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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)
March 23

This week FOB	Last year
17,150	5730 tons

Compared to March 16: Alfalfa firm in a light test. Trade slow this week for old crop. Active trade was noted this week for new crop export hay untarped. Some discounts may apply if rain damaged. Exporters say inventories of 2017 Alfalfa and Timothy hay should sell out this spring. Retail/Feedstore steady. The Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Powell announced a quarter point interest rate increase yesterday but indicated a much more aggressive path for interest rates in the future. In addition to the increase yesterday, he suggested two or three more increases this year and three more increases next year. Borrowing cost for many will undergo sharp increases after remaining low for the past decade.

	Mid Square	Price
Alfalfa	Good/Export	850 170.00
	Good/Prem/New Crp	8000 165.00
	Fair/Good/New Crp	8000 145.00
	Small Square	
Alfalfa	Prem/Ret/Tab	65 200.00
Orchard Grass	Prem/Ret/Tab	35 240.00
Timothy Grass	Mid Square	
	Fair/Export	100 175.00
Timothy Grass	Small Square	
	Premium/Export	100 340.00

OREGON AREA HAY
(USDA Market News)
March 23

Compared to March 16: Prices trended generally steady in an extremely limited test. Retail/Stable type hay remains the most demanded hay. Most hay producers are sold out for the current

growing year.

This week FOB 2018 **Last week 308** **Last year 2587 tons**

CROOK, DESCHUTES, JEFFERSON, WASCO COUNTIES

		Tons	Price
Alfalfa	Small Square Prem/Ret/Tab	12	220.00
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Small Square	7	245.00
Orchard Grass	Small Square	3	230.00
	Premium	59	231.36
	Prem/Ret/Tab	150	200.00
	Good/Premium	10	275.00
Mixed Grass	Prem/Ret/Tab	50	165.00
Triticale	Large Square	300	120.00
	Good		
Eastern Oregon: Alfalfa/Grass Mix	Large Square	300	120.00
	Good		
Harney County: Alfalfa	Large Square	300	135.00
	Fair/Good/Rain Dam		
Orchard Grass	Large Square	120	175.00
	Premium		
Meadow Grass	Large Square	50	120.00
	Good		
Klamath Basin: Alfalfa	Large Square	200	190.00
	Premium		
Alfalfa/Grass Mix	Large Square	125	160.00
	Util/Fair/Rain Dam		
Meadow Grass	Small Square	12	140.00
	Good/Retail/Tab		
Wheat	Large Square	125	160.00
	Good/Prem		
Lake County: Alfalfa	Large Square	175	215.00
	Supreme	200	165.00
	Good		
Alfalfa	Small Square	30	185.00
	Prem/Ret/Tab		
Alfalfa/Orchard Mix	Small Square	60	185.00
	Premium		
	Prem/Ret/Tab	30	
	Large Square	80	110.00
	Good/Premium		

IDAHO HAY
(USDA Market News)

March 23

This week FOB 200 **Last week 195** **Last year 1000**

Compared to March 16: Alfalfa steady in a light test. Export hay has mostly been cleaned up until new crop. Trade near standstill this week with light demand. Exporters say inventories of 2017 Alfalfa and Timothy hay should sell out this spring. Retail/Feedstore steady. Retail/Feedstore not tested.

Alfalfa Mid Square Fair/Tarped 200 100.00

CALIFORNIA HAY
(USDA Market News)
March 23

Compared to March 16: All classes traded steady with very good demand. Chances of rain held off some farmers in Region 6 of knocking hay down this week. Mountain snowpack is less than 25 percent of normal across much of the Sierra Nevada and Intermountain West.

This week FOB 2325 **Last week 2440** **Last year 3535 tons**

REGION 1: NORTHERN INTERMOUNTAIN

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

No New Confirmed Sales.

REGION 2: SACRAMENTO VALLEY

Includes the counties of Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Solano and Sacramento.

Alfalfa Premium/Del 100 279.00

REGION 3: NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Mono, Merced and Mariposa.

Alfalfa Premium/Ret/Tab 25 280.00

REGION 4: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Includes the counties of Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Inyo.

No New Confirmed Sales.

REGION 5: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Kern, Northeast Los Angeles and Western San Bernardino.

No New Confirmed Sales.

REGION 6: SOUTHEAST CALIFORNIA

Includes the counties of Eastern San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial.

Alfalfa Prem/Supr 800 222.50

Alfalfa Prem/Ret/Tab 1400 227.14

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
March 22

Pacific Northwest Market Summary: Cash wheat bids for March delivery ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 22, were mixed, mostly lower compared to week ago noon bids for March delivery.

