



Montana Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 11/15/2024

Compared to last week: Hay sold generally steady. Hay movement was heavier this week with buyers reporting more interest than the last few weeks. While interest was higher prices remain generally steady as supplies remain heavy. Demand for hay was light to moderate. Unseasonably warm weather continues to be seen across the state and many ranchers still have cows out on pasture. Weather is expected to remain unseasonably warm through this week. Hay usage remains drastically curbed this fall as open ground has allowed most of the state to graze all fall. Many ranchers still have cows and some calves out on pasture. Demand for dairy hay has lightened some. A heavier supply of dairy hay is available in Montana due to good weather this fall which allowed producers to put up lots of high quality hay. Feedlots showed some interest for high quality dairy quality hay but are not willing to pay what western dairy's are purchasing hay for. Some producers are still trying to finish selling old crop hay. Producers have been willing to sell hay as they try to avoid excess carryover like was seen last year. According to the drought monitor 58.44 of the state is in Moderate drought or worse, up 0.17% from last week. 37.69% of the state is in an Severe drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 13.96% of the state is in Extreme drought or worse, unchanged from last week. 0.90% of the state is in Expectational drought, unchanged from last week. Notably, 100% of the state is abnormally dry, unchanged from last week.

| Volume | | | |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| | This Week | Last Reported (11/4/2024) | Last Year |
| Tons: | | | |
| Hay | 2900 | 590 | 1050 |
| Total | 2900 | 590 | 1050 |

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.

| N/A | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Hay (Conventional) | | | | | | |

Alfalfa - Supreme (Trade/Per Ton)

| | Qty | Price Range | Wtd Avg | Freight/Use | Description | Crop Age |
|------------------|-----|-------------|---------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Large Square 3x4 | 500 | 145.00 | 145.00 | F.O.B.-Dairy | | |

Alfalfa - Fair/Good (Trade/Per Ton)

| | Qty | Price Range | Wtd Avg | Freight/Use | Description | Crop Age |
|------------------|-----|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Large Square 3x4 | 750 | 120.00 | 120.00 | F.O.B. | | |

Alfalfa - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

| | Qty | Price Range | Wtd Avg | Freight/Use | Description | Crop Age |
|------------------|-----|---------------|---------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Large Square 3x4 | 900 | 110.00-120.00 | 114.44 | F.O.B. | | |

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Fair (Trade/Per Ton)

| | Qty | Price Range | Wtd Avg | Freight/Use | Description | Crop Age |
|------------------|-----|-------------|---------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Large Square 3x4 | 750 | 115.00 | 115.00 | F.O.B. | | |



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