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Hay Prices

Nevada

Hay prices for March were up for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$150.00 per ton, is up \$8.00 from February and up \$49.00 from last March. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$151.00 per ton and all other hay at \$129.00 per ton. February hay prices were \$142.00 for all hay, \$143.00 for alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, and \$120.00 for all other hay.

United States

On the national level for March, prices were up from February for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$124.00 per ton, is up \$8.00 from February and \$17.00 higher than last March. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$136.00 per ton and all other hay at \$97.30 per ton. February hay prices for the U.S. were \$116.00 for all hay, \$127.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$93.90 for all other hay.



March Weather Summary

Several storms crossed the State during March bringing rain and snow. Temperatures ranged from 1.2 degrees below normal to 2.4 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 88 degrees. Winnemucca recorded the lowest temperature of the month at 8 degrees. Winnemucca recorded the most precipitation with 2.06 inches. All weather stations recorded some precipitation. Nevada snowpacks are 124 to 157 percent of average. Consistent wet conditions slowed or prevented field crop seeding during the month. Supplemental feeding of range livestock continued. Winter wheat is in good condition. Other farm and ranch activities included: equipment maintenance, spring calving, fence repairs, crop and livestock marketing.

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	MonthlyAvg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	44.5	+1.2	79	22	1.28	+0.42	0.25
Elko	39.3	+0.7	69	20	1.25	+0.27	0.24
Ely	37.0	+1.1	67	10	1.02	-0.03	0.44
Winnemucca	40.1	-1.0	72	8	2.06	+1.20	0.77
Eureka	37.9	+1.2	71	13	1.14	+0.12	0.38
Tonopah	41.4	-1.2	77	10	0.47	-0.22	0.22
Las Vegas	60.7	+2.4	88	39	0.17	-0.42	0.15

2011 Prospective Plantings Report

Nevada Report

Nevada farmers plan to plant 5,000 acres of Corn this year, up 1,000 acres from the 4,000 acres planted in 2010. All wheat acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 23,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Winter Wheat acreage planted is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year. Spring Wheat acreage planted is projected at 8,000 acres, which is up 4,000 acres from last year. Estimates for All Hay acres to be harvested this year is at 450,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year's 470,000 acres.

A survey will be conducted in June to measure the actual acres of grain planted and hay harvested.

National Report

Hay: Producers expect to harvest 59.0 million acres of all hay in 2011, down 1 percent from 2010. If realized, this will be the fourth lowest harvested acreage on record. Harvested area is expected to decrease from last year throughout most of the western two-thirds of the Nation, primarily due to lower livestock inventories, an increase in acreage being planted to other crops with higher prices, and drought conditions in the Southern Great Plains.

Corn: Growers intend to plant 92.2 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2011, up 5 percent from last year and 7 percent higher than in 2009. If realized, this will be the second highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944, behind only the 93.5 million acres planted in 2007.

All Wheat: Planted area is estimated at 58.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. The 2011 winter wheat planted area, at 41.2 million acres, is 10 percent above last year and up 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.4 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.2 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.7 million are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2011 is estimated at 14.4 million acres, up 5 percent from 2010. Of this total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

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