

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.
March 5

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
6,180	1,610	2,650

Compared to Feb. 27: Supreme and Premium Export and Fair/Good dry cow hay steady in a light test. Trade slow to moderate for domestic and export markets. Demand remains good for higher testing supplies and wheat straw, light demand for dry cow and feeder supplies. Retail/Feedstore hay steady. Demand remains good.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	400 \$225
		1300 \$220
	Premium	450 \$180
	Good	700 \$185
	Fair/Good	1200 \$165
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	130 \$250-260
Timothy Grass Large Square	Fair/Good	1500 \$120
Wheat Straw Large Square	Fair/Good	500 \$110

OREGON AREA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
March 5

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
1,515	2,407	1,028

Compared to Feb 27: Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand have slowed a little this week. The continued good weather in several areas of Oregon has slowed down demand, as pasture grasses are

growing, causing end users to be able to turn animals out on pasture rather than purchase and feed additional hay. Few containers available at the shipping ports has slowed down the ability to export hay overseas. Several producers have sold all that they plan to sell for this season.

	Tons	Price
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES		
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium	30 \$200
		40 \$240
	Premium	7 \$260

Orchard Grass Small Square
KLAMATH BASIN
Alfalfa Small Square
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square

	Fair	29	\$210
LAKE COUNTY			
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	438	\$250-270
		150	\$260
	Good	230	\$170
	Fair	97	\$180-185
	Good	100	\$200
	Premium	238	\$140-150
	Utility	150	\$70

Small Square
Triticale Large Square
Oat Straw Large Square
EASTERN OREGON: No sales confirmed
HARNEY COUNTY: No sales confirmed

CALIFORNIA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 5

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
6,396	8,490	5,090

Compared to Feb. 27: All classes traded weak on light demand on very light tests. A milk price in the low teens and stretched rations with other feed commodities is weakening the demand for test hay. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor the Sierra Nevada Range snowpack remains in very poor condition despite some moderate snowfall accumulations in the central portions during the weekend.

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/Prem.	75 \$250
	Good	50 \$230
Orchard Grass	Premium	25 \$320
Oat	Good/Prem.	25 \$170
	Good	175 \$117

Rice Straw	Good	150	\$100
	Fair/Good	200	\$75

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

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Premium	250 \$290
	Good	75 \$250
		175 \$230
		50 \$205

REGION 5: Southern California
Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and Western San Bernardino.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Premium	200 \$300
Forage Mix-Three Way	Good	50 \$290

REGION 6: Southeast California

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Premium	1100 \$195-210
		490 \$198-210
		1500 \$205-215
	Good/Prem.	356 \$230-240
	Good	200 \$130
		25 \$210
	Fair/Good	125 \$125
	Fair	100 \$110
	Good	500 \$140
	Fair/Good	500 \$90

IDAHO HAY
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 5

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
6,500	700	21,780

Compared to Feb. 27: Supreme and Feeder quality Alfalfa weak in a light test. Trade slow to moderate this week as some producers decided to tie all their hay together regardless of test in order to get it marketed. Demand remains light as producers face a dilemma of marketing rain-damaged top bales which nobody wants. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup.	1000 \$120
	Good/Prem.	1500 \$120
	Fair/Good	2300 \$110-140
	Utility	200 \$100
	Utility/Fair	1500 \$120

Grain Market Reports

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Grains are stated in dollars per bushel or hundredweight (cwt.) except feed grains traded in dollars per ton. National grain report bids are for rail delivery unless truck indicated.

PORTLAND GRAIN
(USDA Market News)
Portland
March 5

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY
Cash wheat bids for March delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 5, mixed, compared to Feb. 27 noon bids for March delivery. Bids for soft white wheat and hard red winter wheat moved lower while bids for dark northern spring wheat moved higher.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 4, mixed compared to Feb. 27 closes: Chicago May wheat futures 20 cents lower at \$4.8050; Kansas City 15.50 cents lower at \$5.17 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 1.75 cents higher at \$5.5850. Chicago May corn futures trended two cents higher at 3.9050 while May soybean futures closed 41 cents lower at 9.8550.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during March for ordinary protein were \$6.2050-6.25, 19.75 to 25 cents per bushel lower compared to Feb. 27 noon bids for March delivery of \$6.4025-6.50. White club wheat premiums for ordinary protein nearby delivery were \$2-2.40, mostly \$2.20 for this week and were not available for last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for March delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$7.30-7.40, mostly \$7.3425 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$7.90-8.05, mostly \$7.9575. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein during the week were not available on Feb. 27. Bids on March 2 were mostly \$6.50, the moved fractionally higher to mostly \$6.5050 on March 3. On March 4, bids moved lower to mostly \$6.3050 and end the report week March 5 at the weekly low of mostly \$6.2250. Several exporters are not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: April \$6.2050-6.25, May \$6.2025-6.30, June not available and August New Crop \$5.8875-6.14. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: April \$7.30-7.40; May \$7.25-7.40, June \$7.18-7.36 and August New Crop \$7-7.1375.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during March trended 13.25 to 22.75 cents per bushel lower from \$6.8050-7.37, mostly \$7.0950 per bushel compared to

last week ranging from \$7.0325-7.5025. The white club wheat premiums for guaranteed 10.5 percent protein this week were \$2 to \$2.40, mostly \$2.16 compared to the previous week's from \$2 to \$2.40, mostly \$2.27.

