



California Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 9/26/2025

Compared to the last report: Trade activity and demand were good. Retail hay demand was good. Dairy hay demand was steady. In the North inter Mountains, low level potassium hay sold for 180/ton. According to the US Drought Monitor, worsening drought in parts of the Northwest contrasted with locally heavy showers farther south. In the Southwest, those showers led to targeted drought improvement but also resulted in spotty flash flooding in some of the nation's driest locations, including Death Valley, California. The next available hay report will be October 10, 2025

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (9/8/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	70660	21825	10658
Straw	0	2000	0
Silage	0	0	11000
Total	70660	23825	21658
Bales:			
Hay	9442	56088	19650
Straw	0	0	6500
Total	9442	56088	26150

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.

Central San Joaquin Valley						
Hay (Conventional)						

Corn - (Trade/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Standing	60000	65.00	65.00	Delivered-Dairy		New Crop

North Inter-Mountains						
Hay (Conventional)						

Alfalfa - Supreme (Contract (Trade)/Per Ton)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Large Square 3x4	1950	220.00	220.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - Premium (Trade/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square 3 Tie	250	15.00	15.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop



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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>
Large Square 3x4	190	180.00	180.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
Large Square 3x4	700	160.00	160.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - Fair/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	120	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot	Weedy	1st Cut

Alfalfa - Fair (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	200	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New 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	250	17.00	17.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	6144	13.00-13.50	13.08	F.O.B.-Retail		3rd Cut

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	250	17.00	17.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	1024	14.00	14.00	F.O.B.-Retail		3rd Cut

North San Joaquin Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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	2200	170.00	170.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - 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	400	140.00	140.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New 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 3 Tie	250	15.00	15.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		New Crop
Small Square 3 Tie	1024	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop



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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>
Large Square 3x4	600	115.00	115.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		New Crop

Alfalfa - Good (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	250	12.00	12.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

Sacramento Valley

Hay (Conventional)

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>
Small Square 3 Tie	100	160.00	160.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		3rd Cut

Alfalfa - Fair/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>
Small Square 3 Tie	100	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.		3rd Cut

Orchard Grass - 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>
Small Square 3 Tie	100	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop

South

Hay (Conventional)

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>
Large Square 3x4	2300	170.00	170.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		3rd Cut

Southeast

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - 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>
Small Square 3 Tie	550	240.00-250.00	244.55	F.O.B.-Retail		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>
Small Square 3 Tie	300	200.00	200.00	F.O.B.-Retail		New Crop



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Alfalfa - Fair (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	150	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Dairy	Grassy	New Crop
Large Square 3x4	200	105.00	105.00	F.O.B.-Dairy	Rain Damage	New Crop
Large Square 3x4	500	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		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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