

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:					
<i>Grade</i>	<i>RFV</i>	<i>ADF</i>	<i>TDN</i>	<i>CP</i>	
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.			
<i>Aug. 28</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>	
<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>10,475</i>	<i>6,720</i>	<i>25,005</i>
Compared to Aug. 21: Alfalfa generally steady in a light test. Utility/Fair quality steady. Trade slow with light demand as exporters slowed down this week. Timothy steady. Demand light to moderate. Retail/Feedstore steady. Demand remains good.			

Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	2300	\$160-185
Tarped		300	\$180
		4000	\$170-175
		300	\$170
		800	\$170
	Fair	200	\$140
Small Square	Premium	75	\$250
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	200	\$260-275
Timothy Grass Large Square	Premium	500	\$180
Small Square	Fair/Good	1500	\$140
	Premium	300	\$210

OREGON AREA HAY (USDA Market News) Portland, Ore.			
<i>Aug. 28</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>	
<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>8,083</i>	<i>6,386</i>	<i>8,513</i>

Compared to Aug. 21: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Alfalfa premium quality in Lake, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, and Wasco counties trended higher. Demand was slow to moderate. Some producers were wrapping up third cutting alfalfa while a few were beginning fourth cutting. Fires and smoke throughout the counties have limited some producers from being able to move hay. Many producers have decided to hold onto their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices.

CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES			
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium	66	\$200
Small Square	Premium	30	\$250
	Fair	70	\$185
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Premium	54	\$260
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Premium	25	\$220
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	208	\$220-250

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 Aug. 28
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY
Cash wheat bids for August delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 27, mixed compared to Aug. 20 noon bids for August delivery. Hard red winter wheat and dark northern spring wheat bids moved lower, while soft white wheat bids were mixed.

September wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Aug. 27, lower as follows compared to Aug. 20 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 16.50 cents lower at \$4.8975, Kansas City wheat futures were 16.75 cents lower at \$4.6450 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 18.50 cents lower at \$4.9450. Chicago September corn futures trended 7.25 cents lower at \$3.6375 and September soybean futures closed 35.25 cents lower at \$8.8325.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during August for ordinary protein were \$5.4475-5.68, mostly \$5.5675. Bids trended mixed, from 16.50 cents lower to 1.75 cents per bushel higher compared to \$5.6125-5.6625, mostly \$5.6425 last week. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. There were no white club wheat premiums for this week or last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for August delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.9725-7.0225, and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.5225-9.9725, mostly \$9.0675.

Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat ordinary protein started the reporting week on Aug. 21 at mostly \$5.6050. On Aug. 24, bids moved slightly higher to mostly \$5.6125, then fractionally lower on Aug. 25 at mostly \$5.61 and continuing lower to mostly \$5.5575 on Aug. 26. Aug. 27, bids moved higher to mostly \$5.5675. Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: September, October, November and December \$5.4475-5.68. One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: September \$6.9725-7.0725, October \$7.06-7.0725, November \$7.0725-7.1025, and December \$7.0725-7.1325.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during August were \$6.1975-6.4475, mostly \$6.3475, 11.50 to 16.50 cents per bushel lower compared to

<i>26.3125-6.6125, mostly \$6.4225 last week.</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were 75 cents to \$1.25, mostly 1.15 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to 75 cents to \$1.25, mostly 92 cents Aug. 20. Nearby bids for U.S. 1 Soft White wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein began the reporting week on Aug. 21 at mostly \$6.4150, Aug. 24 at mostly \$6.3925, Aug. 25 at mostly \$6.4425, Aug. 26 at mostly \$6.3625, and ended the week Aug. 27, lower at mostly \$6.3475.		
Bids followed the Chicago September wheat futures during the week. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: September \$6.3475-6.56, October \$6.3475-6.4475, November and December \$6.3475-6.58.		
Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for August delivery were 12.75 to 16.75 cents per bushel lower compared to Aug. 20 noon bids. On Aug. 27, bids were as follows: August \$5.3950-5.6850, mostly \$5.5450; September \$5.4450-5.7450; October through December \$5.6825-5.7825.		
Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during August were 3.50 to 14.50 cents lower than Aug. 20 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. On Thursday, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: August \$5.9450-6.1850, mostly \$6.0650; September \$5.9450-6.1850; October \$6.0850-6.2850; November \$6.0350-6.3350; and December \$6.1350-6.3850.		
COARSE FEEDING GRAINS		
Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for August delivery were 2.25 to 6.25 cents lower from \$4.5075-4.5775 per bushel. Forward month corn bids were as follows: September \$4.5075-4.5675, October \$4.53-4.55, November \$4.53-4.57, December \$4.53-4.59, and January \$4.5075-4.7225. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest-BN shuttle trains for August delivery was not available. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: September \$9.79, October \$9.82-9.86, November \$9.9175-9.9375, December \$9.8875-9.9175, and January \$9.90-9.93. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy Wheat Oats for August delivery held steady at \$3.63 per bushel.		
PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS		
There were eight grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, Aug. 27, with three docked compared to eight Aug. 20 with three docked. There were no confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation of the USDA.		