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein began the week on Feb. 27 at mostly \$7.3450, then moved higher to mostly \$7.32 on March 2 and held steady on March 3. On March 4, bids moved lower to mostly \$7.1850 and ended the reporting week March 5 at the weekly low of mostly \$7.0950. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein were as follows: April \$7.0550-7.37, May \$7.0550-7.42, June \$6.7775-7.45 and August New Crop \$5.7375-6.24.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for March delivery were 15.25 to 25.25 cents per bushel lower compared to Feb. 27 noon bids in response to the weekly lower Kansas City May spring wheat futures and a lower basis bid by some exporters. On March 5, bids were as follows: March \$6.17-6.32, mostly \$6.26; April \$6.32-6.37; May \$6.22-6.37; June \$6.2875-6.3875 and August New Crop \$6.1150-6.3150.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery for March delivery were 27.25 to 32.25 cents per bushel higher compared to last Thursday's noon bids. A higher basis bid by some exporters supported cash bids. On Thursday, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: March \$8.1850-8.8350, mostly \$8.6150; April and May \$8.1850-8.8350; June \$8.1450-8.9450 and August New Crop \$7.0125-7.2125.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS

Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN 110 car shuttle trains for March delivery were \$4.8750-4.9850 per bushel. Forward month corn bids for April were \$4.8450-4.8750 and May were \$4.8350-4.8450 and June-July were \$4.8425-4.8625. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN 110 car shuttle trains for March delivery were \$10.8550-10.9050 per bushel. Forward month soybean bids for April and May were not available and October were \$10.63-10.71. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy Wheat Oats for March delivery held steady at \$3.8475 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS

There were 20 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, March 5, with five docked compared to 18 last Thursday with three docked. There were no new confirmed Commodity Credit Corpora-

tion sales for Pacific Northwest loadout.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS
(USDA Market News)
Portland
March 5

Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal; Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated.

GRAIN DELIVERED

Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.
BARLEY - U.S. No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)		
Rail	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Truck	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$12
	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$12
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$10.50
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	

CORN - U.S. No. 2 Yellow

	FOB Turlock	\$9.19
	FOB Tulare	\$9.19
Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF	
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.72
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$9.50
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$9.49

SORGHUM - U.S. No. 2 Yellow

Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single	\$11.37
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA

OATS - U.S. No. 1 White

Truck	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	\$15.60
WHEAT - U.S. No. 2 or better - Hard Red Winter (Domestic Values for Flour Milling)		
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	\$12.58
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein	\$12.78
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein	\$12.98
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	\$11.62

Truck/Rail

WHEAT - Any Class for Feed		
	FOB Turlock	NA
Truck/Rail	Los Angeles-Chino Valley	\$11.55-12.40
Truck	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$12.25
	King-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$10.75

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending March 5: No confirmed sales

Potato Market Reports

Compiled by North American Potato Market News and USDA Agricultural Market Service

Prices are weekly averages of daily prices. All prices are in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.). FWA is a weighted average of shipping point prices or common packs in each area. Weights differ by area. GRI is the Grower Returns Index for each individual area.

FRESH RUSSET POTATO MARKET REPORT
(North American Potato Market News)
(USDA Market News)
March 6

Market Commentary: Idaho prices for large count cartons moved up, as supplies tightened. Consumer bag prices remain weak.

SHIPPING AREA	FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BURBANKS	\$12.44	\$0.18	\$5.37	\$0.11	\$25.50	\$1	\$6.50	\$0
IDAHO NORKOTAH	\$12.34	\$0.08	\$5.51	\$0.06	\$25.50	\$1	\$6.50	\$0
COLUMBIA BASIN	\$13.06	\$0.05	\$5.59	\$0.03	\$21	\$0	\$7	\$0
KLAMATH BASIN	\$14.47	\$0.13	\$6.19	\$0.09	\$23.50	\$0.50	\$8	\$0

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Greeley, Colo.-San Angelo, Texas

Wool prices in cents per pound and foreign currency per kilogram, sheep prices in dollars per hundredweight (cwt.) except some replacement animals on per head basis as indicated.

