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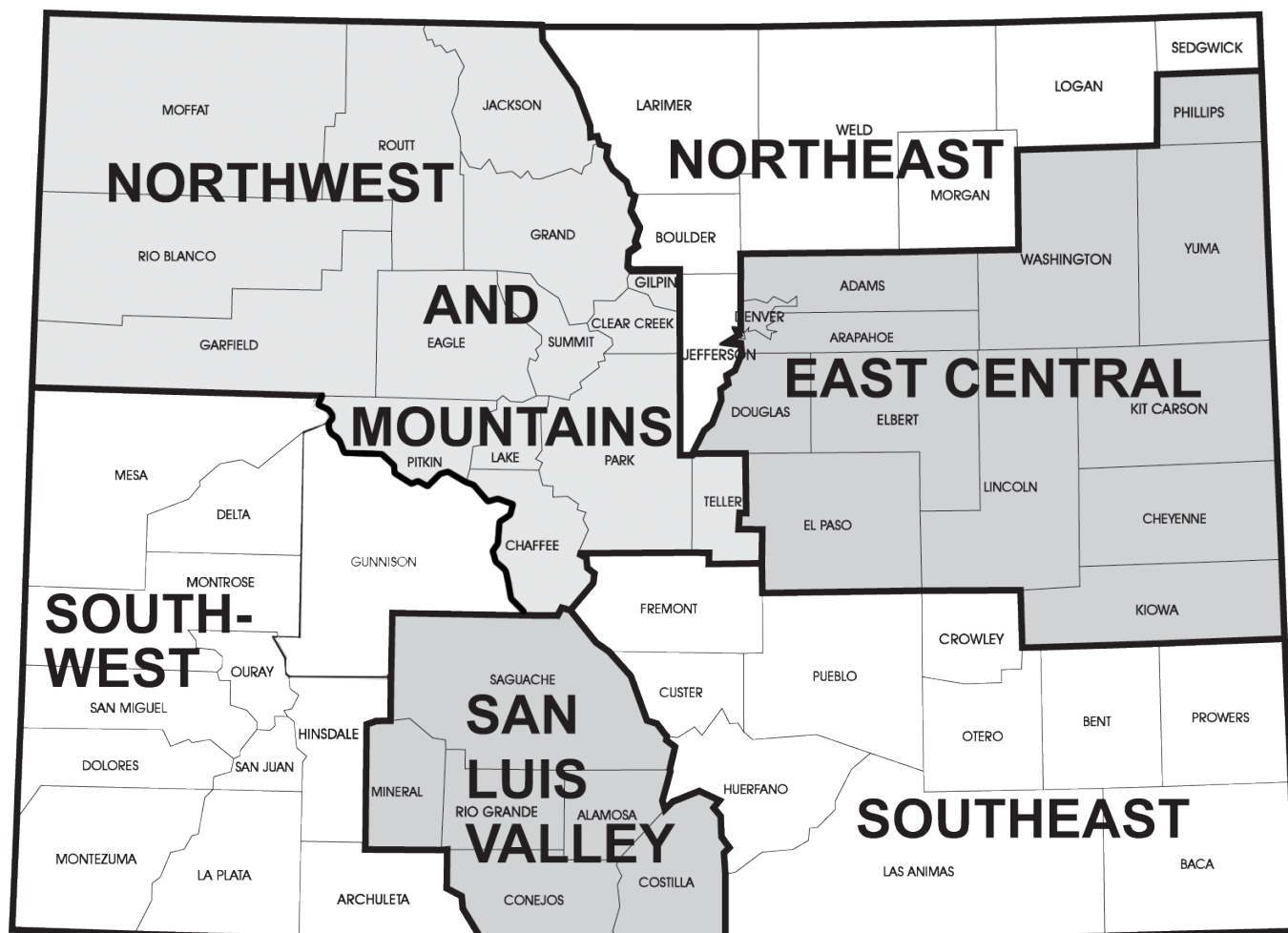
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# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Chaffee County

### 3MN

Dave Granzella

719-221-2362

9692 CR 163, Salida, CO, 81201

- Alfalfa | 8 tons | small bales
- Alfalfa | 100 tons | 3x3x7 big bales
- Grass | 80 tons | small bales
- Grass/Alfalfa | 40 tons | small bales
- Grass/Alfalfa | 100 tons | 3x3x7 big bales

