



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to last report: Trade activity and demand light. Small Square bale producers continue to sell out of 2024 hay as new crop 1st cutting nears. Record high cattle prices have cattle feeders hesitating on making offers for 2025 hay. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Drought Summary for April 29, 2025, across the High Plains, Precipitation totals varied significantly across this region this week, but more areas were hit by heavy rains and improving conditions than dryness and deterioration. The dry week led to deterioration across southwestern Kansas, southeastern Colorado, and much of the central tier of Colorado. Farther north and east, however, widespread heavy rains were noted in several swaths of the Plains and Wyoming, leading to reductions in the intensity and extent of dryness and drought. Improvements were most widespread across central and northwestern Kansas, and most of the state of South Dakota, where heavy rains were most widespread. Still, despite the improvement in many areas, 60-day precipitation totals were under 25 percent of normal in southwestern Kansas and southeastern Colorado, with less than half of normal reported in adjacent areas plus parts of central Kansas, central and northeastern Nebraska, and a few other scattered areas. The next available report will be Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/21/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	400	60398	10
Straw	0	100	0
Total	400	60498	10
Bales:			
Hay	2785	2743	3879
Straw	240	0	0
Total	3025	2743	3879

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)						
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)						
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square	30	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop
Timothy Grass - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)						
	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Medium Square 3x3	72	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-1st Cut
Northeast						



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Hay (Conventional)

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 (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	5	105.00	105.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-2nd Cut
Small Square	100	10.00	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>
Medium Square 3x3	15	60.00	60.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - 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	72	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-3rd Cut

Forage Mix-Four 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>
Small Square	700	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-2nd Cut

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	15	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-4th Cut

Forage Mix-Two Way - Good/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	175	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-3rd Cut

Timothy 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 Bundled	945	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop-1st Cut

San Luis Valley



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Straw (Conventional)

Barley - (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>
Large Square	240	40.00	40.00	F.O.B.	Erosion Control	

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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 4x4	400	200.00	200.00	Delivered-Dealer/Mill/Processor		Old Crop-4th Cut

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

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

Forage Mix-Four 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>
Small Square	250	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop-1st Cut



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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	100	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	Old Crop-2nd Cut

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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