NATIONAL WOOL REVIEW
(USDA Market News)
Greeley, Colo.
March 5

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week and there were no confirmed trades. Some of the mountain regions were hindered by some snow storms this past week but will resume with the warm up this weekend. It will continue to be heavy over the next several weeks. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week and there were no confirmed trades

Domestic wool tags

No. 1	\$60-70
No. 2	\$50-60
No. 3	\$40-50

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY
(USDA Market News)
San Angelo, Texas
March 5

Compared to Feb. 27: Compared to last week, slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes were mostly steady. Feeder lambs were lightly tested. At San Angelo, Texas, 3,772 head sold in a one-day sale. Equity Electronic Auction sold 310 slaughter lambs in North Dakota. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 4,800 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were \$3-6 lower and 13,700 head of formula sales of carcasses under 55 lbs. were steady; 55-65 lbs. were not tested; 65-75 lbs. were \$7-9 lower and over 75 lbs. were \$4-5 lower. 6,213 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$4.04 higher;

45-55 lbs. \$2.36-2.53 higher and 55 lbs. and up \$2.65-3.87 lower.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: **San Angelo:** shorn and woolled 110-170 lbs. \$140-157; woolled 145-155 lbs. \$126.50-134.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1: **San Angelo:** 40-60 lbs. \$270-290; 60-70 lbs. \$252-274; 70-80 lbs. \$230-244; 80-90 lbs. \$210-230; 90-105 lbs. \$194-218.

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):

4,800 Slaughter Lambs shorn and woolled 138-169 lbs. \$133.50-167.05 (wtd avg \$143.59); 178-188 lbs. \$120.71-125 (wtd avg 123.97).

SLAUGHTER EWES:

San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$90-100; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$108-110, few \$118; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$92-104; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$80-90; Cull 1 (extremely thin) no test.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: **San Angelo:** new crop 55-70 lbs. \$216-220; 70-75 lbs. \$202-212; 84 lbs. \$192. old crop 87 lbs. \$182; 100-110 lbs. \$168-182.

REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large 1-2:

San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 81 lbs. \$242 cwt. **NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS** Choice and Prime 1-4:

Weight	Wtd. avg.
45 lbs. down	\$475.04
45-55 lbs.	\$389.13
55-65 lbs.	\$353.74
65-75 lbs.	\$326.70
75-85 lbs.	\$314.26
85 lbs. and up	\$302.37

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection for the week to date totaled 40,000 compared with 39,000 last week and 40,000 last year.

California Egg Reports

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Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms

DAILY CALIFORNIA SHELL EGGS
(USDA Market News)
Des Moines, Iowa
March 6

Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is usually steady. Offerings are moderate for all sizes except for Jumbo which are reported as tight to short of needs. Demand is moderate to fairly good with more ad activity noted for this week. Warehouse distributive demand continues in a rather hand-to-mouth fashion as orders for product outside features are still below average in most locations. Supplies are tight for Jumbo and moderate on the balance of sizes. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.64.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	227	Extra large	216
Large	210	Medium	184

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door.

Size	Range	Size	Range
Jumbo	219-231	Extra large	197-209
Large	195-204	Medium	164-173

Livestock Auctions

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

Idaho

CALDWELL
(Treasure Valley Livestock)
March 6

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$315; 300-400 lbs. \$229; 400-500 lbs. \$257.25; 500-600 lbs. \$213.25; 600-700 lbs. \$176; 700-800 lbs. \$161.25; 800-900 lbs. \$154; 900-1000 lbs. \$179; 1000 lbs. and up \$105.

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$265; 300-400 lbs. \$236.25; 400-500 lbs. \$234.25; 500-600 lbs. \$205; 600-700 lbs. \$203.75; 700-800 lbs. \$143; 800-900 lbs. \$145.25; 900-1000 lbs. \$127.75; 1000 lbs. and up \$106.25.

Cows (wt.): 900-1000 lbs. \$90.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$95.75; 1100-1200 lbs. \$97.75; 1200-1300 lbs. \$100.75; 1300-1400 lbs. \$104.25; 1400-1500 lbs. \$104.25; 1500-1600 lbs. \$103; 1600-1700 lbs. \$104.25; 1700-1800 lbs. \$108.

Bull calves (wt.): 300-400 lbs. \$290; 400-500 lbs. \$291.75; 500-600 lbs. \$190.25; 600-700 lbs. \$180; 700-800 lbs. \$190; 1100-1200 lbs. \$114; 1200-1300 lbs. \$117; 1300-1400 lbs. \$119.

Bulls (wt.): 1600-1700 lbs. \$129. Pairs (hd.): 1000 lbs. and up \$2000. Bred heifers (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1215. Stock cows (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1275. Bull calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$445; 300-400 lbs. \$500.

Heifer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$410; 200-300 lbs. \$545; 300-400 lbs. \$475. Steer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$270; 200-300 lbs. \$400; 300-400 lbs. \$410; 400-500 lbs. \$490.

Oregon

MADRAS
(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)
March 2

Total head: 125 head.

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$225-245; 300-400 lbs. \$24