### Richardson Cattle Company

Seth and Susie Richardson

719-221-1948

9740 County Rd. 164, Salida, CO, 81201

[richardsonhay@gmail.com](mailto:richardsonhay@gmail.com)

- Grass | 500 tons | (60 lb.) 14x18 small bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 1,000 tons | (60 lb.) 14x18 small bales

## Garfield County

### Wes Mauz

303-908-7383

2227 CR 214, Silt, CO, 81652

[pakllama@gmail.com](mailto:pakllama@gmail.com)

- Grass/Alfalfa | 40 tons | (714 lb.) 3x3
- 1st cutting, no rain. Lab analysis available.

# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Garfield County

### Orchard Creek Ranch

970-945-2224 | Monique Serra

970-366-8645 | Luis Rosales, Foreman

150 CR 137, Glenwood Springs, CO, 81601

[ocreekrmls@gmail.com](mailto:ocreekrmls@gmail.com)

[OrchardCreekRanch.com](http://OrchardCreekRanch.com)

- Grass/Alfalfa/Clover | 21 tons | (45-55 lb.) small bales
- Naturally maintained premium horse hay. Lab analysis available. Barn Stored. No herbicides or pesticides used. Irrigated fields. Delivery available.

## Jackson County

### Baller Ranch

Jim Baller

970-819-1382 (cell)

48725 Hwy. 14, Walden, CO, 80480

- Grass | 1,500–1,700 tons | (1,100-1,200 lb.) 3x4 large square bales
- All tarped

### Buffalo Creek Land & Cattle

John Ziegman

970-723-4045 or 970-222-4056 (cell)

2320 JCR 28A, Rand, CO, 80473

[john@buffalocreek.com](mailto:john@buffalocreek.com)

[BuffaloCreek.com](http://BuffaloCreek.com)

- Mtn. Meadow/Timothy | 600 tons | (70 lb.) square bales
- Mtn. Meadow/Timothy | 600 tons | (700 lb.) 3x3x8 square bales
- Barn stored.

# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Jackson County

### Harvat Cattle and Hay, LLC

John and Sharon Harvat  
970-723-4290  
1096 CR 5, Coalmont, CO, 80430  
[sharvat80430@yahoo.com](mailto:sharvat80430@yahoo.com)

- Mountain Grass | 1,800 tons | (1,200 lb.) 3x4x8 bales

### Moriah Ranch, LLC

David and Marcy Gruber  
970-396-5973  
6002 CR 24, Walden, CO, 80480  
[mtnmarcy@gmail.com](mailto:mtnmarcy@gmail.com)  
[MoriahGrassFed.com](http://MoriahGrassFed.com)

- Mountain Meadow/Timothy/Garrison | 1,500 tons | small squares and 3x4x8 bales
- Barn stored. Test available. Some certified weed free (small squares).

### Willow Creek Ranch

Bruce B. Brundage  
303-681-0646 (office) or 970-723-4431(ranch) or 970-459-7443 (cell)  
303-681-0640 (fax)  
[bbbrundage@aol.com](mailto:bbbrundage@aol.com)

- North Park Mtn. Meadow | (1,200-1,400 lb.) round bales, net wrapped
- Timothy & Red Top Grasses | 1,000 ton

# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Park County

### 12 Mile Ranch

Patrick Spivak

719-836-2378

600 CR 458, Fairplay, CO, 80440

[patspivak@yahoo.com](mailto:patspivak@yahoo.com)

- Grass | 900 bales | (50 lb.) square bales, \$7.00 per bale

### D & M Ranch

Mike Eustace

719-748-1149

1113 County Rd. 98, CO, Florissant 80816

[meeustacede@aol.com](mailto:meeustacede@aol.com)

- Timothy | 3,000 bales | (60 lb.) small bales

## Rio Blanco County

### Piceance Creek Ranch

Sunni Valencia

970-216-1371

11539 County Rd. 5, CO, Rifle 81650

[pcranchllc@yahoo.com](mailto:pcranchllc@yahoo.com)

- High Mountain Grass | 100 tons | (1,400 lb.) round bales



# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Routt County

### Bear River Ranch

Mike Hogue

970-846-5649

26185 Hwy. 40 West, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80487

[mlh@springsips.com](mailto:mlh@springsips.com)

- Grass | 150 tons | 3x4
- Alfalfa | 300 tons | 3x4
- Triticale | 80 tons | 3x4
- Lab analysis available. Certified organic on all.

