



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 4/26/2024

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (4/15/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	63	172	0
Total	63	172	0
Bales:			
Hay	6815	1965	0
Total	6815	1965	0

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 report: Trade activity light on light to moderate demand. Stable hay sold mostly steady. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains summary for April 23, 2024, on this week's map, one-category degradations were made in Kansas where precipitation has been below normal during the past 90-day period with the greatest departures (4 to 5 inches) observed in south-central and eastern Kansas. Moreover, stream gages on numerous creeks and rivers in central and eastern Kansas were reporting much below-normal flows (< 10th percentile), according to the USGS. In terms of impacts, the USDA reported (4/21/24) that 26% of the winter wheat crop in Kansas was rated in poor to very poor condition. In addition to dry conditions, average temperatures across the Plains states have been well above normal levels (ranging from 4 to 8+ degrees F) during the past 90 days with the greatest anomalies observed in far eastern portions of the region. In North Dakota Climate Division 6 (East Central Division), the December-March period was the 2nd warmest on record with an +11.6 degrees F anomaly, according to NOAA NCEI. In northeastern Nebraska and northwestern South Dakota, shorter-term improvements in drought-related conditions led to reductions in areas of Abnormally Dry (D0) and Moderate Drought (D1). For the week, average temperatures were below normal (2 to 10+ degrees F) with the greatest departures observed in western portions of the Dakotas and Nebraska as well as along the eastern plains of Wyoming and Montana. Overall, the region was generally dry during the past week except for a few areas that benefitted from isolated shower activity in northeastern Kansas, north central and northeastern Nebraska, and southwestern South Dakota. The next available report will be Thursday, May 2, 2024.

Northeast						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Ton)						
Standing	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
		100.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy	1st Cutting	New Crop
Southeast						
Hay (Conventional)						
Alfalfa - Premium/Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)						
Medium Square 3x3	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Wtd Avg</u>	<u>Freight/Use</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Crop Age</u>
	15	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.-Stables	3rd Cutting	Old Crop

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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	577	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Stables	3rd Cutting	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>
Small Square	819	11.00	11.00	F.O.B.-Stables	2nd Cutting	Old Crop

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	1680	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables		Old 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	375	10.00-12.00	10.40	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop

Sorghum - 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>
Large Square 3x4	48	115.00	115.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot/dairy		

Southwest

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 3 Tie	420	16.00	16.00	F.O.B.-Stables	2nd Cutting	Old Crop

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>
Small Square 3 Tie	460	23.00	23.00	F.O.B.-Stables	2nd Cutting	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 3 Tie	392	23.00	23.00	F.O.B.-Stables	2nd Cutting	Old Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	1004	19.00-21.00	20.08	F.O.B.-Stables	1st Cutting	Old Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	1088	22.00	22.00	F.O.B.-Stables	3rd Cutting	Old Crop

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