



Colorado Direct Hay Report

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

Compared to last report: Trade activity moderate on light demand. Hay movement mostly on dairy and horse hay markets. Small squares of horse hay steady. Heavy, wet snow in southeast Colorado caused hay shed roofs to collapse. Recent snow has increased ranchers interest in purchasing hay. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's High Plains summary for November 12, 2024, a potent 500-hPa low triggered widespread heavy precipitation over southern half of the Region, except along the eastern fringe, while amounts were limited to several tenths of an inch at most farther north. Between 2 and 4 inches of precipitation fell on a large swath covering the eastern half of Colorado, most of central and western Kansas, and adjacent Nebraska. In nearby areas, amounts ranging from a few tenths of an inch to a couple of inches were observed over the western half of Colorado amounts of 0.5 inch to approaching 2 inches in spots was observed across southeastern Wyoming, most other areas in Nebraska, and eastern Kansas. Moderate amounts fell on a swath across the central and southwestern Dakotas the remainder of this region reported little or no precipitation, as well as most of Wyoming. In some of the higher elevations of Colorado, this precipitation fell as heavy snow, with a few locations reporting snow piling up 3 to 4.5 feet deep (50 to 54 inches buried Fort Garland CO while 44 to 47 inches were reported near La Veta, Elbert, and Trinidad CO). All of this resulted in a large area of improvement depicted over southern and western Kansas, most of northern and eastern Colorado, part of southwestern Nebraska, and a few spots in eastern Wyoming. There were a few areas of 2-class improvement in southeastern Colorado, northwestern Kansas, and the fringes of south-central and southeastern Kansas. Elsewhere, due to relatively cool weather, the dry week didn't engender much deterioration, with most of these locations remaining unchanged from last week. One exception was in a small patch of northeastern Nebraska and adjacent South Dakota, where a new patch of extreme drought (D3) was identified. According to the NASS Colorado Crop Progress Report for week ending November 10, stored feed supplies were reported as 2% Very Short, 6% Short, 71% Adequate, and 21% Surplus. The next available report will be Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (11/4/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	6905	1815	50
Straw	0	500	0
Total	6905	2315	50
Bales:			
Hay	4280	3524	2958
Total	4280	3524	2958

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.

Mountains and Northwest CO						
Hay (Conventional)						

Prairie/Meadow Grass - (Ask/Per Bale)

	Qty	Price Range	Wtd Avg	Freight/Use	Description	Crop Age
Small Square		10.00		F.O.B.-Stables		Old Crop

Northeast



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Alfalfa - (Offer/Per Point/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		1.00		Delivered-Dairy		New Crop

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	5000	190.00	190.00	Delivered-Dairy		4th Cut

Forage Mix-Four Way - 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	480	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		2nd Cut
Small Square	3200	8.00	8.00	F.O.B.-Stables		1st Cut

San Luis 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>
Large Square 4x4	50	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Dairy		1st Cut

Alfalfa - Fair (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>
Large Square 4x4		160.00		F.O.B.-Dairy	Rain Damage	New Crop

Hay (Organic)

Alfalfa/Grass Mix - Premium (Ask/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		13.25		F.O.B.-Stables		New Crop

Southeast

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>
Large Square 3x4		160.00		F.O.B.-Feedlot	Rain Damage	New Crop
Large Square 3x4		225.00		F.O.B.		New Crop



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Alfalfa - (Ask/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 Bundled		9.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	New Crop
Small Square Bundled		11.00		F.O.B.-Stables		1st Cut

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	200.00	200.00	Delivered-Farm/Ranch		2nd Cut

Alfalfa - Premium (Ask/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		11.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	Old Crop
Small Square Bundled		11.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Covered	New Crop

Alfalfa - Good (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>
Medium Square 3x3		200.00		Delivered-Farm/Ranch	Rain Damage	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>
Large Square 4x4	300	130.00	130.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot	Grassy	New Crop
Large Square 4x4	1200	150.00	150.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		New Crop
Medium Square 3x3	25	185.00	185.00	Delivered-Farm/Ranch	Rain Damage	New Crop
Medium Square 3x3	50	180.00	180.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch	Rain Damage	New Crop

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	600	10.00	10.00	F.O.B.-Stables		1st Cut

Sorghum - (Offer/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 4x4		120.00		Delivered-Feedlot		New Crop

Sudan - 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	255	125.00	125.00	F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		New Crop



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Triticale - Fair/Good (Ask/Per Ton)

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Medium Square 3x3		125.00		F.O.B.-Farm/Ranch		New Crop

Southwest
Hay (Conventional)

Forage Mix-Four Way - (Ask/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		10.00		F.O.B.-Stables		New Crop

Orchard Grass - (Ask/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		8.00		F.O.B.-Stables		New Crop
Small Square		12.00		F.O.B.-Stables	Certified Weed Free	New Crop

Orchard Grass - Premium (Ask/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		17.00-19.00		F.O.B.-Stables		1st Cut
Small Square 3 Tie		20.00-24.00		F.O.B.-Stables		2nd Cut

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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