### Rocking d Ranch

Joe Duksa

970-846-4424

30300 County Road 14 C, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80477

[joe.ddenterprises@gmail.com](mailto:joe.ddenterprises@gmail.com)

- Alfalfa | 200 tons | 3x3 square bales
- Grass Hay | 450 tons | 3x3 square bales
- Grass Timothy | 250 tons | 2x3 multi-pack bales
- Timothy | 400 tons | 3x3 square bales
- Lab analysis available on all hay. Colorado certified hay is also available.

### Yampa Meadows Ranch

Bruce Enever

970-889-7171

32609 Gays Lane, Steamboat Springs, CO, 80487

[enever@me.com](mailto:enever@me.com)

- Mtn. Meadow/Grass Mix | 225 tons | small square, 21 bale bundles
- Mtn. Meadow/Grass Mix | 180 tons | 3x3x8 large square bales
- Approximately 1/2 cow quality and 1/2 horse quality.

# Northwest and Mountain Region

## Summit County

### Shadow Creek Ranch

Buck McNichols

970-724-3915

960 Upper Mesa Trail, Silverthorne, CO, 80498

[buck@shadow-creek.net](mailto:buck@shadow-creek.net)

[shadowcreekranch.co](http://shadowcreekranch.co)

- Timothy/Brome | 650 tons | (780 lb.) 3x3x8 bales
- Timothy/Brome | 20 tons | (780 lb.) 3x3x8 bales
- Lab analysis available.

## Teller County

### Colorado Horse Hay

719-641-5749

9730 W. Hwy. 24, Green Mountain Falls, CO, 80819

[coloradohorsehay@gmail.com](mailto:coloradohorsehay@gmail.com)

[ColoradoHorseHay.com](http://ColoradoHorseHay.com)

- Timothy | 3x3x8 and small square bales
- Alfalfa | small square bales
- Orchard | small square bales
- Mix | 3x3x8 and small bales
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# Northeast Region

## Boulder County

### **Aristera Farms, LLC**

Grant Newton

720-494-1795

13660 Davis Lane, CO, Longmont 80504

[grant.newton@aristerafarms.com](mailto:grant.newton@aristerafarms.com)

- Alfalfa/Grass Mix | (70 lb.) small square bales
- Barn stored. Lab analysis available.

### **Hidden Willow Farm**

Mitch Rose

303-709-7224

8905 Woodland Road, Longmont, CO, 80503

[mitch.rose@mac.com](mailto:mitch.rose@mac.com)

- Brome/Orchard | 80 tons | (60 lb.) bales

### **Lonesome Dove Ranch**

Dave Paswaters

303-772-0917

6354 Hygiene Road, Longmont, CO, 80503

[DavePaswaters@gmail.com](mailto:DavePaswaters@gmail.com)

- Irrigated Grass Hay | (50 lb.) small bales
- Barn stored. No weeds.



# Northeast Region

## Boulder County

### Rain Dance Ranch

Arnold Turner

303-775-0052 (cell)

8301 Journey Lane, Longmont, CO, 80503

[arnold@turnerlongmont.com](mailto:arnold@turnerlongmont.com)

- Straight Grass | 1,000 tons | (56 lb.) small square bales
- Alfalfa/Grass Mix | 360 tons | (56 lb.) small square bales
- Barn stored. Lab analysis available. Premium quality horse hay.

### Rocky Mountain Pumpkin Ranch (dba Full Circle Farms)

David Asbury

303-601-7797

9059 Ute Highway, Longmont, CO, 80503

ForageSales@RMPR.Farm

[RockyMtnPumpkinRanch.com](http://RockyMtnPumpkinRanch.com)

[FullCircleOrganicFarms.com](http://FullCircleOrganicFarms.com)

- Alfalfa
- Grass-Mix Hay
- Oat Hay
- Straw Bales
- Corn Stalk Bales
- 4x4 bales approximately 1 ton
- 3x4 bales approximately (1,000 lb.)
- 2 string bales approximately (65 lb.)
- Certified organic. Lab analysis available. Conventional Premium. Barn Stored. Semi-loads. Stacker-loads. Delivery available.

