

Weekly Hay Report July 12

It looks as though the drought will continue as the forecasts are calling for more of the same. The smoke from the wild fires in Northern California are reaching into our area causing some concerns over smoke damage to the alfalfa. This is concerning but not much we can do about it. The export market did strengthen just slightly this past week. The exporters are beginning to see that more alfalfa than usual will remain in the local area as the dairies try to insure they have the supplies they need. The Utah market is now between \$230 and \$250 depending on the quality. The Idaho market is currently ranging between \$220 and \$230 in most areas. With the current market there could be some bids as high as \$250. The potential for hay production moving forward continues to dwindle as older stands are left dry as producers move the water that is left onto other crops.