

Farm Market Report

Hay Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • St. Joseph, Mo.-Portland

Hay prices are dollars per ton or dollars per bale when sold to retail outlets. Basis is current delivery FOB barn or stack, or delivered customer as indicated.

Grade guidelines used in this report have the following relationship to Relative Feed Value (RFV), Acid Detergent Fiber (ADF), TDN (Total Digestible Nutrients), or Crude Protein (CP) test numbers:

Grade	RFV	ADF	TDN	CP
Supreme	185+	<27	55.9+	22+
Premium	170-185	27-29	54.5-55.9	20-22
Good	150-170	29-32	52.5-54.5	18-20
Fair	130-150	32-35	50.5-52.5	16-18
Utility	<130	36+	<50.5	<16

WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY (Columbia Basin) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Jan. 16

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
3,240	2,600	753

Compared to Jan. 9: Export and feeder hay both steady in a light test. Trade remains slow for both domestic and export markets. Some exporters are reselling second cutting Timothy hay to cow/calf feeder accounts. Retail/Feedstore hay steady.

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Good	300	220
	Fair/Good	600	\$170
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	300	\$260
Timothy Grass Large Square	Utility/Fair	1000	\$105
Timothy Grass Small Square	Premium	40	\$230
Bluegrass Straw Large Square	Utility/Fair	1000	\$105

OREGON AREA HAY (USDA Market News) Portland, Ore. Jan. 16

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
837	9,021	5,129

Compared to Jan. 9: Prices trended steady to lower compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity was very light compared to last week. Several producers have sold all that they plan to sell for this

	Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES		
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	16 \$260
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Premium	12 \$270
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	26 \$270
5-Way Mixed Grass Small Square	Premium	12 \$275

KLAMATH BASIN

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	150 \$250
	Good/Pre.	25 \$200
LAKE COUNTY		
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	154 \$230-250
	Premium	66 \$200
	Good	124 \$185
	Supreme	30 \$250
	Premium	30 \$200
	Fair	30 \$150
	Premium	100 \$160

Small Square

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
3,235	150	11,310

Compared to Jan. 9: Feeder quality steady, other classes not tested this week. Trade slow with light demand for export and feeder hay. Demand remains good for pellet quality Timothy hay. Retail/feed store/horse steady.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Fair	1000 \$155
	Utility	1500 \$120
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	35 \$240

		Tons	Price
Timothy Grass Large Square	Good	200	\$210
Oat Large Square	Fair	500	\$100

CALIFORNIA HAY (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Jan. 16

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
3,241	3,020	14,191

Compared to Jan. 9: All classes traded mostly steady on light demand on very light tests. Trade was moderate to inactive. With the recent rains and current available supplies, the demand for lower test hay continues to trend down. Ports are having issues getting product shipped out due to a labor dispute. Region 6 just put up some clippings for this New Year and tests are not what was expected due to time of year and the frost damage from the holiday weather. Milk prices continue to drop, which means dairies will have less money to spend on test hay.

REGION 1: North Inter-Mountain
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen and Plumas.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Supreme	250 \$335
	Premium	200 \$215
	Fair	600 \$180-190

REGION 2: Sacramento Valley
Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Good/Pre.	75 \$280
Orchard Grass	Premium	50 \$320
Oat	Good	50 \$220
Rice Straw	Good	175 \$133

REGION 3: Northern San Joaquin Valley
Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Good	25 \$250

REGION 4: Central San Joaquin Valley

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Good/Pre.	75 \$280

Cattle Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Oklahoma City-Des Moines-St. Joseph, Mo.-Moses Lake, Wash.

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals per pair or head as indicated.

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) Oklahoma City-Des Moines Jan. 16

Compared to Jan. 9: Slaughter cattle sold on a live basis \$5.50-6 lower in the South Plains. Nebraska dressed cattle traded \$5-6 lower. Chicago Board of Trade continued its steep decline this week. Boxed beef prices Jan. 16 averaged \$255.65 that is \$3.14 higher than Jan. 9. The Choice/Select spread is \$9.60. Slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades through Jan. 16 totaled about 16,980 head. The previous week's total head count was 107,869.

Midwest Direct Markets: Dressed Basis: Steers and Heifers: \$264-265.

South Plains Direct Markets: Live Basis: Steers and Heifers 35-65 percent Choice, 1100-1400 lbs. \$164-164.50.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls (Average Yielding Prices): Slaughter cows steady to \$2 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to weak. USDA's Cutter cow carcass out-out value Jan. 16 was \$239.87 up \$1.88 from Jan. 9.

