



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 5/30/2025

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Compared to last week all reported forages sold steady. Demand was moderate at best this week. Pretty good general rains across the state over the Memorial Day weekend. These rain showers took quite a lot of pressure off the market. Livestock owners now feel like these spring rains will help pastures green up and grow and will help the warm season grasses to grow. Few, more rain showers would be helpful on the native meadows for a decent amount of tonnage. Quite a lot of weevil damage been reported across the state. Damage is way worse than previous years for some reason. Some producers are spraying now, but will have to wait for a few days before they can harvest the alfalfa. Per NASS report May 25: Topsoil moisture supplies rated 17% very short, 33% short, 48% adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 27% very short, 41% short, 32% adequate. Much improvement from previous week's report.

Alfalfa guidelines (for domestic livestock use and not more than 10% grass)

| Quality | ADF | NDF | *RFV | **TDN-100% | **TDN-90% | CP |
|---------|-------|-------|---------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Supreme | <27 | <34 | >185 | >62 | >55.9 | >22 |
| Premium | 27-29 | 34-36 | 170-185 | 60.5-62 | 54.5-55.9 | 20-22 |
| Good | 29-32 | 36-40 | 150-170 | 58-60 | 52.5-54.5 | 18-20 |
| Fair | 32-35 | 40-44 | 130-150 | 56-58 | 50.5-52.5 | 16-18 |
| Utility | >35 | >44 | <130 | <56 | <50.5 | <16 |

*RFV calculated using the Wis/Minn formula.

**TDN calculated using the western formula.

Quantitative factors are approximate, and many factors can affect feeding value. Values based on 100% dry matter (TDN showing both 100% & 90%). Guidelines are to be used with visual appearance and intent of Sale (usage).

Grass Hay guidelines

| Quality | Crude Protein Percent |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Premium | Over 13 |
| Good | 9-13 |
| Fair | 5-9 |
| Low | Under 5 |

| Volume | | | |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | This Week | Last Reported (5/19/2025) | Last Year |
| Tons: | | | |
| Hay | 800 | 2310 | 425 |
| Total | 800 | 2310 | 425 |
| Bales: | | | |
| Hay | 495 | 495 | 126 |
| Total | 495 | 495 | 126 |



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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 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa - (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> |
| Ground | | 120.00-130.00 | | Delivered | | |
| 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 | 20 | 8.00 | 8.00 | F.O.B. | | |
| Prairie/Meadow 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> |
| Large Round | 75 | 90.00-100.00 | 96.67 | F.O.B. | | |

| East | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |
| Alfalfa - (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> |
| Pellets 17% Dehydrated | | 330.00 | | F.O.B. | | |
| Pellets 17% Suncured | | 250.00-260.00 | | F.O.B. | | |
| 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 | 50 | 145.00 | 145.00 | F.O.B. | | 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 | 50 | 9.50 | 9.50 | F.O.B. | | |
| 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 Round | 100 | 115.00 | 115.00 | F.O.B. | | 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 | 25 | 8.00 | 8.00 | F.O.B. | | |



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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 | 400 | 8.00-10.00 | 9.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Platte Valley

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (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> |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 130.00 | | Delivered | | |
| Pellets 17% Dehydrated | | 300.00 | | F.O.B. | | |
| Pellets 17% Suncured | | 290.00 | | F.O.B. | | |

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 Round | 250 | 110.00 | 110.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Corn Stalk - (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> |
|--------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 100.00 | | Delivered | | |

West

Hay (Conventional)

Alfalfa - (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> |
|--------|------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Ground | | 140.00 | | Delivered | | |

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 | 25 | 170.00 | 170.00 | F.O.B.-Dairy | | |

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 | 50 | 120.00 | 120.00 | F.O.B. | | |

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 | 50 | 100.00 | 100.00 | F.O.B. | | |



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Oat - (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 | 65.00 | 65.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Click here for more information on Hay Quality Designation Guidelines

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/HayQualityGuidelines.pdf>

Click here for Hay glossary of terms

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