

# Farm Market Report

## Hay Market Reports

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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.  
April 17

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
1,200	3,600	1,000

Compared to April 10: All grades of Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade very slow for domestic and export markets. Most interests continue to wait for new crop. Demand light to moderate. Retail/Feedstore steady. Demand remains good. All prices are dollars per ton and FOB the farm or ranch unless otherwise stated. Several haystack fires were reported across the trade area.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme 500	\$215
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium 150	\$250-260
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Large Square	Fair/Good 200	\$160
Timothy Grass Large Square	Good 200	\$130
Timothy Grass Small Square	Good/Prem. 100	\$200-230
	Good 50	\$190

**OREGON AREA HAY**  
(USDA Market News)  
Portland, Ore.  
April 17

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
1,285	1,632	599

Compared to April 10: Prices trended generally steady compared to the same quality last week. Trade activity and demand slowed 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. Export hay business seems to slowly be picking up, however continued

issues with few containers available and backup of containers needing to be loaded at the shipping ports continues to slow down the ability to export hay overseas. Most producers have sold all that they plan to sell for this season.

	Tons	Price
CROCK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES		
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium 7	\$250
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix		
Small Square	Premium 10	\$270
	Good/Prem. 30	\$240
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium 10	\$270
	Good/Prem. 6	\$250

**EASTERN OREGON**  
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Small Square	Premium 48	\$230
	Good/Prem. 6	\$220
Meadow Grass Small Square	Premium 24	\$240

**LAKE COUNTY**  
Alfalfa Large Square

	Tons	Price
	Supreme 33	\$250
	Good/Prem. 35	\$180
	Good 800	\$160-170
	100	\$160

**Forage Mix-Three Way Large Square**

	Tons	Price
	Premium 97	\$170
	Good 29	\$140

**HARNEY COUNTY:** No new sales confirmed.

**CALIFORNIA HAY**  
(USDA Market News)  
Moses Lake, Wash.  
April 17

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
13,888	24,720	14,200

Compared to April 10: All classes traded active on moderate demand. Milk prices remained in the mid-teens, which affected the demand from dairies for test hay. According to U.S. Drought Monitor, little precipitation came to California again this week and no changes were made to the state depiction.

**REGION 1**  
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Premium 75	\$245
	Good 50	\$235

**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	Supreme 200	\$258 Del
	Prem./Sup. 50	\$245
	Premium 225	\$192
	75	\$218

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

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Supreme 160	\$265
	800	\$280
	Premium 50	\$248
	300	\$250
	Fair/Good 75	\$110
	Fair 50	\$205
	Good 400	\$105
	2	\$35-40

**REGION 4: Central San Joaquin Valley**

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Premium 550	\$272.27
	Good 125	\$180
	Good 50	\$175

**Wheat Straw**

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup. 300	\$180
	Premium 300	\$185
	Good/Prem. 300	\$180
	Fair/Good 300	\$180
	400	\$75
	300	\$85

**IDAHO HAY**  
(USDA Market News)  
Moses Lake, Wash.  
April 17

This week FOB	Last week	Last year
2,400	3,555	6,249

Compared to April 10: All grades of Alfalfa steady. Trade slow this week. Demand light to moderate. Light contracting of new crop Alfalfa with no rain damage stipulation and all cuttings was reported this week. Most areas of the trade area are reporting drier than normal conditions. Retail feed store/horse not tested this week.

	Tons	Price
Alfalfa Large Square	Prem./Sup. 300	\$180
	Premium 300	\$185
	Good/Prem. 300	\$180
	Fair/Good 300	\$180
	400	\$75
	300	\$85

## Livestock Auctions

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

**Idaho**  
Caldwell  
(Treasure Valley Livestock)  
April 17

Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$337.50; 300-400 lbs. \$296.25; 400-500 lbs. \$215.25; 500-600 lbs. \$219.25; 600-700 lbs. \$200.75; 700-800 lbs. \$136.25; 800-900 lbs. \$155.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$147.50; 1000 lbs. and up \$125.25.

Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$305; 300-400 lbs. \$292; 400-500 lbs. \$225.50; 500-600 lbs. \$218.75; 600-700 lbs. \$155.75; 700-800 lbs. \$134.25; 800-900 lbs. \$131.75; 900-1000 lbs. \$125.25; 1000 lbs. and up \$106.