# Northeast Region

## Boulder County

### Sleepy Teepee Ranch

Jeri Wall

720-277-5200

13151 N. 61st Street, Longmont, CO, 80503-9138

- Grass | 80 tons | (50-60 lb.) 14x36 small bales

### Starlight Farm

Suzanne Webel

303-485-2162

5735 Prospect Road, Longmont, CO, 80503

[swebel@earthlink.net](mailto:swebel@earthlink.net)

- Grass | 100 tons | (65-70 lb.) bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 30 tons | (65-70 lb.) bales
- Certified weed free. Lab analysis available. Barn-stored or in the field.

## Larimer County

### Clydesdale Corners

970-568-7501

2364 E. County Rd. 62, Wellington, CO, 80549

- Grass | 200 tons | (700 lb.) bales
- Grass | 200 tons | (60 lb.) bales

# Northeast Region

## Larimer County

### Fossil Creek Farms LLC

Steve Maitland

970-980-4096

7100 Silver Mist Lane, Fort Collins, CO, 80528

[stevenmaitland@yahoo.com](mailto:stevenmaitland@yahoo.com)

- Grass | 400 tons | (60 lb.) small bales
- Alfalfa | 200 tons | (75 lb.) small bales
- Lab analysis available on both

## Logan County

### Agrivest, Inc.

970-522-5030

20627 Rd. 41, Sterling, CO, 80751

[agrivestincorporated@yahoo.com](mailto:agrivestincorporated@yahoo.com)

- Grass Hay | 1,000 tons | (1,600 lb.) round/net wrap
- Alfalfa 1,2,3 | 360 tons | (1,600-1,700 lb.) round/net wrap
- Also available in 4 x 4 x 8 bales. Call for the amount left.

### Jim Karg

970-520-3173

33408 CR 79, Crook, CO, 80726

[kargfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:kargfarms@yahoo.com)

- Oat Hay | 300 tons | (1,350 lb.) 3x4 square bales

# Northeast Region

## Logan County

### Schuppe Hay Farms LLC

970-522-8713 (office)

970-580-8713 (cell) | Mike Schuppe

970-580-7959 (cell) | Dalton Schuppe

29939 CR 56, Iliff, CO, 80736

[Mike@SchuppeHay.com](mailto:Mike@SchuppeHay.com)

[SchuppeFarms.com](http://SchuppeFarms.com)

- Grass | 2,000 tons | 3x4 bales
- Alfalfa | 10,000 tons | 3x4 bales
- Lab analysis available.

### Weber Farms

Collin Weber

970-520-2492

6745 CR 29.7, Atwood, CO, 80722

- Alfalfa | 1,500 tons | 3x3 and 4x4 bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 150 tons | 3x3 bales
- Grass | 200 tons | 3x3 bales
- Lab analysis available on all.



# Northeast Region

## Weld County

### Aristocrat Angus Ranch

Skylar Houston

970-535-0929

7900 CR 34, Platteville, CO, 80651

[aarangus@aol.com](mailto:aarangus@aol.com)

- Grass | 3x3 bales

### Blue Sky Farm, LLC

Zada Steidl

970-222-7147

PO Box 368, Windsor, CO, 80550

Rbluesky8@msn.com

[BlueSkyFarmColorado.com](http://BlueSkyFarmColorado.com)

- Alfalfa | 700 tons | 3x3x8 bales

### Esh Ranch (See our ad on page 11)

Paul Esh

970-897-3134 or 970-567-7505

46715 CR 19, Nunn, CO, 80648

[EshRanchHay@gmail.com](mailto:EshRanchHay@gmail.com)

- Grass | 10,000 tons | 3x3 small bales
- Alfalfa | 2,500 tons | bales
- Grass/Alfalfa | 1,500 tons | bales
- Straw | 2,000 tons | small bales

# Northeast Region

## Weld County

### Jordan Farms

Joe Jordan

303-817-2856

12223 Jasper Road, Erie, CO, 80516

[terrilynnjordan@hotmail.com](mailto:terrilynnjordan@hotmail.com)

- Alfalfa | 1,000 tons | big bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 500 tons | big bales
- Grass | 700 tons | big bales
- Straw | 500 tons | big bales
- Lab analysis available on all. Custom cutting, baling, hauling.

