

Farm Market Report

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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

Small Square	Good/Prem.	140	\$150
	Premium	120	\$185
	Good/Prem.	30	\$150
	Good/Prem.	30	\$125
	Good	98	\$80

IDAHO HAY (USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 24
This week FOB 1,000
Last week 1,600
Last year 630
Compared to March 17: Domestic Alfalfa steady in a light test. Trade very slow with very good demand as supplies are in firm hands and winter is still around in some places.

Alfalfa Mid Square	Fair/Good	1000	\$115-120

CALIFORNIA HAY (USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 24
This week FOB 3,535
Last week 6,930
Last year 15,495
Compared to March 17: All classes traded steady with moderate demand. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the National Weather Service 6- to 10-day outlook for March 28-April 1 calls for near- to above-normal temperatures and precipitation over most of the nation, with drier-than-normal weather in California.

Alfalfa Orchard Mix	Premium	100	\$240
	Premium	50	\$280

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY
Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano, Sacramento. No new sales confirmed.

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

Alfalfa	Prem./Sup.	100	\$225

OREGON AREA HAY (USDA Market News)
Portland, Ore.
March 24
This week FOB 2,587
Last week 646
Last year 1,906
Compared to March 17: Prices trended generally steady in a limited test compared to week ago prices. Most demand lies with the retail/stable hay. According to some producers, horse owners prefer lower sugar, higher protein hay. Many producers are sold out for the year.

Alfalfa Large Square	Good	200	\$125
Orchard Grass Large Square	Good	600	\$160
Small Square	Premium	1	\$250

EASTERN OREGON
Alfalfa Large Square Good 100 \$115
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square Good/Prem. 4 \$150

KLAMATH BASIN
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix Small Square Premium 50 \$240
Good/Prem. 100 \$220
Utility 110 \$77

BARLEY STRAW SMALL SQUARE
HARNEY COUNTY
Alfalfa Large Square Prem./Sup. 400 \$150
Oat Large Square Good 60 \$95

LAKE COUNTY
Alfalfa Large Square Supreme 159 \$175-210
Premium 60 \$160
60 \$160

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.

CALIFORNIA GRAINS (USDA Market News)
Portland
March 23
Prices in dollars per cwt., bulk Inc.= including; Nom.= nominal; Ltd.= limited; Ind.= indicated; NYE=Not fully estimated.

Mode	Destination	Price per cwt.
FOB	Kern County	NA
Rail	Los Angeles	NA
	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Petaluma-Santa Rosa	NA
Truck	Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties	NA
	Colusa County	NA

CORN-U.S. No. 2 Yellow
FOB Turlock-Tulare \$8.19
Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Kings-Tulare-Fresno \$7.40

Rail
Single Car Units via BNSF Chino Valley-Los Angeles \$8.46
Petaluma-Santa Rosa NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock Los Angeles-Chino Valley \$8.50
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA
Kern County NA

SORGHUM-U.S. No. 2 Yellow
Rail Los Angeles-Chino Valley via BNSF Single \$8.10

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

Truck/Rail
Los Angeles 11-12 percent Protein NA
Los Angeles 12 percent Protein NA
Los Angeles 13 percent Protein NA
Los Angeles 14 percent Protein NA

WHEAT-U.S. Durum
Wheat

Kern County NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties NA
WHEAT-Any Class for Feed
FOB Turlock NA
Kings-Tulare-Fresno Counties \$8.75
Los Angeles-Chino Valley NA
Petaluma-Santa Rosa NA
Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA

Prices paid to California farmers, seven-day reporting period ending March 3: No confirmed sales.

PORTLAND GRAIN (USDA Market News)
Portland
March 24
PACIFIC NORTHWEST MARKET SUMMARY
Cash wheat bids for March delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 23, were lower, compared to March 17 noon bids for March delivery.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 23, lower as follows compared to March 17 closes: Chicago wheat futures were 15 cents lower at \$4.21, Kansas City wheat futures were 22 cents lower at \$4.28 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 7.25 cents lower at \$5.4075.

