

Annual Hay Directory is now available

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As a service to hay producers and buyers, the Colorado Department of Agriculture publishes the *Colorado Hay Directory* annually. The 2009 edition of the directory is available to the public at no cost.

“Hay is a valuable commodity to Colorado’s livestock industry,” said Wendy White, marketing specialist for the Colorado Department of Agriculture. “The directory helps Colorado’s hay producers market their hay, and is an important resource for buyers across Colorado and the nation.”

The 23rd edition of the Colorado Hay Directory features 100 producers and brokers of hay as well as companies that provide hay-related products and services. Categorized by region, each listing includes the type and amount of hay available, bale type and size, whether or not laboratory analysis is available, certified weed free status and identifies organic hay.

The Colorado Hay Directory is published by the Colorado Department of Agriculture in cooperation with participating Colorado hay producers, the Colorado Hay and Forage Association, Colorado State University Extension and with support from Anderson Alfalfa, Hutchinson Western and ProAg Morris Industries.

In 2008, Colorado produced approximately 4 million tons of hay. Production of hay in Colorado for 2009 is estimated at 5 million tons.

The directory is available online at www.coloradoagriculture.com and at www.coloradohay.org. For more information or to request a copy of the 2009 *Colorado Hay Directory*, call the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-239-4115.