Livestock Auctions

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

Oregon

MADRAS (Central Oregon Livestock Auction) Aug. 24
Baby calves: NA.
Steers: 200-300 lbs. \$250-275; 300-400 lbs. \$250-275; 400-500 lbs. \$235-265; 500-600 lbs. \$225-240; 600-700 lbs. \$210-225; 700-800 lbs. \$185-210; 800-900 lbs. \$170-185.
Bulls: High yield. \$125-130; mostly \$125; thinner \$118-125.
Pairs: Full Mouth Vacc \$2000-2400.
Heifers: 200-300 lbs. \$240-260; 300-400 lbs. \$240-250; 400-500 lbs. \$230-240; 500-600 lbs. \$215-230; 600-700 lbs. \$190-215; 700-800 lbs. \$170-190.
Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs.; \$150-170.
Cows: Heiferettes \$135; Feeder cows \$108; high-yield \$110; medium-yield \$103; low-yield \$90.

VALE (Producers Livestock Market) Aug. 26
Total receipts: 362 head.
Comments: Softer market on all classes of calves and feeders with pressure on commodity

and financial markets.
Steer calves: 400-500 lbs. \$241-265; 500-600 lbs. \$226-239.
Heifer calves: 300-400 lbs. \$241-265; 400-500 lbs. \$223-247; 500-600 lbs. \$203-230.
Yearling steers: 600-700 lbs. \$206-218; 700-800 lbs. \$201-209.
Yearling heifers: 600-700 lbs. \$198-212; 800-900 lbs. \$164-172.
Butcher cows: \$95-105.
Thin shelly cows: \$71-87.
Younger heiferettes: \$123-147.
Butcher bulls: \$97-118.

California

SHASTA (Shasta Livestock Auction) Cottonwood, Calif. Aug. 28	
<i>Current week</i>	<i>Last week</i>
429	1,278
Compared to Aug. 21: Slaughter cows steady to \$2 higher. Feeder market off after two weeks of domestic and global financial pressure. Generally \$5-15 lower. Off lots \$30-60 below top.	
Slaughter cows: Breakers \$99-104, \$105-112 high dress; Boning \$92-98; Cutters \$75-90.	
Bulls 1 and 2: \$105-127.	
Feeder steers: 450-500 lbs. \$240-265; 500-550	

lbs. \$265; 550-600 lbs. \$223-236; 600-650 lbs. \$200-226; 700-750 lbs. \$185-201; 750-800 lbs. \$180-195.50; 800-900 lbs. \$170-189.75.
Feeder heifers: 500-550 lbs. \$206-213; 600-650 lbs. \$186-213; 700-750 lbs. \$170-182; 800-900 lbs. \$156-160.

Washington

TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash.		
	Aug. 28	
<i>This week</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
1,666	NA	1,640
Compared to Aug. 21 at the same market: Stocker and feeder cattle mostly \$30 lower. Trade slow with good demand and good buyer attendance. Best demand for all natural black hided steers and heifers. Slaughter cows and bulls mostly \$1-10 lower. Trade active with good demand.		
Slaughter cows 45 percent, Slaughter bulls 15 percent, and feeders 40 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 55 percent steers and 45 percent heifers. Near 82 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows: Pre-tested for pregnancy, and age.		
Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: 600-700 lbs. 200.50-210.50. Medium and Large 1-2: 200-		

