley get much-needed water under the 1944 Water Treaty requirements. According to the US Drought Monitor, the heaviest rain in the Contiguous United States fell on a band from central Oklahoma southwestward across the Red River (south) into part of northwestern Texas. An area covering several counties recorded 4 to locally 8 inches of rain. Lesser but still heavy amounts (over 2 inches) fell on many areas across the rest of northern, central, and eastern Texas, portions of Louisiana and Mississippi, part of southern Tennessee, and a few scattered locations across Arkansas. Rainfall during the current and past few weeks led to large areas of improvement across the central, northern, and eastern portions of the Texas dryness and drought coverage. Dryness and drought remains widespread across most of Texas outside the northeast. A broad area of exceptional drought (D4) remained entrenched across a large swath in central and western Texas.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The next report release will be released May 16, 2025\*\*\*

Volume					
This Week	Last Reported	Last Year			
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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 (Co	onventional)					
Alfalfa - Premium/Supr	Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 270.00-315.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age			
Bermuda Grass - Premi	um (Ask/P	er Ton)							
Small Square	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 220.00-240.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age			
Bermuda Grass - Premium (Ask/Per Bale)									
Small Square	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 8.00-12.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> F.O.B.	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age			

Panhandle Panhandle								
			Hay (Cor	nventional)				
Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/	Alfalfa - Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)							
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4		280.00-295.00		Delivered				

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

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Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 250.00-270.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square		260.00-320.00		Delivered				
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per	Ton)							
Large Square 3x4	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 230.00-250.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Ask/	Per Ton)							
Ground	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 200.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered-Feedlot	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Bermuda Grass - Good (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Round	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u> 200.00-225.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Bermuda Grass - Good (	Ask/Per B	Bale)						
Large Round	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 125.00-140.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Wheat - Good/Premium	ı (Ask/Per	·Ton)						
Large Round	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 185.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Wheat - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)								
Large Round	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range 150.00	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u> Delivered	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
				South				

South								
Hay (Conventional)								
Bermuda Grass - Premium (Ask/Per Bale)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round		100.00-125.00		F.O.B.				
Small Square		10.00-14.00		F.O.B.				
Bermuda Grass - Fair/G	ood (Ask/	Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
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>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round		80.00-90.00		F.O.B.				
Small Square		8.00-10.00		F.O.B.				
Bermuda Grass - Utility (Ask/Per Ton)								
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Round		60.00-70.00		F.O.B.				

West								
			Hay (Co	nventional)				
Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Ton)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4		280.00-300.00		F.O.B.				
Small Square		330.00-360.00		F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Ask/Per Bale)								
	<u>Qty</u>	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Small Square		10.00-12.00		F.O.B.				
Alfalfa - Good (Ask/Per	Ton)							
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4		250.00-270.00		Delivered				
Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)								
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	Crop Age		
Large Square 3x4		235.00-245.00		Delivered				

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