



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to two weeks ago, all reported bales of hay sold steady. Demand was light. Quite a lot of talk of cutworm issues in alfalfa this month. With some people saying it has mowed a lot of the 4th cutting off. Many are spraying to save what they can of the alfalfa plant. Usually September is a slow month to move hay due to people being busy with the start of fall harvest. With September being wet, silage chopping and high moisture corn production has been pushed back in many areas, and it looks like October may be another slow month for hay producers in net sales. Grass is also bountiful in most areas of the state, and more than likely cattle will graze until the dry corn is picked and cattle must be moved to winter grazing. Some producers are thinking of throwing the towel in and tearing up standing alfalfa fields as cattle numbers remain low, price per ton they are receiving is lower than break even cost and other variables thrown into their thought process. Note this report is released twice a month.

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 (9/8/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1750	2365	1177
Total	1750	2365	1177
Bales:			
Hay	70	95	100
Total	70	95	100

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.



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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		130.00		Delivered-Feedlot		

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 Round	75	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.		3rd Cut

Cane - (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	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		

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/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 Round	25	95.00	95.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		
Large Round	125	85.00-100.00	88.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		

Prairie/Meadow Grass - Utility (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	50	50.00	50.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		

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		240.00		F.O.B.		

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	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.		



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Alfalfa - Utility (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	500	70.00	70.00	F.O.B.-Dealer/Mill/Processor		

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		290.00-305.00		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	100	170.00-180.00	175.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		
Medium Square 3x3	50	180.00-200.00	190.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		

Alfalfa - Good/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	165.00	165.00	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 Square 3x4	200	120.00-140.00	130.00	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	325	100.00-120.00	103.08	F.O.B.		



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

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