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Hay Prices for New Mexico

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County	Contact	Premium+ Hay (\$/ton)	Top Quality Hay (\$/ton)	Other Hay (\$/ton)	Condition/ Market Activity/Cut Complete
Chaves	Sandra Barraza, County Agent	\$255-265 large for all cuts of green hay; \$300-320 small, in the barn		\$180-215 striped/lower quality hay	5 th cuts 60%; market strong; widespread rains
Colfax	Boe Lopez, County Agent	\$225-250; \$8-10.00 small	\$200	\$185	3 rd cuts underway; cool temperatures at night; grasshopper pressure
De Baca	Various Contacts	\$300 small or \$9-10.00 per bale; \$260 large, \$300+ del		\$200-220 rained on hay; Some round bales going to dairies	5 th cuts; demand high on #1 hay, soft market for rained on hay; rainy weather, slow growth
Luna	Jack Blandford, County Agent	\$260-280; \$8.00-9.00 small 2-string		N/A	6 th cuts started; market slowing; most going to dairies; rains have slowed cuttings
Rio Arriba	Don Martinez, County Agent	N/A	\$210; \$6.50 small	\$175 rained on hay	2 nd 100%; market moderate; heavy rain in spots; slight pressure on first cuts, but not much after
Roosevelt	Patrick Kircher, County Agent	\$250-265; \$9.00 small squares; \$200-220 striped		\$100-120 haygrazer; \$200-220 native grass	5 th cuts started; steady market; hot/dry in through Aug, slowed growth recently due to cooling temperatures
San Juan	Bonnie Hopkins, County Agent	\$260	\$245	\$230	3 rd cuts complete; strong market; afternoon rains sporadic, cooling temperatures; pea aphids increasing
Valencia/Socorro	Newt McCarty, County Agent + Other Contacts	\$265-300 small or \$7.00-9.00 per bale if not rained on; \$250-300 large		\$7-9.00 grass if green; \$3.00-5.00+ cow hay rained on	4 th & 5 th cuts; humid and rainy; market slowed; lots of black/striped hay going up; water allocation slowing

Prices are a compilation of Agent information and other area estimates.

N/A = prices and/or supplies not available at this time

For more information on forages in New Mexico, visit: <http://forages.nmsu.edu/>

***** **Mark Your Calendars** *****

The date has been set for the 2015 Southwest Hay & Forage Conference (January 15-16, 2015). As usual, the event will take place at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Ruidoso, NM. For more information, please contact Cassie Sterrett at 575-626-1688 or visit <http://www.nmhay.com/>.



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