Chicago May corn futures trended 9.25 cents lower at \$3.5675 and May soybean futures closed 10.50 cents lower at \$9.91.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during March for ordinary protein trended five to 15 cents per bushel lower compared to March 17 prices for the same delivery period at \$4.41-4.66. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums were zero to 15 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and 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 not available and bids for White Club Wheat were also not available.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: April and May \$4.41-4.88, June \$4.46-4.84 and August New Crop \$4.51-4.73.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: April through August New Crop not available.

Bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during March trended steady to 15 cents per bushel lower compared to week ago price for the same delivery period at \$4.41-4.80. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby de-

livery.

White club wheat premiums for guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein soft white wheat this week were zero to 10 cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and last week.

One year ago bids for U.S. 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein for March delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were \$5.33-5.38 and bids for White Club Wheat were \$5.33-5.93. Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent protein were as follows: April and May \$4.41-4.80 and August New Crop \$4.51-4.80.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: April \$5.33-5.50, May \$5.33-5.53, June \$5.3075-5.55 and August New Crop \$4.98-5.30.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein U.S. 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for March delivery were 22 cents per bushel lower compared to March 17 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids were as follows: March \$5.08-5.33, April \$5.08-5.28, May \$5.08-5.23, June \$5.1575-5.2575 and August New Crop \$5.1550-5.3050.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein U.S. 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during March were 7.25 cents per bushel lower than March 17 noon bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: March, April and May \$6.4075-6.7575, June \$6.47-6.72 and August New Crop \$6.6850-6.7350.

COARSE FEEDING GRAINS
Bids for U.S. 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BNSF shuttle trains for March delivery trended 6.25 to 9.25 cents lower from \$4.2975-4.3675. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month corn bids were as follows: April \$4.3575-4.3775, May \$4.3175-4.3675, June \$4.3650-4.3750 and July \$4.3450-4.3650. Bids for U.S. 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for March delivery trended 10.50 cents lower from \$10.46 to \$10.51. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month soybean bids were as follows: April and May \$10.51-10.56, October \$10.7625-10.8125 and November \$10.7325-10.7525. Bids for U.S. 2 Heavy White Oats for March delivery trended steady at \$3.2650 per bushel.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EXPORT NEWS
There were 37 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, March 23, with six docked compared to 35 last week with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

WASHINGTON-OREGON HAY (Columbia Basin) (USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 24
This week FOB 5,730
Last week 3,600
Last year 6,330
Compared to March 17: Export and domestic Alfalfa steady. Trade slow to moderate with good demand. Westside dairies are showing interest in hay this week as last year's winter has taken its toll on feed supplies. Retail/Feedstore steady.

Alfalfa Mid Square	Premium	910	\$110-115
		1600	\$120-125
	Good	2200	\$100
	Fair	700	\$90
	Premium	30	\$180
Orchard Grass Small Square	Premium	90	\$190-215
Wheat Straw Mid Square	Fair	200	\$50

WASHINGTON
TOPPENISH (Toppenish Livestock Auction) (USDA Market News)
Moses Lake, Wash.
March 24
This week 1,200
Last week 2,400
Last year 1,560
Compared to March 17: Stocker cattle \$7-8 higher as spring fever is in full swing. Feeder cattle weak in a light test. Trade active with good demand and good buyer attendance. Slaughter cows steady. Slaughter bulls \$3-4 higher. Trade active with good demand. Slaughter cows 71 percent, slaughter bulls 5 percent, and feeders 24 percent of the supply. The feeder supply included 47 percent steers and 53 percent heifers. Near 53 percent of the run weighed over 600 lbs.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1-2: 400-500 lbs. \$195; 500-600 lbs. \$169.50-177.50; 600-700 lbs. \$149-149.50; 700-800 lbs. \$118.50-121; 700-800 lbs. \$112. Full: 800-900 lbs. \$117.50-119. Medium and Large 2-3: 500-600 lbs. \$154. Small and Medium 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$185. \$185-188 and Medium 2-3: 400-500 lbs. \$112.50.

Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2: 300-400 lbs. \$165-172; 500-600 lbs. \$141.50-145; 600-700 lbs. \$130-137; 700-800 lbs. \$112.50-118.50; 800-900 lbs. \$111-114.50.

Slaughter Holstein Steers: Few Select 2-3 1300-1400 lbs. \$68-70.50.

Slaughter Cows: Boners 80-85 percent lean 1500-2100 lbs. \$64-69; Lean 85-90 percent lean 1200-1900 lbs. \$63-69; Lean Light 90 percent lean 900-1350 lbs. \$53-58.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1-2 few 1600-2200 lbs. \$78-84.

Bred Cows (Per Head): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Mid-Aged 1248 lbs. 1-3 mos. bred \$800.

Cow/Calf Pairs (Per Pair): Medium and Large 1-2: Few Broken Mouth 1400 lbs. with 100-150 lbs. calves.

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 25
Market commentary: Russet count cartons continue the advance that got under way at the beginning of March.

SHIPPING AREA	FWA	Chg	GRI	Chg	70 ct	Chg	10 lb. Film	Chg
IDAHO BURBANKS	\$11.01	\$0.45	\$4.35	\$0.27	\$17.50	\$1.50	\$6.50	\$0
IDAHO NORKOTAHS	\$10.42	\$0.41	\$3.88	\$0.31	\$16	\$1	\$6.50	\$0
COLUMBIA BASIN	\$11.88	\$0.10	\$4.89	\$0.06	\$17	\$1	\$7.50	-\$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.
March 24
Domestic wool trading on a clean basis was active this week. There were 197,000 pounds of confirmed trades reported. Domestic wool trading on a greasy basis was at a standstill this week. There were no confirmed trades reported.

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 24
Compared to March 17: Slaughter lambs were steady to \$20 lower, except at Sioux Falls, S.D., \$4-6 higher. Slaughter ewes were steady to \$10 lower, except at Sioux Falls steady to \$5 higher. Feeder lambs were not well tested. At San Angelo, Texas, 5,905 head sold.

No sales in Equity Electronic Auction. In direct trading slaughter ewes and feeder lambs were not tested. 3,200 head of negotiated sales of slaughter lambs were steady. 6,089 lamb carcasses sold with 45 lbs. and down \$8.81 higher; 45-65 lbs. no trend due to confidentiality; 65-75 lbs. \$2.53 higher and 75 lbs. and up \$5.16-5.63 higher.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3: San Angelo: shorn and woolled 110-165 lbs.

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.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 1:
San Angelo: 40-60 lbs. \$225-240, few 242-248; 60-70 lbs. \$234-238, few \$244; 70-80 lbs. \$212-230, few \$234-238; 80-90 lbs. \$205-228; 90-110 lbs. \$184-202, few \$212-216.

DIRECT TRADING (Lambs with 3-4 percent shrink or equivalent):
3,200 Slaughter Lambs shorn and woolled 127-185 lbs. \$136.25-164 (wtd avg \$145.56).

SLAUGHTER EWES:
San Angelo: Good 2-3 (fleshy) \$72-75; Utility and Good 1-3 (medium flesh) \$82-92; Utility 1-2 (thin) \$70-80; Cull and Utility 1-2 (very thin) \$58-66; Cull 1 (extremely thin) \$40-55.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: 70-80 lbs. \$208-224.
REPLACEMENT EWES Medium and Large 1-2:
San Angelo: hair ewe lambs 65-75 lbs. \$246-260 cwt. 80-100 lbs. \$190-198 per head; baby tooth hair ewes \$165-200 per head; mixed age hair ewes 90-140 lbs. \$100-150 cwt.

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB CARCASS Choice and Prime 1-4:
Weight 45 lbs. and down \$497.65
45-55 lbs. Price not reported due to confidentiality

55-65 lbs. \$336.60
65-75 lbs. \$286.78
75-85 lbs. \$271.30
85 lbs. and up \$264.88

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

California Egg Reports

Compiled by USDA Market News Service • Des Moines

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 24
Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo and 4 cents higher on all other sizes. The underline is steady. Offerings are moderate to available. Demand is moderate to fairly good, best into current ads. Warehouse buying interest is slow. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price 95 cents.

