



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/9/2025

Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand light. Small Squares of horse quality alfalfa hay and grass hay sold unevenly steady. The U.S. drought monitor has the state at almost 75% D0-D4 category versus 44% D0-D4 category from this period last year. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Drought Summary for May 6, 2025, mostly dry weather prevailed this past week (April 29 to May 5) across the Northern to Central Great Plains. Based on multiple soil moisture indicators including CPC, NLDAS, and NASA SPoRT along with the Vegetation Drought Response Index (VegDri), extreme drought (D3) was expanded to include more of western North Dakota. This D3 expansion coincides with recent wildfires and dust storms. Soil moisture (below the 10th percentile), VegDri, and 60 to 90-day SPEI supported an expansion of severe drought (D2) across central Nebraska. D3 was added to parts of northeastern Nebraska based on VegDRI soil moisture below the 5th percentile, and longer-term extreme drought signal. Farther to the west, a broad 1-category improvement was made to northeastern Wyoming and adjacent areas of western South Dakota due to recent wetness and a positive recovery among multiple drought indicators. Improvements were also warranted for the upper Green River basin of western Wyoming. However, a drier-than-normal April resulted in a 1-category degradation to parts of southern Wyoming. The next available report will be Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/28/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	22042	400	73
Total	22042	400	73
Bales:			
Hay	1093	2785	3801
Straw	0	240	0
Total	1093	3025	3801

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.

Mountains and Northwest CO						
Hay (Conventional)						
Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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>
Medium Square 3x3	42	210.00	210.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop

Northeast						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Ton)						
	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Standing		110.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop



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Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/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		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		Old Crop

Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (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	35	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut

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>
Medium Square 3x3	6	95.00	95.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut
Medium Square 3x3	6	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-2nd Cut

Alfalfa - Utility (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>
Medium Square 3x3	12	60.00	60.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

Corn - (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>
Standing	22000	37.00	37.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop

Corn - (Offer/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Standing		35.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Forage Mix-Two Way - 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>
Medium Square 3x3	6	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut
Small Square	50	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-4th Cut

Triticale - (Offer/Per Ton)

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
Standing		50.00-60.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Southeast



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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		175.00		F.O.B.-Dairy		Old Crop-3rd Cut

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		150.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot		Old Crop-1st Cut

Alfalfa - 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>
Small Square Bundled		10.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

Alfalfa - Utility (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 Bundled	104	7.00	7.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Rain Damage	Old Crop-1st Cut

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	300	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-1st Cut

Southwest

Hay (Conventional)

Forage Mix-Four Way - 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		F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Orchard 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		14.00-15.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	Old Crop

Orchard 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	60	14.00	14.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	Old Crop-2nd Cut
Small Square 3 Tie	514	18.00	18.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-2nd Cut

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