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News) St. Joseph, Mo. Jan. 16

This week	Last week	Last year
380,000	259,000	597,900

Compared to Jan. 9: Feeder cattle and calves over 600 lbs. sold mostly \$5-15 lower with instances \$20 lower late in the week. Lighter-weight calves traded unevenly steady to \$5 lower for the most part. Live and Feeder Cattle futures this week continued its flush-out mode with bears pretty emboldened as the big money traders in the funds are ruling the day. With the funds heavily involved in the market it brings much risk when they want to vacate their positions.

This has been a market that fluctuates in price and can carry a lot of emotion from one week to the next, and when markets go to the extreme no one wants to be in front of the freight train. The previous week cash and future prices were looking in the opposite direction as feedlot sales were mostly \$4-5 higher and the Live Cattle futures lost over \$5; the February Live Cattle contract has declined over \$10 and the June Live Cattle contract is trading in the \$147 range with breakeven much higher than that. This is making the yearling feeder cattle market very uneasy and feeling the pressure and hinting that prices are now descending the backside of the mountain top. Calf demand remains very good in many areas as farmer buying and backgrounders were active to purchase grazing cattle for spring.

In Russell, Iowa, on Jan. 14 over 400 head of 600-650 lb. steers averaging 621 lbs. sold with a weighted average prices of \$274.06 and the 500-550 lb. steer calves averaging 531 lbs. sold at an average of \$304.91.

Boxed Beef prices continue to climb this week as choice product closed at \$263.81 on Jan. 14, a record high eclipsing the previous record on July 31, 2014, of \$263.66. The market has been worried about consumer beef demand for a long time but so far demand has held up as the American consumer has revealed the willingness to pay for meat prices. Waning beef demand warnings cannot be substantiated at this time but there is much competition from other meat proteins and consumer preference will be a key with growing potential for disposable personal incomes bodes well for meat protein spending. The week's auction volume consisted of 63 percent over 600 lbs. and 39 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS

This week	Last week	Last year
302,000	195,900	363,700

WASHINGTON 3,700. 80 pct over 600 lbs. 43 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$258.32; 550-600 lbs. \$240; 600-650 lbs. \$236.24; 650-700 lbs. \$234.13; 700-750 lbs. \$201.43; 750-800 lbs. \$201.63; 800-850 lbs. \$202.22; 850-900 lbs. \$197; pkg 915 lbs. \$198.50. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs. \$247.55; 600-650 lbs. \$226.84; 750-800 lbs. \$191.01.

DIRECT

This week	Last week	Last year
30,100	53,100	97,600

SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 4,700. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 3 Del Current 275 lbs. \$330; February 300 lbs. \$330; March 300 lbs. \$330; May 300 lbs. \$307.

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 3,400. 79 pct over 600 lbs. 30 pct heifers. Current Delivered Price 550-600 lbs. \$245 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$208-225.50 Idaho; 900-950 lbs. \$210 Idaho; Future FOB Price 500-550 lbs. \$257 for December Idaho; 600-700 lbs. \$220.50-245 calves for November-December Idaho. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 Current Delivered Price 550-600 lbs. \$239 Idaho; 750-800 lbs. \$217-217.50 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$200-206 Idaho; Future FOB Price 600-650 lbs. \$238.50-239 calves for December Idaho.

NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Jan. 16

This week	Last week	Last year
3,350	3,950	2,450

Compared to Jan.9: Stocker and feeder cattle steady to firm in a light test. Trade remains slow with light to moderate demand. Buyers are cautiously watching the futures with the CME expanding the trading limits on Live Cattle contracts to \$4.50, and on Feeder Cattle contracts to \$6.75. Also the slaughter cattle finished the week at \$165 live. The feeder supply included 70 percent steers and 30 percent heifers. Near 79 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs. Prices are FOB weighing point with a 1-4 percent shrink or equivalent and with a 5-10 cent slide on calves and a 3-7 cent slide on yearlings. Delivered prices include freight, commissions and other expenses.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current Delivered Price: 550-600 lbs. \$245 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$208-225.50 Idaho; 900-950 lbs. \$210 Idaho. Future FOB Price: 500-550 lbs. \$257 for Decem-

ber Idaho; 600-700 lbs. \$220.50-245 calves for November-December Idaho.
Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current Delivered Price: 550-600 lbs. \$239 Idaho; 750-800 lbs. \$217-217.50 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$200-206 Idaho. Future FOB Price: 600-650 lbs. \$238.50-239 calves for December Idaho.

California Egg Reports

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DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS (USDA Market News) Des Moines, Iowa Jan. 16

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 90 cents higher for Jumbo, 71 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 90 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to higher. Demand ranges light to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.66.

Livestock Auctions

Cattle prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals per pair or head as indicated.

California SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Jan. 16

Current week	Last week
1,897	4,483

Compared to Jan. 9: Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Tough week with lower futures and less demand, especially on feedlot cattle. Generally \$13-25 below last week's market. Off lots and singles \$40-100 lower than top offerings.