Size	Price	Size	Price
Jumbo	\$140	Extra large	\$140
Large	\$132	Medium	\$115

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	\$131-143	Extra large	\$131-135
Large	\$117-126	Medium	\$96-107

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 Oregon head as indicated.

NATIONAL FEEDER AND STOCKER CATTLE (Federal-State Market News)
St. Joseph, Mo.
March 24
This week 409,500
Last week 334,600
Last year 262,300
Compared to March 17: Steers and heifers were steady to \$7 higher, with the early week sales being steady to \$4 higher and later week auctions \$3 to \$7 higher.

There were instances when trends this week were called up to \$9 higher as the CME cattle complex was sharply higher mid-week and didn't give up the ghost as the week moved on.

News of fed cattle trade on March 23 spurred the markets higher when some cattle were reported on the FCE at \$136.50 in Nebraska which would be \$4 to 5 higher than last week's sales.

Dressed sales were turned in on March 23 at \$215, \$5 higher than last week. Support flowed over to the Feeder Cattle contracts when they were from \$3 to almost \$4.50 higher for the week, with the most gain coming in the further out months.

With all the support around the circuit, spring has sprung and cattle buyers were bidding readily and aggressively for all offerings on hand at auctions nationwide. On March 22 in Kearney, Neb., at Huss-Platte Valley Livestock Auction a package of 707 lb. steers with all the bells and whistles sold at \$155 and a load of 542 lb. thin fleshed steers rang the bell at \$186.50.

Additionally, on March 22 in St. Joseph, Mo., a load plus of 877 lb. steers sold for \$138 and a short load of 806 lb. steers sold at \$144.75.

On March 23 in Valentine, Neb., a load of 757 lb. steers went for \$152 and a string of 718 lb. replacement heifers sold for \$135 per head which would equate to around \$186/cwt.

Boxed beef has rallied since the beginning of February, the implied packer margins are back in the black and packers have been more than willing to pay up for live cattle. Since Feb. 10, Choice Boxed Beef has gained around \$35 and this is going through the month of March, which is not known for its spectacular demand.

Some of the boxed beef sales may now be going the way of exports as a number of importing countries that utilize beef from Brazil announced that they are either suspending, curtailing or enhancing inspections of meat from that country. Brazil has surpassed the U.S. in exports and in recent years has become the largest global supplier of red meat and poultry products.

Analysts are looking at how many dollars of product that could be affected by suspension of those products and with approximately \$5.5 billion worth exported from Brazil in calendar year 2016, it could be a boon for other countries that step up production and fill the void.

Cattle on Feed report came in within analyst expectations as the On Feed number is at 100 percent; placements at 99 percent and Marketings at 104 percent. Auction volume this week included 58 percent weighing over 600 lbs. and 43 percent heifers.

AUCTIONS
This week 253,700
Last week 228,600
Last year 225,300
WASHINGTON 2,100, 73 pct over 600 lbs. 38 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs. \$155.86; 600-650 lbs. \$140.20; 650-700

lbs. \$128.48; 700-750 lbs. \$130.30; 750-800 lbs. \$128.38; 850-900 lbs. \$118.28. Heifers: Medium and Large 1-2 500-550 lbs. \$143.56; 650-700 lbs. \$125.86; 700-750 lbs. \$117.52; pkg 775 lbs. \$119.50; 850-900 lbs. \$115.85.

DIRECT
This week 153,400
Last week 80,100
Last year 25,900
SOUTHWEST (Arizona-California-Nevada) 300. No cattle over 600 lbs. No heifers. Holsteins: Large 300 lbs. \$115 April Del.

NORTHWEST (Washington-Oregon-Idaho) 2,200. 91 pct over 600 lbs. 26 pct heifers. Steers: Medium and Large 1 Current Delivered Price 700-800 lbs. \$127-135 Idaho; 800-850 lbs. \$124-12