



# Minnesota Ag News – Hay Stocks



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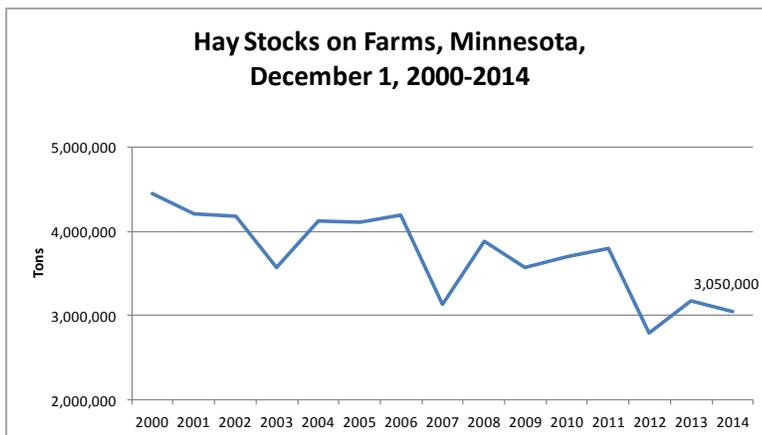
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**Dry hay** stored on Minnesota farms as of December 1, 2014, is estimated at 3.05 million tons, a decrease of 4 percent from December 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Upper Midwest Regional Office. This is the second lowest December stocks level since records began in 1950.



## Hay Stocks on Farms, Minnesota and United States, May 1 and December 1, 2013-2014

	May 1		December 1	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)	(1,000 tons)
Minnesota .....	490	440	3,180	3,050
United States .....	14,156	19,176	89,304	92,052

## UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**All hay** stored on United States farms December 1, 2014, totaled 92.1 million tons, up 3 percent from the previous December. Disappearance from May 1, 2014 - December 1, 2014 totaled 66.9 million tons, compared with 59.9 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

December 1 hay stocks were up from 2013 in many centrally located states due to larger production totals in 2014 as a result of good weather conditions during the growing season. However, persistent dry weather in several western states limited production and hay stock levels.