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Hay Prices

Nevada: The all hay price, at \$223.00 per ton, is down \$7.00 from February and up \$73.00 from last March. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$226.00 per ton, down \$7.00 from February and up \$75.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$175.00 per ton, is up \$10.00 from February and up \$46.00 from a year ago.

United States: The all hay price, at \$181 per ton, is \$5.00 higher than February and \$55.00 higher than March 2011. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$201.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$139.00 per ton.

Hay Prices Received by Type measured in \$ per Ton – Select States and United States: March 2012

State	All Hay			Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay ¹		
	Mar. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012	Mar. 2011	Feb. 2012	Mar. 2012
Arizona	176.00	252.00	255.00	180.00	255.00	260.00	125.00	185.00	195.00
California	212.00	244.00	242.00	240.00	250.00	245.00	116.00	215.00	226.00
Idaho	155.00	206.00	207.00	157.00	210.00	210.00	120.00	145.00	145.00
Nevada	150.00	230.00	223.00	151.00	233.00	226.00	129.00	165.00	175.00
Oregon	169.00	220.00	230.00	168.00	237.00	246.00	170.00	196.00	208.00
Utah	120.00	191.00	171.00	120.00	193.00	175.00	106.00	155.00	142.00
United States	126.00	176.00	181.00	142.00	198.00	201.00	99.50	130.00	139.00

¹ Other hay is comprised of grain and grain mixtures, timothy, clover, wild, prairie, range, and other types.

March Weather Summary

Low pressure systems brought rain and snow to the State during March. Temperatures ranged from normal to 2.2 degrees above normal. Las Vegas recorded the monthly high at 86 degrees. Eureka recorded the lowest temperature of the month at 2 degrees. Elko recorded the most precipitation with 1.36 inches. All weather stations recorded some precipitation. Supplemental feeding of range livestock continued. Other farm and ranch activities included: equipment maintenance, spring calving, fence repairs, crop and livestock marketing.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: March 2012

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	45.7	0.0	70	17	0.11	-0.65	0.05
Elko	40.4	1.5	76	8	1.36	0.36	1.04
Ely	39.9	3.6	70	6	0.84	-0.09	0.40
Winnemucca	42.0	0.9	71	6	1.00	0.17	0.47
Eureka	39.9	3.0	72	2	1.23	0.30	0.97
Tonopah	43.5	0.6	72	15	0.74	0.17	0.41
Las Vegas	60.6	0.7	86	37	0.18	-0.26	0.18

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2012 Prospective Plantings Report

Nevada Report

Nevada farmers plan to plant 6,000 acres of Corn this year, down 2,000 acres from the 8,000 acres planted in 2011. All wheat acreage planted for all purposes is estimated at 26,000 acres, up 3,000 acres from last year. Winter Wheat acreage planted is estimated at 20,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. Spring Wheat acreage planted is projected at 6,000 acres, which is down 2,000 acres from last year. Estimates for All Hay acres to be harvested this year is at 430,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from last year's 450,000 acres.

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

United States Report

Hay producers intend to harvest 57.3 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 3 percent from last year's record low. If realized, this will be the second smallest harvested area on record. Generally, all hay harvested acreage east of the Mississippi River is expected to decrease in 2012. Conversely, producers from the Great Plains westward intend to harvest more hay this season following the unusually dry conditions that limited hay production in 2011.

Corn growers intend to plant 95.9 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2012, up 4 percent from last year and 9 percent higher than in 2010. If realized, this will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937 when an estimated 97.2 million acres were planted.

All wheat planted area is estimated at 55.9 million acres, up 3 percent from 2011. The 2012 winter wheat planted area, at 41.7 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year but down 1 percent from the previous estimate. Of this total, about 29.9 million acres are Hard Red Winter, 8.4 million acres are Soft Red Winter, and 3.5 million acres are White Winter. Area planted to other spring wheat for 2012 is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down 3 percent from 2011. Of this total, about 11.3 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum planted area for 2012 is estimated at 2.22 million acres, up 62 percent from the previous year.