May wheat futures ended the reporting week on Thursday, March 22, lower as follows compared to week ago closes: Chicago wheat futures were 23 cents lower at 4.5575, Kansas City wheat futures were 42.50 cents lower at 4.71 and Minneapolis wheat futures trended 22.50 cents lower at 5.93.

Chicago May corn futures trended 10.75 cents lower at 3.76 and May soybean futures closed 11 cents lower at 10.2975.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat delivered to Portland in unit trains or barges during March for ordinary protein trended steady to 2.25 cents per bushel lower compared to week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.40-5.6575. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

White club wheat premiums were zero to five cents per bushel over soft white wheat bids this week and last week.

One year ago wheat bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat any protein for March delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.4225-4.6725 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.4225-4.7725.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat ordinary protein were as follows: April 5.40-5.6575, May 5.60-5.6575, June 5.60-5.67 and August New Crop 5.50-5.60.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: April and May 4.4225-4.88, June 4.4750-4.84 and August New Crop 4.5350-4.73.

Bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein during March trended steady to 2.25 cents per bushel

lower than week ago prices for the same delivery period from 5.25-5.6575. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

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

One year ago bids for US 1 Soft White Wheat guaranteed maximum 10.5 percent protein for March delivery by unit trains and barges to Portland were 4.4225-4.80 and bids for White Club Wheat were 4.5225-4.8225.

Forward month bids for soft white wheat guaranteed 10.5 percent proteins were as follows: April 5.40-5.6575, May 5.61-5.6575, June 5.63-5.67 and August New Crop 5.50-5.53.

One year ago, forward month bids for soft white wheat for any protein were as follows: April and May 4.4225-4.80 and August New Crop 4.5350-4.80.

Bids for 11.5 percent protein US 1 Hard Red Winter Wheat for March delivery trended 42.50 cents per bushel lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

This week, bids were as follows: March 6.01-6.26, April 6.06-6.21, May 6.06-6.26, June 6.25-6.28 and August New Crop 6.0825.

Bids for non-guaranteed 14.0 percent protein US 1 Dark Northern Spring Wheat for Portland delivery during March trended 22.50 cents per bushel lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

This week, bids for non-guaranteed 14 percent protein were as follows: March 7.08-7.28, April 7.08-7.31, May 7.13-7.38, June 7.1150-7.4150 and August New Crop 7.3825-7.4325.

Coarse feeding grains: Bids for US 2 Yellow Corn delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for March delivery trended 10.75 cents per bushel lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period from 4.71-7.86.

Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery. Forward month corn bids were as follows: April and May 4.76-4.86,

June 4.7925-4.8625 and July 4.6925-4.7425.

Bids for US 1 Yellow Soybeans delivered full coast Pacific Northwest - BN shuttle trains for March delivery trended 11.00 cents lower than week ago bids for the same delivery period from 11.0975-11.1475. Some exporters were not issuing bids for nearby delivery.

Forward month soybean bids were as follows: April and May 11.2575-11.2775, June 11.3475-11.3575, July 11.3275-11.3475 and October 11.1675-11.2675. Bids for US 2 Heavy White Oats for March delivery trended steady at 3.4825 per bushel.

Outstanding Export Sales: Outstanding U.S. white wheat export sales can be found at the following link: <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/wheat.htm>

Outstanding U.S. barley export sales can be found at the following link: <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/export-sales/barley.htm>

Pacific Northwest Export News: There were 23 grain vessels in Columbia River ports on Thursday, March 22, with six docked compared to 24 last week with five docked. There were no new confirmed export sales this week from the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) of the USDA.

California Weekly Grain Report
March 22

Paid by feed manufacturers and other users, delivered plant or receiving station. All prices are offers for prompt shipment unless otherwise stated.

Dollars Per Cwt. -Bulk-

BARLEY US No 2 (46-lbs. per bushel)

FOB **Solano County** NA

Colusa County NA

Tehama County NA

Yolo County NA

Rail: Any Origin - via BNSF and U.P.

Los Angeles NA

Stockton-Modesto-Oakdale-Turlock NA

Dairy Report

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FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW - WEST
(USDA Market News)
March 22

In California, farm milk output is gradually growing week over week. Loads of milk are readily accessible for all processing needs. Class I intakes are lower due to educational institutions preparing to close for the holiday.

Some processors suggest that they are getting near to the peak of the spring flush. As so, they are concerned about finding homes for additional loads of milk as they are currently working at or near full processing capacities and might not be able to accommodate more

milk loads.

