

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

OREGON AREA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
Nov. 6

<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
2,160	6,646	6,889

Compared to Oct. 30: Prices trended generally steady compared to week ago prices. Export sales have picked up slightly. Retail/Stable demand for all types of hay from Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Wasco counties continues to be good. Many producers have decided to hold on to their hay for now, in hopes for higher prices. Snow has hit some of the hay producing areas.

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES		
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium 66	200
	Fair 60	\$150
Small Square	Supreme 45	\$240-250
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Premium 25	\$240
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium 50	\$230
Meadow Grass Small Square	Good 1	\$175
Wheat Large Square	Good 68	\$135

Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme 100	\$235
Small Square	Premium 50	\$215
	Good 40	\$200

Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square	Premium 385	\$215-230
	Good 175	\$200-205

HARNEY COUNTY		
Alfalfa Large Square	Good 250	\$140
Oat Large Square	Good./Prem. 30	\$135

KLAMATH BASIN		
Alfalfa Large Square	Premium 100	\$210
Small Square	Premium 50	\$200
	Good 53	\$180
	Fair 25	110
	Fair 60	\$70

Wheat Large Square	Fair 60	\$70
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LAKE COUNTY

Grain Market Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Portland

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
Nov. 6

Cash wheat bids for October delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 5, mixed compared to Oct. 28 noon bids for November delivery.

December wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, Nov. 5, mixed as follows compared to Oct. 28 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 11.25 cents higher at \$5.2625, Kansas City wheat futures were 2.25 cents lower at \$4.86 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 3.75 cents lower at \$5.1625. Chicago December corn futures trended 5.50 cents lower at \$3.7450 and November soybean futures closed 11 cents lower at \$8.6775.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during November for ordinary protein were five to 21.25 cents higher than week ago prices at \$5.6625-5.70, compared to \$5.55-5.65 last week for November delivery. 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 November delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$6.6975-6.8975 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$8.6975-9.6475.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: December \$5.70-5.7625; January, February and March \$5.70-5.77.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: December \$6.7975-6.8975, January, February and March \$6.8125-6.93.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during November were \$6.9125-7.1125, 4.25 to 16.25 cents per bushel higher compared to \$6.80-7.07 last week for November delivery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat were \$1.25 to \$1.75 per bushel over soft white wheat bids compared to \$1.50 to \$1.75 Oct. 28.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: December \$6.9125-7.1625, January \$6.82-7.12, February and March \$6.82-7.10.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for November delivery were 2.75 to 7.25 cents per bushel lower compared to Oct. 28 noon bids for November delivery. On Nov.

Livestock Auctions

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

Washington

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
TOPPENISH		
(Toppenish Livestock Auction)		
(USDA Market News)		
Moses Lake, Wash.		
Nov. 6		
<i>This week</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
1925	2050	1,750

Compared to Oct. 30 at the same market: Feeder cattle steady to mostly \$2-9 lower. Trade slow with light to moderate demand. Slaughter cows steady to firm. Slaughter bulls \$4-5 lower. Trade moderate to active with moderate to good demand. Slaughter cows 56 percent, Slaughter bulls 10 percent, and feeders 34 percent of the supply.

The feeder supply included 52 percent steers and 48 percent heifers. Near 56 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs. Replacement Cows, Pre-Tested for Age, Bangs, and pregnancy.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1: 400-500 lbs. \$225, Thin Fleshed; 500-600 lbs. \$187, Thin Fleshed; 600-700 lbs. \$186, Thin Fleshed; 700-800 lbs. \$175-180, Thin Fleshed. Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$240, 400-500 lbs. \$202.50-212.50; 400-500 lbs. \$187.50-190, Full; 500-600 lbs. \$179-185; 600-700 lbs. \$177-185, Calves; 600-700 lbs. \$172, Full; 700-800 lbs. \$163-171.75; 700-800 lbs. \$155, Full; 800-900 lbs. \$159, Large 1: 900-1000 lbs. \$147.50, Large 2-3: 900-1000 lbs. \$155; 1000-1100 lbs. \$131. Small and Medium 1-2: 500-600 lbs. \$160-174, Small and Medium 3-4: 600-700 lbs. \$99.

Oregon

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
MADRAS		
(Central Oregon Livestock Auction)		
Nov. 2		
Total head: 375.		
Baby calves: NA.		
Steers: 300-400 lbs. \$230-250; 400-500 lbs. \$217-240; 500-600 lbs. \$205-216; 600-700 lbs. \$180-204; 700-800 lbs. \$165-180; 800-900 lbs. \$160-170.		
Bulls: High yield. \$100-105; mostly \$95-100; thinner \$85-95.		
Heifers: 300-400 lbs. \$230-240; 400-500 lbs. \$205-230; 500-600 lbs. \$185-205; 600-700 lbs. \$168-184; 700-800 lbs. \$155-167.		
Heiferettes: 850-1000 lbs. \$140-155.		
Cows: Heiferettes \$125; Feeder cows \$75; high-yield \$78; medium-yield \$70; low-yield \$65.		