### Oster Farms

Alan Oster

970-371-1352

21333 County Road 40, La Salle, CO, 80645

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### Warner Ranch

Robert Warner

303-710-1770

17977 CR 20 | Fort Lupton 80621

[WRancher@comcast.net](mailto:WRancher@comcast.net)

- Alfalfa | 60 tons | (1,600 lb.) 4x4 big bales | Lab analysis available
- Alfalfa | 60 tons | (750 lb.) 3x3 bales
- Orchard/Brome Grass Mix | 60 tons | (710 lb.) 3x3 bales, and (1,400 lb.) 4x4 big bales
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## Kit Carson County

### Eastern Colorado Hay

Clifford Like

719-649-1070

[clike@earthlink.net](mailto:clike@earthlink.net)

- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 1- 4 cutting | large round bales
- High quality mix. Limited small bale 2-string tie. Delivery available on both.

## Phillips County

### Schram Farms

David Schram

970-520-3250

312 Westridge Avenue, Haxtun, CO, 80731

[Drschram76@gmail.com](mailto:Drschram76@gmail.com)

- Alfalfa (HarvXtra) | 4,500 tons | (1,600 lb.) 3x4x8 bales
- Golden German Millet | 1,000 tons | (1,600 lb.) bales 3x4x8
- Brome/Sorghum/Sudan | 600+ tons | (1,200 lb.) 3x4x8 bales
- Teff Grass | 200 tons | (1,500 lb.) 3x4x8 bales
- Lab analysis available on all. Also available in Sedgwick County, Colorado and Chase County, Nebraska.



# East Central Region

## Yuma County

### Hall's Hay

Tim Hall

970-354-7210

8885 CR DD, Idalia, CO, 80735

[tim@hallshay.com](mailto:tim@hallshay.com)

[www.HallsHay.com](http://www.HallsHay.com)

- Alfalfa | (50 lb.) small and large square bales
- Grass
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 18 bale bundled units, sliced from large square bales
- Straw

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Andrew Ohlson  
[aohlson@prairiemountainmedia.com](mailto:aohlson@prairiemountainmedia.com)

# Southeast Region

## Otero County

### Lieber Farms

Von Lieber

719-263-5646

33706 Road 1, Fowler, CO, 81039

- Alfalfa/Horse Hay | approximately (850 lb.) | 3x3x8 bales
- Alfalfa/Horse Hay | 14x18 small square bales
- Barn stored on all.

## Prowers County

### S & S Land & Cattle Inc.

John Sutphin

719-940-3729

8825 US Hwy. 50, Lamar, CO, 81052







[sutphincattle@gmail.com](mailto:sutphincattle@gmail.com)

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- Alfalfa | (800 lb.) 3x3 bales

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# Southwest Region

## Delta County

### Bill Kolb

970-872-4400 or 970-314-0255

10605 3500 Road, Hotchkiss, CO, 81419

[mymule@tds.net](mailto:mymule@tds.net)

- Grass/Alfalfa | 30 tons | (60-85 lb.) small bales
- Certified weed free. Barn-stored..

### Tatonka Creek Ranch

970-270-3442

37895 Linman Road. Crawford, CO, 81415

- Small Quality Grass Hay | 40 tons | (65-70 lb.) small square bales

## Gunnison County

### Raco Land and Cattle, LLLP

Rick Randall

303-808-5688 or 970-901-1406

45958 US 50 | Gunnison 81230

[rrandall71@gmail.com](mailto:rrandall71@gmail.com)

- Timothy | 300 tons | (51 lb.) bales and bundles
- **Certified weed free.**

# Southwest Region

## La Plata County

### Pargin Ranch

Matthew Pargin

970-769-6549

2400 CR 321, Ignacio, CO, 81137

- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 150 tons
- Grass | (55 lb.) bales, 2-string tie
- Timothy/Orchard/Brome | 150 tons | 21 bale bundles

### Pinnecoose Hay Farm

Marvin Pinnecoose

702-302-3972

3102 County Road 516, Ignacio, CO, 81137

[pinnecoosehayfarm@gmail.com](mailto:pinnecoosehayfarm@gmail.com)

[www.PinnecooseHayFarm.com](http://www.PinnecooseHayFarm.com)

- Grass/Brome/Orchard/Timothy | 185 tons | (55 lb.) 14x18x36 small squares and big bales

### Seibel Farms

Ken Seibel or Dusty Mars

970-883-2336

256 Milton Lane, Ignacio, CO, 81137

[SeibelRanch.com](http://SeibelRanch.com)

