



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News
NE Dept. of Ag Market News

Thu Sep 11, 2025

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 9/12/2025

Compared to two weeks ago hay sales sold unevenly steady. Demand remains mostly light. Some prospective buyers are starting to look around to see what there is out there for good hay to buy. Usually, September is a slow time of year to sell hay as feedlots are busy with silage chopping and so far, that has held true for this year. When October comes around and cows come out of pastures and there is a Halloween blizzard demand for hay may increase but right now most people have enough inventory of feed for a while. When calves start getting weaned, some backgrounders will probably need some forages for those hungry calves, but the price more than likely will be steady with today's price or on either side of the market. This week has been beautiful haying weather as alfalfa guys are either on 3rd or some are on 4th cutting. Most of it has been put up without rain and it might be the best quality hay produced all season for many producers.

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 (8/25/2025)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	2365	1430	2840
Total	2365	1430	2840
Bales:			
Hay	95	80	200
Total	95	80	200

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.



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News
NE Dept. of Ag Market News

Thu Sep 11, 2025

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

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 - 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	950	70.00-85.00	71.58	F.O.B.		
Large Round	500	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		Old Crop

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	100	85.00	85.00	F.O.B.		

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	125	85.00-100.00	97.00	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		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>
Medium Square 3x3	25	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		
Small Square	25	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.		

Brome Grass - 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	7.00	7.00	F.O.B.		



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News
NE Dept. of Ag Market News

Thu Sep 11, 2025

Email us with accessibility issues with this report.

Grass - 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>
Medium Square 3x3	240	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		

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		300.00-305.00		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/Supreme (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		

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	100	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	250	100.00	100.00	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

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-and-grain-hay-terms>