



# New Mexico State University

## Extension Plant Sciences

### Alfalfa Market News

New Mexico Hay Association, [www.nmhay.com](http://www.nmhay.com)



#### 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	\$200-250 large delivered; \$300-310 small, in the barn		\$140-150 striped large bales; \$250-290 small striped	6 <sup>th</sup> cuts 80%, 7 <sup>th</sup> cuts 40%; market slow, lots of black hay; cool/rainy, some hail in the county
Colfax	Boe Lopez, County Agent	\$180-190		\$170	3 <sup>rd</sup> 100%; warm days, but cooling/cold nights; grasshopper pressure for most growers
Dona Ana	Teresa Dean, County Agent	\$160-175 large; \$8.00-9.00 small		\$100 rained on hay	Between 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> cuts; moderate-to-slow demand; most growers missed the rains
Guadalupe	Leigh Ann Marez, County Agent	N/A	\$7.00 in barn; \$6 in the field	\$5 striped lower quality, \$4 in the field	Almost done for the year, maybe a light clip remaining; moderate market, dry leading up to recent showers; most of final cuts baled
Eddy	Woods Houghton, County Agent	\$270 large, 290 small	\$250 large; \$270 small	\$240 striped	6 <sup>th</sup> cuts 100%, 7 <sup>th</sup> 50%; slow market but steady; weather variable from wet/cold to hot/dry; some aphid and cutworm activity
Luna	Jack Blandford, County Agent	\$200-225; \$7.50-9.00 small		\$140-160 rained on hay	6 <sup>th</sup> 100%, 50% of 7 <sup>th</sup> ; market moderate; cooling, spotty rains
Rio Arriba	Don Martinez, County Agent	\$190	\$175	\$160 rained on cow hay	3 <sup>rd</sup> cuts 100%; slow market; light cuts, dry leading up to recent rains
Roosevelt	Patrick Kircher, County Agent	\$200-240 large; \$265 small or \$8-9 per bale		\$75-80 haygrazer	5 <sup>th</sup> cuts 100%; slow market; rains slowing cuts/baling
Valencia / Bernalillo	Various Contacts	\$7.00-8.00 per bale in the barn, if not rained on		\$6-8.00 grass; \$3.00-5.00 cow hay, rained on; \$4-5 sudan and millet hay; \$8-9 teff hay	4 <sup>th</sup> cuts 100%; market slow; recent cool down with showers; a lot of hay in the barns, mix of good and poor quality

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

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

#### Plan to Attend Winter Meetings

Mark Marsalis, Extension Forage Specialist, NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Los Lunas

Well, it took a while, but cold weather has finally come to New Mexico. As 2015 winds down, it's time to start thinking about next growing season. Winter is the perfect time to hone your management skills and learn about the latest advances in hay and forage production. Over the next few months, there are several conferences and workshops that are sure to educate and entertain. These events are targeted toward Western US hay, silage, and pasture producers, with information specific to our unique growing conditions and water issues.

Plan to attend one of the important events listed below in the coming months. We hope to see you there!

### **Southwest Hay & Forage Conference**

Each year, the New Mexico Hay Association and NMSU Extension Plant Sciences Department sponsor and coordinate the Southwest Hay & Forage Conference. The event is held in Ruidoso, NM. Producers, scientists, and vendors come from all around the Southwest to learn about the latest research advances and to promote the most current technologies in the hay (and other forage) industries.

**The 2016 conference will be held January 13-15, 2016.** Please check the NMSU Forages webpage (<http://forages.nmsu.edu/>) or at the NM Hay Association website (<http://www.nmhay.com>) for more details of the 2016 conference. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forage Growers Workshop**

NMSUs Valencia County Cooperative Extension office co-hosts a forage workshop with the Small Farms and Ranch Task Force and Extension Plant Sciences Department in December of every year. The workshop is open to the public and features experts on topics ranging from alfalfa management, weed and insect control, soil fertility, pasture grazing, and alternative hay crops. Cost of the event is \$20 and includes morning refreshments, lunch, educational materials, and door prizes.

**This year's workshop is set for December 1, 2015 in Los Lunas, NM. 5 CEUs available.**

For more information on the Forage Grower's Workshop and a program of events, visit: <http://valenciaextension.nmsu.edu>, or contact Newt McCarty at 505-565-3002, or Mark Marsalis at 505-865-7340.

To register online, go to: <http://rsvp.nmsu.edu/rsvp/foragegrowers>

### **Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium**

Every other year, the Western Alfalfa & Forage Symposium is held to bring together researchers, Extension personnel, farmers, and vendors from all around the western U.S. The Cooperative Extension Services of AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY sponsor the symposium. This large event includes many educational sessions for the different classes of forages grown in western states. Field tours are often included in the program as well.

**The 2015 symposium will be held in Reno, NV, December 2-4, 2015. A one-day, irrigation management workshop is included in this conference.**

For more information and conference proceedings, visit <http://calhay.org/symposium/>



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**MEMBER PRE-REGISTRATION  
 PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION  
 SOUTHWEST HAY CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW  
 RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER, JAN 13, 14 & 15 2016.**

NAME OF PERSON(S) ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL(OPT:): \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES: 2-DAY CONFERENCE, 2 MEALS, AND ENTERTAINMENT**

**INDICATE BELOW:**

\_\_\_\_ I'D LIKE A STANDARD INDIVIDUAL PRE-REGISTRATION @ **\$100.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (LATE REGISTRATION FEE **AFTER DEC 28<sup>th</sup>** IS \$120.00, AT THE DOOR)

\_\_\_\_ I WANT THE FAMILY & FOREMEN PACKAGE - **3 PEOPLE \$280.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (LATE REGISTRATION FOR PACKAGE IS **\$310.00**)

**ADDITIONS TO THE FOREMAN PACKAGE \$80.00 PER PERSON** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

LIST NAMES : \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_ I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY ANNUAL DUES OF **\$45.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I AM ENCLOSING A CHECK FOR:

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING NMHA!**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK TO ADDRESS ABOVE POST-MARKED BY  
 DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 TO AVOID LATE REGISTRATION**