Arizona milk production continues to be higher because agreeable weather conditions are boosting cows' well-being.

Many plants are currently working at full capacities and are also preparing for the spring flush. Class I milk sales continue to be down in that some schools are still in spring break. Class II orders for the holiday are still ongoing.

In Arizona, 87 percent of alfalfa hay is rated good to excellent while topsoil and subsoil moisture are both 83 percent adequate to surplus.

Milk yield in New Mexico continues to inch up due to suitable climate for cows' coziness.

Reports suggest abundant volumes of milk available to processors. Although processing plants are efficiently managing all milk loads, repair/maintenance workloads are contributing to increased holdovers in the region.

Demand from bottlers and cheese manufacturers is up, but Class II sales are down.

Springlike weather in the Pacific Northwest is promoting steady to higher milk production. Manufacturers have plenty of milk for most processing needs. End users report getting regular calls from shippers looking for homes for milk and cream. Bottling demand is stable.

Compared to last spring, this year's weather

has been much more favorable to milk production in the mountain states of Idaho, Colorado and Utah. Milk output is well ahead of last year at this time and is steady to higher across the region, due to both more cows and more milk per cow. Manufacturers report there is more than enough milk for most processing needs.

Discounted loads of milk are generally readily available if a processor needs more to fill production runs.

In the West, a number of producers are selling condensed skim due to the lack of processing capacity. Therefore, condensed skim continues to move from state to state.

Livestock Auctions

Oregon EUGENE
(Eugene Livestock Auction)
March 24

Receipts: 271

Market Conditions Compared To Previous Week: Cows and bulls up \$5-8.

Feeder cattle steady.

High Dressers: 70.00-78.50

Low Dressers: 60.00-69.50

Top 10 Cows: 71.05

Bulls: Top Bulls High Dressers: 89.50

Feeder Bulls: 300-500 lbs 89.00-154.00; 500-700 lbs 63.00-155.00; 700-900 lbs NT

Cows Steers Medium To Large

Frame No. 1 & 2s:

Feeder Steers: 300-400 lbs 122.50; 400-500 lbs 120.00-167.00; 500-600 lbs 150.00-163.50; 600-700 lbs 148.00-157.50; 700-800 lbs NT; 800-900 lbs NT

Choice Heifers Medium To Large

Frame No. 1 & 2s:

Feeder Heifers: 300-400 lbs 130.00-153.00; 400-500 lbs 130.00-144.50; 600-700 lbs 115.00-133.00; 700-800 lbs 109.00-110.00; 800 lbs and up 110.00

Bred Cows: \$660-800 Hd

Pairs: \$975-1300 Pr

Head Calves (up to 250 lbs) Beef: \$190-275 HD; Dairy: \$20-85 HD

Feeder Lambs: 50-90 lbs 175.00-212.50; 130 lbs 165.00

LEBANON
(Lebanon Auction Yard)
March 22

Receipts: 352

Butcher Cows: Conventional: Top Cow, \$70.00; Top 10 Cows, \$66.52; Top 50 Cows, \$62.98; Top 100 Cows, \$53.54; Organic: Top Cow, \$89.00; Top 10 Organic, \$86.09; Top 50 Organic, \$72.92.

Bulls: Conventional: Top Bull, \$78.00; Avg. All Bulls, \$70.46

Cow/Cal Pairs: \$775.00-\$1325.00.

KLAMATH FALLS
(Klamath Falls Livestock Auction)
March 20

Choice Steers: 300-400 lbs

153.00-170.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 116.00-125.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 127.00-139.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 109.00-132.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 101.00-105.00 cwt; 800-900 lbs NT

Choice Heifers: 300-400 lbs 115.00-142.00 cwt; 400-500 lbs 120.00-139.00 cwt; 500-600 lbs 115.00-129.00 cwt; 600-700 lbs 112.00-125.00 cwt; 700-800 lbs 107.00-110.00 cwt; 800-900 lbs NT

Top Cow: 68.00

Top Bull: 80.50

Slaughter Bulls: High Yield 61.00-68.00; Med Yield 51.00-60.00; Low Yield 31.00-49.00

Feeder Heiferettes: NT

Cow Cal Pairs: NT

Bred Cows: NT

WOODBURN
(Woodburn Livestock Exchange)
March 20

Receipts: 494, 486 Cattle

Top 10 Slaughter Cows A/P 64.06 cwt

Top 50 Slaughter Cows A/P 61.39 cwt

Top 100 Slaughter Cows A/P 58.80 cwt

Back To The Country Cows 70.00 cwt

Certified Cows: 80.00-140.00 cwt