



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/19/2023

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (5/1/2023)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	48	410	0
Total	48	410	0
Bales:			
Hay	744	3246	1648
Total	744	3246	1648

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. All trades reported this week were on horse hay. Growers continue to put pricing available for new crop hay. No new crop trades have been reported as of yet. Offers are being thrown around for alfalfa haylage in the \$180-190 standing range, but no trades have been reported. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains Summary for May 16, 2023, phenomenal rainfall totals led to significant reductions in drought coverage, especially from eastern Colorado and northwestern Kansas into western North Dakota. Goodland, Kansas, received consecutive daily-record totals of 1.50 and 1.12 inches, respectively, on May 10 and 11. Daily-record totals topped 3 inches on the 11th in Imperial, Nebraska (3.56 inches), and Colorado Springs, Colorado (3.18 inches). That marked the wettest May day on record in Colorado Springs, toppling 2.34 inches on May 30, 1935. In Denver, Colorado, where 2.92 inches fell on the 11th, it was the wettest calendar day since May 6, 1973, when 3.27 inches fell. Denver's storm total (4.40 inches from May 10-12) represented more than 30 percent of its normal annual precipitation. During the week ending May 14, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported double-digit improvements in topsoil moisture rated very short to short in several states, including Nebraska (from 66 to 46%), South Dakota (from 38 to 19%), and Colorado (from 45 to 35%). The rain also helped to revive winter wheat and benefited emerging summer crops. Still, even with the rain, Kansas led the nation on May 14 with 68% of its winter wheat rated in very poor to poor condition. In addition, the rampant storminess largely bypassed some of the extreme to exceptional drought (D3 to D4) areas in a strip extending from southwestern Kansas into eastern Nebraska. ***Due to limited sales and price changes, this report will be released bi-weekly until more volumes of hay move.***

Mountains and Northwest CO						
Hay (Conventional)						
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	144	130.00-140.00	134.17	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	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>
Large Square 3x4		250.00		Delivered-Feedlot/dairy		New Crop

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Alfalfa - (Ask/Per Ton)

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Large Square 3x4		250.00		F.O.B.	1st Cutting	New Crop

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		14.00		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		14.00		F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	New Crop

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

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

Alfalfa - Good (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	48	290.00	290.00	F.O.B.-Stables	Weedy	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

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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

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