SACRAMENTO VALLEY			
Counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.			
Alfalfa	Supreme	100	\$230
	Prem./Sup.	50	\$230
	Premium	100	\$215
		100	\$220
	Good/Prem.	55	\$70
	Good	460	\$165-190
		175	\$135
		625	\$155-160
		55	\$275
	Fair/Good	100	\$130

Sudan	Supreme	400	\$275
Forage Mix-Three Way	Prem./Sup.	150	\$200
Rice Straw	Premium	300	\$190
		1250	\$180-190
	Fair	1500	\$130
		250	\$140

NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY			
Counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and Mariposa.			
	Supreme	400	\$275
	Prem./Sup.	150	\$200
	Premium	300	\$190
		1250	\$180-190
Fair		1500	\$130
		250	\$140

CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY			
Counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo			
Premium	150	\$245	
Good	1	\$35	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA			
Counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles, and West			
no.			
	Premium	325	\$220-240
	Good	313	\$135
		313	\$120

THEAST CALIFORNIA			
	Good	1100	\$125
	Premium	125	\$185

IDAHO HAY (USDA Market News) Moses Lake, Wash. Aug. 28		
<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>	
670	3,750	
Aug. 21: Premium and Good Alfalfa continue to be slow this week. Retail/feed store/horse not tested		
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>

Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme	3000	\$185
	Premium	1000	\$180
	Good/Prem.	500	\$230
	Fair/Good	200	\$125
	Fair	2740	\$200-125
		1200	\$105
	Fair	500	\$105
Timothy Grass Large Square	Utility	5500	\$60

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News)	
Portland Aug 28	
Prices per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal = indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated.	
Location	Price per cwt.
No. 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)	
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$10.25
Yellow	
Turlock-Tulare	\$8.55
Single Car Units via BNSF	
Chino Valley-Los Angeles	\$9.07
Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$9.50
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$8.85
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	\$8.85
No. 2 Yellow	
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	
BNSF Single	\$10.67
Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
White	
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
White	
Petaluma	\$13.25
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Petaluma	NA
No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter	
Domestic Values for Flour Milling)	
Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein	
Los Angeles 12 percent Protein	NA
Imperial Wheat	
Imperial County	NA
Wheat for Feed	
Tulare	NA
Los Angeles-Chino Valley	NA
Petaluma-Santa Rosa	\$10.40
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	\$11.25
Kern County	NA

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Aug. 27: No confirmed sales.

General Mills sets ambitious goal for greenhouse gas cuts

By STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. (AP) — General Mills has set an ambitious goal of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 28 percent by 2025 — not just within its own operations but from farm to fork to landfill.

CEO Ken Powell, in outlining the plan to The Associated Press, said General Mills is compelled to act because climate change ultimately will be bad for business.

General Mills will invest more than \$100 million in energy efficiency and clean energy within its own facilities worldwide, and partner with suppliers to foster more sustainable agricultural practices, including sourcing products from an additional 250,000 acres of organic production globally by 2020.

“We think that hu-

man-caused greenhouse gas causes climate change and climate volatility and that’s going to stress the agricultural supply chain, which is very important to us,” Powell said in an interview at company headquarters in suburban Minneapolis. “Obviously we depend on that for our business, and we all depend on that for the food we eat.”

Other major food companies have greenhouse gas goals, but General Mills officials said they know of no other major player that has targeted its entire chain — from raw material suppliers to consumers. The company estimates that 92 percent of greenhouse gases associated with that chain come from entities it doesn’t control.

With annual sales of nearly \$19 billion, General Mills is one of the world’s largest food companies.

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) Aug. 29							
Market Commentary: Prices for large count cartons came under pressure as the size profile of potatoes being shipped increased.							
SHIPPING AREA							
FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO NORKOTAHS							
\$13.34	-\$0.93	\$6.17	-\$0.70	\$18	-\$6	\$9.50	\$1
COLUMBIA BASIN							
\$14.14	\$0.28	\$6.37	\$0.18	\$24	\$0	\$8	\$0.50

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.
Aug. 28

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. Most are at a point where they delivering previously sold contract wool from earlier in the year. Some warehouses have begun collecting small wool pools and will continue collecting into the fall.

Foreign interest has declined and a strong dollar at the current time is causing less than ideal trade conditions. There is concern about the impact of the current situation in China and how it may affect their interest in wool over the short and mid-term. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill. There were no confirmed trades this week. All trades reported on a weighted average.

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Domestic wool tags

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