Cows (wt.): 700-800 lbs. \$67; 800-900 lbs. \$89.75; 900-1000 lbs. \$97.50; 1000-1100 lbs. \$98.25; 1100-1200 lbs. \$95.25; 1200-1300 lbs. \$96; 1300-1400 lbs. \$95.25; 1400-1500 lbs. \$99.75; 1500-1600 lbs. \$98.75; 1600-1700 lbs. \$102.25; 1700-1800 lbs. \$102.

Bull calves (wt.): 200-300 lbs. \$250; 300-400 lbs. \$292.50; 400-500 lbs. \$215.75; 500-600 lbs. \$140.75; 600-700 lbs. \$145; 700-800 lbs. \$157.25; 800-900 lbs. \$155; 1000-1100 lbs. \$112; 1100-1200 lbs. \$105; 1400-1500 lbs. \$122.50.

Bulls (wt.): 1500-2000 lbs. \$120; 1700-1800 lbs. \$123; 1900-2000 lbs. \$130.75; 2100-2200 lbs. \$128.50.

Pairs (hd.): 1000 lbs. and up \$1225.

Bred heifers (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1450.

Stock cows (hd.): 800 lbs. and up \$1475.

Bull calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$475; 300-400 lbs. \$450.

Heifer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$470; 200-300 lbs. \$420; 300-400 lbs. \$560.

Steer calves (hd.): 100-200 lbs. \$500; 200-300 lbs. \$530; 300-400 lbs. \$490; 400-500 lbs. \$440; 500-600 lbs. \$350.

**Washington**  
Toppenish  
(Toppenish Livestock Auction)  
(USDA Market News)  
Moses Lake, Wash.  
April 17

This week	Last week	Last year
1,850	2,150	1,800

Compared to April 10 at the same market: Stocker and feeder cattle steady to \$2 lower. Trade active with very good demand especially from locals looking for small lots of stockers to fill pastures. Slaughter cows and bulls \$1-3 lower. Slaughter bulls steady. Trade active with very good demand. Slaughter cows 57 percent, Slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 38 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 35 percent steers and 65 percent heifers. Near 79 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$310; 500-600 lbs. \$275; 600-700 lbs. \$228; 600-700 lbs. \$234, Value Added; 700-800 lbs. \$201-210; 700-800 lbs. \$226-230, Thin Fleshed; 800-900 lbs. \$200; 900-1000 lbs. \$192-194, Medium and Large 2-3: 600-700 lbs. \$225; 700-800 lbs. \$187, Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$230.

Feeder Holstein Steers: Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$208.75; 600-700 lbs. \$195, Small and Medium 3-4: 600-700 lbs. \$185.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$270; 400-500 lbs. \$250-265; 500-600 lbs. \$232-237.50; 500-600 lbs. \$218, Full; 600-700 lbs. \$210-214; 700-800 lbs. \$205; 800-900 lbs. \$180-190, Medium and Large 2-3: 800-900 lbs. \$183, Medium and Large 4: 800-900 lbs. \$152; 900-1000 lbs. \$130, Large 1-2: 900-1000 lbs. \$194.50; 900-1000 lbs. \$164, Full; 1100-1200 lbs. \$144.50, Heiferettes, Large 2-3: 400-500 lbs. \$198; 1200-1300 lbs. \$135, Small and Medium 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$193, Small and Medium 4: 700-800 lbs. \$129.

Replacement Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 600-700 lbs. \$221-231; 700-750 lbs. \$214-218; 700-750 lbs. \$1700-1800 Per Head.

Slaughter Cows:  
Boning 80-85 percent lean 1400-2000 lbs. \$102-108; Boning 80-85 percent lean 1300-1800 lbs. \$109-115.50; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1700 lbs. \$100-106; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1200 lbs. \$90-100.

Slaughter Heifers: Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2600 lbs. \$126-133.50.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Broken Mouth 1200 lbs. 3-6 mos. bred \$1460.

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2: Young to Mid-Aged (3-8 yrs. old) 1300-1400 lbs. \$2900-3050 with 100-200 lbs. calves, few 1050 lbs. \$2050; Aged (9-11 yrs. old) 1400-1450 lbs. \$2300 with 100-150 lbs. calves; Broken Mouth 1400 lbs. \$1925 with 100-150 lbs. calves.

**Oregon**  
VALE  
(Producers Livestock Market)  
April 15

Total receipts: 598 head.  
Comments: Good demand on the upper end of quality cattle; somewhat softness on medium/lower quality calves and feeder cattle. Steer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$274-309; 400-500 lbs. \$187-309; 500-600 lbs. \$249-292.

Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$251-278; 400-500 lbs. \$241-273; 500-600 lbs. \$227-256.

Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$231-248.

Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$208-230; 700-800 lbs. \$186-201; 800-900 lbs. \$166-181.

Stock cows (young): \$1650-1875; (older) \$1250-1685.

Butcher cows: \$92-106.

Thin shelly cows: \$78-91.

Younger heiferettes: \$117-142.

Butcher bulls: \$92-106.

## Cattle Market Reports

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

**NORTHWEST DIRECT CATTLE**  
(USDA Market News)  
Moses Lake, Wash.  
April 17

This week	Last week	Last year
1,600	3,500	1,650

Compared to April 10: Feeder cattle steady in a light test. Trade slow this week as most of the Northwest is

current and feedlots are at capacity levels. Demand remains good. The feeder supply included 85 percent steers and 15 percent heifers. Near 100 percent of the supply weighed over 600 lbs.

Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 650-700 lbs. \$247-248 Idaho. Current Delivered Price: 750 lbs. \$218 Idaho; 800-900 lbs. \$205-214 Idaho; 900-950 lbs. \$199-200 Idaho.

Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: Current FOB Price: 600-650 lbs. \$228-235 Idaho.

**NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE**

(Federal-State Market News)  
St. Joseph, Mo.  
April 17

This week	Last week	Last year
307,600	261,300	261,200

Compared to April 10: Feeder cattle and calves sold steady to mostly \$5 lower to start the week, after cattle futures April 10 declined sharply with near limit losses on the feeder cattle contracts. Market watchers were also disappointed by limited cash trade and lower prices paid on fed cattle as weekly slaughter was very

light at 502,000 head.

**AUCTIONS**

This week	Last week	Last year
221,700	186,900	171,800

WASHINGTON 2,900, 61 pct over 600 lbs. 56 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$260.44; 550-600 lbs. \$257.14; 750-800 lbs. \$205.48; 900-950 lbs. \$192.04. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 450-500 lbs. \$256.77; 500-550 lbs. \$236.76; 550-600 lbs. \$235.20; 750-800 lbs. \$182.05; 850-900 lbs. \$178.25.



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## CLARK COUNTY, WASH. "4-H CLOVERBOTS"



*Members and mentors of the 4-H CloverBots.*

4-H is often thought of in the agricultural world. However, in 4-H youth may participate in any activity of interest to them: fishing, hiking, livestock, rabbits, caviars, arts and crafts, sewing, cooking, and even robotics among many others.

Robotics is fairly new to the scene of 4-H. In 2009, 4-H partnered with FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics to provide opportunities for youth to explore the science and technology realm. Teams competing in FIRST design, build and program each robot while gaining life skills.

The 4-H Clovernauts high school level team is called the 4-H CloverBots in Clark County, Wash. The 18-member team began work on their robot in January 2015 for the new competition season. They had just six weeks to design, create and program their robot. "We ended up ruling out our first design because it had no self-alignment and was only able to handle three totes," said Ryan Rouse, who has been a member of the team for three years.

This year's FIRST challenge is to stack a maximum of six totes with a garbage can on top. For added bonus points, teams' robots can insert a pool noodle into the garbage can. The CloverBots changed their robot design

during the allowed six hours between qualifying events. "Because we have an internal robot, space is limited. We made 75 percent of our modifications after the first qualifying event," Rouse said. The team adjusted their robot to have a back ramp and moved the electrical panel.

After placing at the bottom of the first qualifying event, the team thought they were out of championship range. "I told them it wasn't impossible, but improbable," said Brenda Johnson, one of the team's coaches and the 4-H club leader.

The team found out at the District Championship in Cheney, Wash., that things were not impossible. "The ramp made a difference," Rouse said with a smile. Now the team is preparing for the Worlds Championship in St. Louis, Mo., held April 22-25. Team mechanics and engineers are strategizing ways to increase the robot's stacking speed and accuracy.

Of 608 teams, three 4-H teams are traveling from Washington State. 4-H CloverBots team members scrambled to raise the \$5,000 entry fee to attend the Worlds Championship. Now they need help with cross-country travel, totaling approximately \$1,000 per member. Donations may be made through their website: <https://sites.google.com/site/cc4hrobotics/>.

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