



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/5/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/17/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	410	28	23
Total	410	28	23
Bales:			
Hay	3246	1929	492
Total	3246	1929	492

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.

Compared to last week: Trade activity very light on good demand. Few trades on horse hay and grinder hay. Growers are feeling out the new crop market with offers, but no contracts have been finalized. Dairy contracts on green chopped triticale are starting to get finalized. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Summary for May 2, 2023, rainfall of 1.5 to 2 inches, or more, during the past week along with SPI at various time scales and soil moisture supported a 1 to 2-category improvement to southeastern Colorado. For similar reasons, a 1-category improvement was made to southwestern Kansas. However, 12-month SPI still supports D3-D4 across much of western and central KS. Wichita has only received 0.72 inches of precipitation from March 1 to April 30, which made it the 2nd driest March and April on record and the driest since 1936. Based on the NDMC's short and long-term objective blends and CPC's leaky bucket soil moisture, D1-D3 expansion was warranted for northern Kansas and south-central Nebraska. D3 was increased westward across west-central Nebraska following a very dry April. North Platte tied the driest April on record. Degrations were also made to southeastern Kansas based on 60 to 120-day SPEI. Abnormal dryness (D0) coverage increased in northeastern Wyoming based on recent dryness and declining soil moisture. A small improvement was made to the southwest corner of South Dakota, based on a local report that was consistent with VegDri and objective drought blends. ***Due to limited sales and price changes, this report will be released bi-weekly until more volumes of hay move.***

Northeast

Hay (Conventional)

Forage Mix-Two Way - 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 Square 3x4	100	325.00	325.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

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	2646	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Multiple Cuttings	Old Crop

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Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (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>
Large Square 3x4	310	345.00	345.00	Delivered-Dealer/Mill/Processor		Old Crop

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>
Large Square 3x4		260.00		Delivered-Feedlot/dairy		Old Crop

Alfalfa - (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		12.00		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop

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	600	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

Southwest

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix - (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 3 Tie		21.00		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop

Forage Mix-Four Way - (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		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop

Forage Mix-Two Way - (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		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop
Small Square		13.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	New Crop

Orchard Grass - (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 3 Tie		21.00		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop

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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