- Orchard Grass | (55 - 60 lb.) 2 string bundles of 21

# Southwest Region

## La Plata County

### Sunnyside Farms

Jerry Zink

970-749-1043

259 CR 216 | Durango 81303

[jerry@sunnysidemeats.com](mailto:jerry@sunnysidemeats.com)

- Alfalfa/Grass | 200 tons | (60 lb.) twine bales

## Mesa County

### Dan Geherin

970-250-6315

3011 B 1/2 Road, Grand Junction, CO, 81503

[dgeherin@gmail.com](mailto:dgeherin@gmail.com)

- Grass/Alfalfa | 26 tons | (65 lb.) bales

## Montrose County

### Colorado Alpine Hay Company

John Field

970-209-1556 (cell)

15740 6800 Road, Montrose, CO, 81401

[jrfield@skybeam.com](mailto:jrfield@skybeam.com)

- Alfalfa | 300 tons | small bales in 21 bale packs and 3 x 4 bales
- Alfalfa/Grass | 400 tons | small bales in 21 bale packs and 3 x 4 bales
- Grass | 400 tons | small bales in 21 bale packs and 3 x 4 bales
- Beardless Triticale | 500 tons | 3x4 bales
- Straw | 5,000 bales | small bales in 21 bale packs

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# San Luis Valley Region

## Conejos County

### Salazar Ranches

John Salazar

719-937-1591

20616 CR M, Manassa, CO, 81141

[johntsalar@gmail.com](mailto:johntsalar@gmail.com)

- Alfalfa | 4,000 tons | (1,250 lb.) 3x4 bales
- Native Meadow Grass | 3,000 tons | (1,000 lb.) 3x4 bales
- Lab analysis available. Certified organic on all.

## Rio Grande County

### Atkins Shadow Ranch, LLC

Marc Posorske

719-496-6543

0500 W County Road 2 S, Monte Vista, CO, 81144

- Native Grass Hay | 500 tons | (700 lb.) 3x3x8 square bales
- Native Grass Hay | 400 tons | (1,200 lb.) 64x60 round bales

### E Q C Ranch

Gary Dickey

719-850-1722

4725 W RD 8 North, Del Norte, CO, 8113

- Alfalfa | 450 tons | 3x4 bales | Lab analysis available
- Oat Hay | 150 tons | 3x4 bales | Lab analysis available
- Alfalfa/Grass | 200 tons | 16x18 bales

# San Luis Valley Region

## Rio Grande County

### Matthews Farms

Steve Matthews

719-852-5494

2350 W. CR 1 South, Monte Vista, CO, 81144

- Alfalfa | 3x4 bales | Lab analysis available
- Brome/Garrison Grass | (65-70 lb.) 4x18 bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | (65-70 lb.) 14x18 bales
- Grass | (65-70 lb.) 14x18 bales
- Sainfoin Grass Mix | (65-70 lb.) 14x18 bales
- Grass/Alfalfa Mix | 3x4
- Sainfoin Grass Mix | 3x4
- All barn stored

### Orth Limousin Ranch

Ed Orth

719-852-3069

1086 CR 29, Monte Vista, CO, 81144

- Native Grass | 5,000 bales | (55-65 lb.) 14" small bales | Certified weed free
- Native Grass | 6,000 bales | (5-65 lb.) 14" small bales



# San Luis Valley Region

## Rio Grande County

### Paulson Farms

Rock Paulson

719-588-8506

1551 Swede Lane, Monte Vista, CO, 81144

[rockpaulson@yahoo.com](mailto:rockpaulson@yahoo.com)

- Alfalfa | 4,000 tons | 3x4 and 4x4 | Lab analysis available
- Timothy/Orchard Mix Grass | 2,000 tons | (1,200 lb.) 3x4
- Mountain Mix Grass | 2,000 | 3x4
- Forage Hay | 2,000 tons | 3x4
- Certified organic on all

## Saguache County

### Ramstetter Farms

Richard Ramstetter

719-580-3329

5519 E Rd. 9 North, Center, CO, 81125

[ramfarm@gojade.org](mailto:ramfarm@gojade.org)

- Alfalfa | 4,500 tons | 4x4x8
- Straw Barley | 1,000 tons | 4x4x8
- Straw Barley | 500 tons | 16x18, bundle of 18 bales
- Straw Barley | 200 tons | 16x18, bundle of 18 bales
- Certified weed free. Lab analysis available.