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$99-104, \$105-117 high dress; Boning \$92-98; Cutters \$80-91.
Bulls 1 and 2: \$99-119; \$120-126 high dress.

Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$300-357.50; 400-450 lbs. \$300-358; 450-500 lbs. \$290-342.50; 500-550 lbs. \$245-285; 550-600 lbs. \$235-271; 600-650 lbs. \$225-260; 650-700 lbs. \$210-244.50; 700-750 lbs. \$215-223; 750-800 lbs. \$200-212; 800-900 lbs. \$180-196.

Feeder heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$255-309; 400-450 lbs. \$250-281; 450-500 lbs. \$240-280; 500-550 lbs. \$230-260; 550-600 lbs. \$215-244; 600-650 lbs. \$205-229; 650-700 lbs. \$195-213; 700-750 lbs. \$185-192; 750-800 lbs. \$182-204.

Pairs: Full-mouth pairs \$3025-3450.
Calvy cows: Full-mouth \$2200-2800; Broken-mouth \$1525-2350.

Idaho CALDWELL (Treasure Valley Livestock) Jan. 16

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$310; 300-400 lbs. \$198.75; 400-500 lbs. \$191.25; 500-600 lbs. \$181.25; 600-700 lbs. \$174; 700-800 lbs. \$168.25; 800-900 lbs. \$158.25; 900-1000 lbs. \$147.25; 1000 lbs. and up \$109. Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$260; 300-400 lbs. \$198.75; 400-500 lbs. \$193.50; 500-600 lbs. \$171.75; 600-700 lbs. \$156.50; 700-800 lbs. \$143.75; 800-900 lbs. \$148.75; 900-1000 lbs. \$117.25; 1000 lbs. and up \$108.

Cows (wt.): 800-900 lbs. \$128; 900-1000 lbs. \$95; 1000-1100 lbs. \$103.25; 1100-1200 lbs. \$81.50; 1200-1300 lbs. \$85; 1300-1400 lbs. \$95; 1400-1500 lbs. \$94.75; 1500-1600 lbs. \$96; 1600-1700 lbs. \$95.25; 1700-1800 lbs. \$107.50; 1800-1900 lbs. \$100.25.

Bull calves (wt.): 400-500 lbs. \$250; 500-600 lbs. \$215; 700-800 lbs. \$152.50; 800-900 lbs. \$160; 900-

1000 lbs. \$121; 1100-1200 lbs. \$107; 1300-1400 lbs. \$106.50.

Bulls (wt.): 1500-1600 lbs. \$116.50; 1700-1800 lbs. \$117.75; 1800-1900 lbs. \$111; 1900-2000 lbs. \$116.50. Bull calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$350; 200-300 lbs. \$645; 300-400 lbs. \$750.

Heifer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$275; 200-300 lbs. \$355; 300-400 lbs. \$360. Steer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$225; 200-300 lbs. \$300; 300-400 lbs. \$460.

Washington TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Jan. 16

This week	Last week	Last year
3,250	1,650	2,770

Compared to Jan. 9 at the same market: Stocker and feeder cattle less than 700 lbs. steady to \$2 higher, more than 700 lbs. \$5-10 lower. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls \$5-7 lower due in part to an increase in supply. Slaughter cows 71 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 24 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 51 percent steers and 49 percent heifers. Near 64 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for pregnancy, and age.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$280-287.50; 500-600 lbs. \$240-251; 600-600 lbs. \$235.50, Full; 600-600 lbs. \$257-267, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. \$255, Value Added; 600-700 lbs. \$230-237.50; 600-700 lbs. \$188-202, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$195-210; 700-800 lbs. \$214, Thin Fleshed; 800-900 lbs. \$194-204.50; 800-900 lbs. \$185, Full; 900-1000 lbs. \$198.50. Medium and Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$215; 700-800 lbs. \$192-193; 700-800 lbs. \$180, Full. Large 1-2: 1000-1100 lbs. \$155. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$232.50; 600-700 lbs. \$224. Small and Medium 4: 600-700 lbs. \$135.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$171. Feeder Bulls: Medium and Large 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$165.
Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$250-260; 500-600 lbs. \$245-250; 500-600 lbs. \$229-239, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$226-234; 600-700 lbs. \$178-212.50, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$186-195; 700-800 lbs. \$176.50, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$175-185; 800-900 lbs. \$165, Full; 1000-1100 lbs. \$140, Heiferettes. Medium and Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$177.50; 600-700 lbs. \$179; 700-800 lbs. \$170-181. Large 2-3: 900-1000 lbs. \$171. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$172.50; 500-600 lbs. \$160, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$175-224; 600-700 lbs. \$179.50, Full. Small and Medium 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$145, Mexican Origin.

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