Alfalfa Large Square	Supreme 33	\$255
	125	\$310
	Prem./Sup. 75	\$290
	Premium 200	\$195
	24	\$270-270
Alfalfa/Grass Mix Small Square	Good 20	\$220
Triticale Large Square	Premium 50	\$225

IDAHO HAY
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Nov. 6

<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
6,100	12,600	4,850

Compared to Oct. 29: Supreme, Premium and Good Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade slow to moderate this week with continued light demand. Exporters continue to look for covered hay with producers sorting out bottom bales. Snow and rain were reported in the trade area this week. Retail/feed store/horse not tested this week.

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme 600	\$145
	Prem./Sup. 500	\$250
	Good./Prem. 1500	\$250
	Fair/Good 1000	\$80
	2500	\$90-110

CALIFORNIA HAY
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Nov. 6

<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
6,615	5,915	10,745

Compared to Oct. 29: All classes traded very slow on very light demand. Regions 1-4 are all but finished up for the year. Regions 5-6 working on their last cuttings. Exporters are out of the market as their lots are full. Dairies are not willing to participate at the current hay prices.

REGION 1: NORTH INTERMOUNTAIN
Includes the counties of Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, Lassen, and Plumas.

Alfalfa	Supreme 25	\$225
	Premium 300	\$240
	Good 500	\$160
	Premium 125	\$230
	Good 25	\$320
	Premium 25	\$230

Orchard Grass
Meadow Grass
REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY
Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento.

Alfalfa	Supreme 50	\$185
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Orchard Grass	Good 160	\$265
Timothy Grass	Fair 500	\$125
Oat Hay	Premium 200	\$300
Sudan	Premium 200	\$250
	Premium 50	\$140
	Utility 570	\$70
	Utility 1000	\$45

Corn Stover/Stalks
REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.

Alfalfa	Premium 100	\$230
	700	\$235
	Good 50	\$175
	Utility 250	\$60

Corn Stover/Stalks
REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Inyo.

Alfalfa	Supreme 300	\$275
	450	\$290-293
	Prem./Sup. 50	\$230
	Good 50	\$150
	Utility 75	\$80

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

Alfalfa	Premium 125	\$240
	Good 310	\$174-185

REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA
Alfalfa

	Premium 150	\$150
	Good 75	\$130
	Fair 200	\$95

WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY
(Columbia Basin)
(USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
Nov. 6

<i>This week FOB</i>	<i>Last week</i>	<i>Last year</i>
4,840	5,775	6985

Compared to Oct. 30: Supreme dairy fourth and fifth cuttings Alfalfa steady to weak in a light test. Export hay not tested this week. Exporters are basically out of the market as their lots are full and are cutting hours at their presses. Trade remains slow. Demand remains light. Retail/Feedstore steady. Demand remains good.

	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Price</i>
Alfalfa Mid Square	Supreme 2200	\$190
	Good./Prem. 500	\$140
	Fair/Good 900	\$120
	Premium 110	\$260-265
	Premium 130	\$260-275

Alfalfa Small Square	Good 300	\$40
Orchard Grass Small Square	Good 700	\$50
Forage Mix-Two Way Mid Square		
Wheat Straw Mid Square		

Colusa County	\$11
Solano County	NA

CORN-U.S. No. 2 Yellow	
FOB	
Turlock-Tulare	\$8.69
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock	NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno	NA

Rail	Single Car Units via BNSF
	Chino Valley-Los Angeles
	Petaluma-Santa Rosa
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties

Truck	SORGHUM-U.S. No. 2 Yellow
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley
	via BNSF Single
	Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock

Truck	OATS-U.S. No. 1 White
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley
	OATS-U.S. No. 2 White
	Petaluma
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock
	Petaluma

Rail	WHEAT-U.S. No. 2 or better-Hard Red Winter
	(Domestic Values for Flour Milling)
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 12 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 13 percent Protein
	Los Angeles 14 percent Protein

WHEAT-U.S. Durum Wheat	NA
Truck	Imperial County
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties
	Any Class for Feed
	FOB
	Tulare
	Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties
	Colusa County
	Los Angeles-Chino Valley
	Petaluma
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock
	King-Tulare-Fresno Counties
	Kern County

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending Nov. 6:

WHEAT, U.S. No. 1, Hard Amber Durum for Flour Milling	
Imperial	\$11
	Spot
	Del Locally

\$149-169; 700-800 lbs. \$140-161; 800-900 lbs. \$133.50-144.50.
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Choice heifers, medium to large frame No. 1 and No. 2: 300-400 lbs. \$175-214; 400-500 lbs. \$180-211; 500-600 lbs. \$170-202.50; 600-700 lbs. \$140-170.50; 700-800 lbs. \$130-157. Bred Cows: \$660-1275 head; Pairs \$1435 pair.

Head calves (up to 250 lbs.) \$275-730 head; Dairy \$50-160 head.

Feeder lambs: 50-90 lbs. \$120-165; 130 lbs. \$100-205.