# Hay-Related Products and Services

## **KeyAg**

800-388-3659

[info@keyag.com](mailto:info@keyag.com)

[www.KeyAg.com](http://www.KeyAg.com)

Providing solutions with fermentation and micronutrient products including advanced hay conditioners, advanced silage additives and the next generation of animal health supplements. Please see our ad on page 19.

## **Rafter H Company**

Lee H. Stampe

806-354-9700

104 Palomino Street, Amarillo, TX 79106

[rafterhco@gmail.com](mailto:rafterhco@gmail.com)

Rafter H Co. is a cattle feed brokerage business. I find buyers for hay producers or find feed for ranchers, feedlots, and dairies. I was raised in agriculture, educated in agriculture, and for 35 years worked in feedlot management. Have served my agricultural friends as a broker for about 18 years.

## **Tytan International**

Steven Murphy, National Sales Manager

800-492-6195

[www.TytanIntl.com](http://www.TytanIntl.com)

For all your baling needs: net wrap, poly and sisal twine, silage wrap, bags and sheets, baling wire. Please see our ad on the inside of the back cover.

# CDA Program Provides Value-Added Opportunity to Colorado Farmers While Reducing Noxious Weeds

The Colorado Department of Agriculture's Certified Weed Free Forage and Mulch program reduces noxious weeds and allows farmers to sell their products as "certified weed-free." The program inspects forage or mulch before it is harvested to ensure there are no noxious weeds in the mulch or forage.

The U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands, in National Parks and Monuments, Bureau of Reclamation land, Military Reservations, Tribal Lands, and National Fish and Wildlife Refuges require Weed-free forage within its lands.

Colorado is a part of the Regional Weed Free Forage program. Forage that is regionally certified in Colorado is accepted in all states participating in the Regional Weed Free Forage program.

Those certified through the program are also listed in a booklet and online to connect sellers and buyers better. In 2022, approximately 13,000 acres in Colorado were certified as weed-free through 100 growers.

Get more information

[on the Weed Free program and to find certified weed-free products.](#) You can also contact Lora Richards at 303-869-9031 or [cda\\_weedfree@state.co.us](mailto:cda_weedfree@state.co.us).

# Hay Sampling Tips

## **Identify a single 'lot' of hay**

A hay lot, a single cutting, a single field, and variety should be identified, generally less than 200 tons. Don't mix cuttings or fields.

## **Choose a sharp coring device**

Use a sharp coring device 3/8" -3/4" diameter. Never send in flakes or grab samples. The corer's tip should be 90 degrees to the shaft, not angled. Sharpen frequently. See the list of probes at the [National Forage Testing Association \(NFTA\)website](#).

## **Sample at random**

Walk around the stack - try to represent all areas of the stack. Don't avoid bales or select certain bales. Choose bales at random.

## **Take enough core samples**

We recommend a composite sample representing a hay lot consisting of at least 20 cores. Take more than 20 cores in highly variable lots, e.g., weedy fields.

## **Use proper technique**

Sample butt ends of a hay bale, between strings or wires, not near the edge. The probe should be inserted at 90-degree angle, 12" -18" deep. On round bales, sample towards the middle of the bale. A greater number of core samples is better.

# Hay Sampling Tips... continued

## **Not too big, not too small**

The sample so that you produce about 1/2 pound of the sample. Too-small samples don't fairly represent the variation in the hay lot. Very big samples (common with large length or diameter probes) cannot be easily ground by the labs. If a probe is too big or small to produce about 1/2 pound in 20 cores - get a different one!

## **Handle samples correctly**

Seal composite sample in a sealed plastic bag and protect from heat. Double bagging is beneficial, especially for DM measurements. Deliver to lab as soon as possible.

## **Never split samples without grinding**

To test two labs, ask for your ground sample back to send to another lab. Unground samples are not a fair split. Use several samples to test average bias between labs. Don't work with labs that are unwilling to do this.

## **Choose a National Forage Testing Association Certified Lab**

Some labs have volunteered to participate in NFTA's quality proficiency tests. To be certified, labs must match the true mean within an acceptable range of variation. NFTA labs have demonstrated their commitment to good results and are more likely to be interested in accuracy.



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