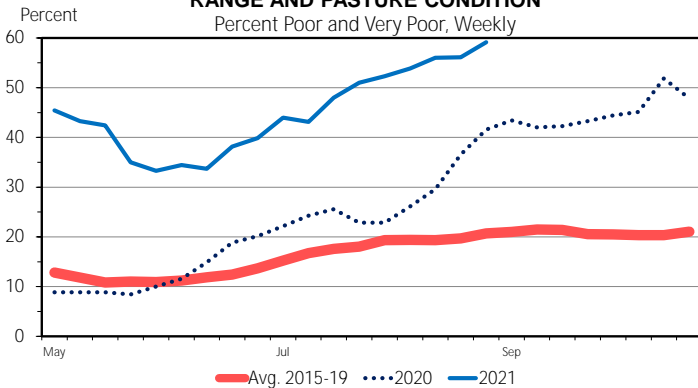


Late season grazing conditions have improved marginally in the West, but continues to deteriorate across the Northern Plains. Nearly 65% of pasture conditions require supplemental feeding in the Great Plains states. Nationally, hay prices continue to climb. Alfalfa prices hit \$201 per ton, while other hay jumped \$151 per ton according to USDA NASS Agricultural Prices (data released for July).

be high as the drought has limited forage availability. The outlook for hay prices continues to look elevated for the remainder of this year and are very likely to be higher next year. Livestock Marketing Information Center is forecasting a season average price of over \$200 per ton this year for alfalfa and just under \$200 per ton next year for the national average. Other hay prices are expected to remain in the high \$140s per ton for this year and next.

### GREAT PLAINS REGION RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION



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Hay yields reported in the latest crop production report showed hay yields are expected to be smaller than a year ago. Alfalfa yields are expected to fall almost 10% from a year ago, on top of an acreage loss of about 100 thousand acres. Other hay yields are not expected to decline as much—only about 2.5%, on about 600 thousand less acres. The combination of smaller yields and smaller acres is setting the U.S. up to have another year of high hay prices.

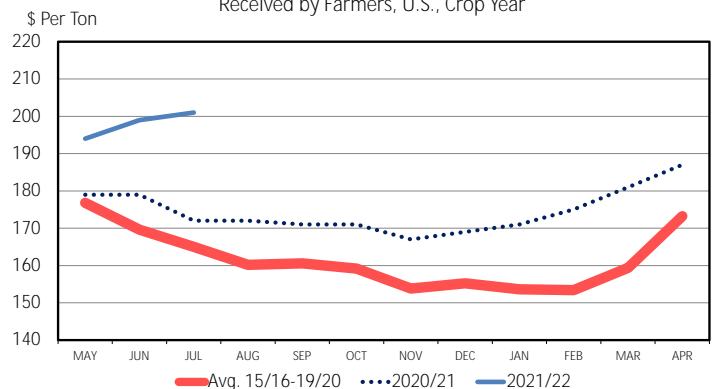
Alfalfa yields are taking the largest yield declines in Northern tier states: North Dakota, Montana, Washington all showed significant declines. Production data indicates that production losses in these three states total 3.2 million tons less than last year, a 35% loss.

Other hay yields were more sporadic in their declines. Among northern tier states Idaho, South Dakota, and North Dakota had large declines. These states production data shows a loss of 1.6 million tons from a year ago.

These production estimates are based on the August yield estimates released by USDA NASS and will be revised as more data is gathered in the coming months.

The decline in acres and yield is setting the U.S. up for another tight hay supply year. If you recall, the start of the U.S. marketing year May 1 stocks were down nationally almost 12%. Usage this year has continued to

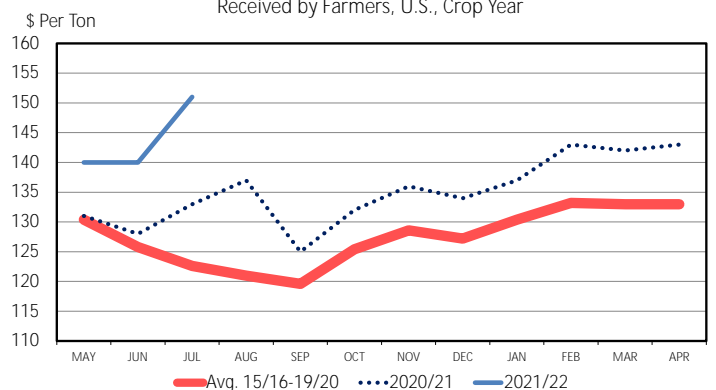
### ALFALFA HAY – MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE



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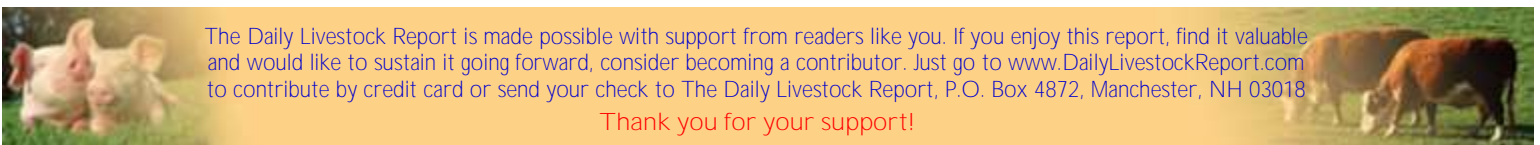
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### OTHER HAY – MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE



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