



Nebraska Direct Hay Report

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Direct Hay Weighted Average Report for week ending 10/4/2024

Compared to last week bales of alfalfa and grass hay steady. Ground and delivered hay steady. Alfalfa pellets in the Platte Valley steady and in the east sold steady to 10.00 lower. Some producers are finishing up with fourth cutting alfalfa. Quite a few people produced small square bales of fourth cutting alfalfa across the state this year. Soybean and corn harvest in full swing. Bushels per acre vary a lot. Some reports on soybeans 75 to 100 bushels with some hailed-on beans coming in around 25-35 bushels. Some dryland corn in the central part of the state hit at 220 bushels per acre. With some coming in at 300 bushels in the eastern areas on irrigated. Bountiful harvest overall. Hot, dry, windy weather prevails across the state.

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).

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Grass Hay guidelines

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

Volume			
	This Week	Last Reported (9/23/2024)	Last Year
Tons:			
Hay	1860	1177	3525
Total	1860	1177	3525
Bales:			
Hay	75	100	300
Total	75	100	300

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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Hay (Conventional)						
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	25	7.00	7.00	F.O.B.		4th Cut
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	125	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		
Large Round	300	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.-Feedlot		2nd Cut
Alfalfa/Grass Mix - 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	25	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.		
Prairie/Meadow Grass - 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	100.00	100.00	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	50	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	175	70.00-85.00	77.86	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		300.00-350.00		F.O.B.		
Pellets 17% Suncured		260.00-280.00		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>
Small Square	10	250.00	250.00	F.O.B.		4th Cut
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	25	110.00	110.00	F.O.B.		



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Grass - 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	130.00	130.00	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		325.00-350.00		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		90.00		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	160.00	160.00	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	350	110.00-115.00	112.86	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	500	100.00	100.00	F.O.B.		

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	200	90.00	90.00	F.O.B.		

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