California

SHASTA	
(Shasta Livestock Auction)	
Cottonwood, Calif.	
Nov. 6	
<i>Current week</i>	<i>Last week</i>
1,368	4,040

Compared to Oct. 29: Slaughter cows and bulls \$2-3 higher. \$12 drop in feeders futures resulted in stockers and feeders \$10-25 lower than the previous week's hot market. Singles and off lots \$30-70 below top offerings.

Slaughter cows: Breakers \$81-85, \$86-90 high dress; Boning \$70-80; Cutters \$60-70.

Bulls 1 and 2: \$80-100; 101-108 high dress.

Feeder steers: 300-400 lbs. \$200-227.50; 400-450 lbs. \$197-222; 450-500 lbs. \$182-215; 500-550 lbs. \$184-218; 550-600 lbs. \$180-210.50; 600-650 lbs. \$183-192.50; 650-700 lbs. \$169-178; 700-750 lbs. \$160-178; 750-800 lbs. \$155-168; 800-900 lbs. \$151-168;

Feeder heifers: 400-450 lbs. \$190-232.50; 450-500 lbs. \$170-185; 500-550 lbs. \$162-187; 550-600 lbs. \$161-173; 600-650 lbs. \$161-173; 650-700 lbs. \$155-165.50; 700-750 lbs. \$165.50.

curred with dressed sales \$4-6 lower from \$205-206. Nov. 6 on light trade in the Southern Plains live sales ranged from \$132-134, mostly \$4-6 lower with a few live sales in Nebraska at \$135.

Boxed-beef values started the week feeling pressure to see if higher values could be a challenge before finding some footing on Nov. 4. Footing slipped on Nov. 5 and Nov. 6 as Choice cut-out scrambled to get a foot hold closing \$3.20 lower on Nov. 6 at \$215.66 compared to Oct. 29 close at \$220.04. We are getting ready to enter the time of year when white meat and ham dominates sales and retail features.

The Restaurant Performance Index was released on Oct. 30 showing same-store sales and customer traffic remained positive in September, but the RPI did register a modest decline. The RPI stood at 101.4, down 0.1 percent from August. August represented the 31st consecutive month in which the RPI stood above 100.

With food service a key driver in beef demand, going forward it will be important to keep levels above 100. Harvest is winding down with corn harvest at 85 percent complete and soybeans at 92 percent harvested. Auction volume included

Feds: Forest towns should become more resistant to wildfires

By KEITH RIDLER

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Forest-dwelling communities in the West must do a better job at making their homes resistant to wildfires so that wildland firefighters can better defend those homes and surrounding forests, federal, state and local officials said.

The officials meeting on Nov. 5 in Boise said that's one lesson learned following one of Idaho's worst fire seasons with more than 1,300 fires and about 1,200 square miles burned. About 30 officials also considered other aspects of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy approved in April 2014, and that includes firefighter response and making landscapes resilient to fire.

"We will always prioritize life and property as a very high priority," said Intermountain Region Forester Nora Rasure of the U.S. Forest Service. "But when you draw resources into the community to protect life and property, you're drawing them away from the larger landscape. That larger landscape has some critical values. It's the watershed for communities. It's the economic livelihood for some communities."

The meeting was part analyzing the past fire season and part brainstorming for ways to face expected challenges in the next fire season.

Sue Stewart, intermountain

tain region fire director for the Forest Service, said 1,000-person crews that battle gigantic blazes could be used in the offseason to descend on communities to remove brush or trees and help make those communities more defensible for when fire does arrive.

"Maybe we need big, long-term thinking," said Mark Larson, a former Idaho fire marshal who served as facilitator at the meeting.

Some local officials said a problem during the recent fire season was that some smaller areas were reluctant to share firefighting resources because their communities could have been left vulnerable if a local fire broke out.

Idaho taxpayers will have to pay at least \$60 million in firefighting costs this year. The state is also offering 15 salvage logging sales. Those sales will produce only about 50 to 60 percent of the revenue expected had the trees not burned.

Idaho State Forester David Groeschl said part of the state's job was "helping people recognize that they have a shared responsibility if they're going to build in the forest. We can't park an engine at every home. We can't protect every home."

Overall, though, he said the main problem during the fires season wasn't homes built in the forest, but the number of wildfires in the West that ultimately led to a national shortage of firefighters and resources.

Sheep/Wool Market Reports

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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.
Nov. 6

Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades. Wool is still being collected from fall shorn lambs to try to market further down the road. There are some attempts to trade small amounts of wool at this time, but there is still some resistance due to the strong U.S. dollar. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill. There were no confirmed trades this week.

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

NATIONAL SHEEP SUMMARY
(USDA Market News)
San Angelo, Texas
Nov. 6

Compared to Oct. 30: Compared to last week slaughter lambs were steady to \$10 lower. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 higher. Feeder lambs were steady to \$5 lower. At San Angelo, Texas, 2,904 head sold in a one-day sale.

Equity Electronic Auction sold 196 slaughter lambs in Iowa. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs