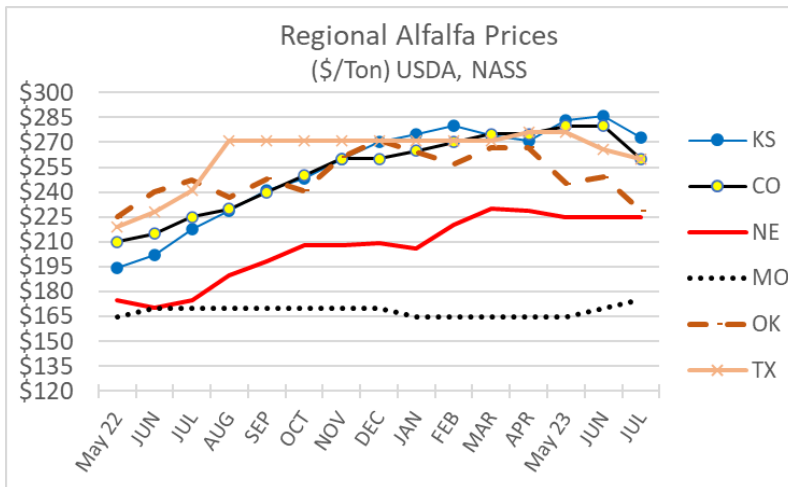
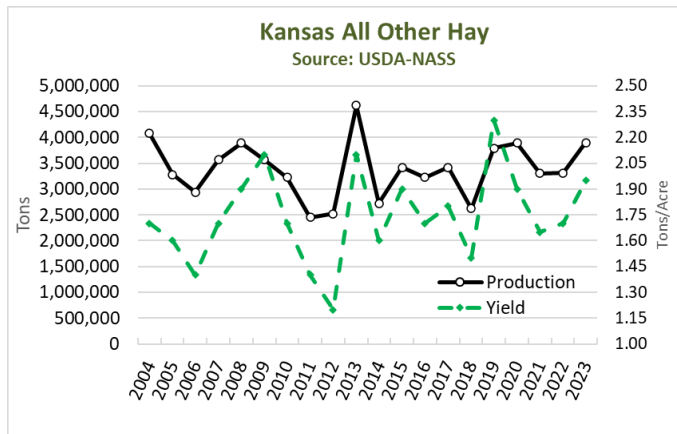
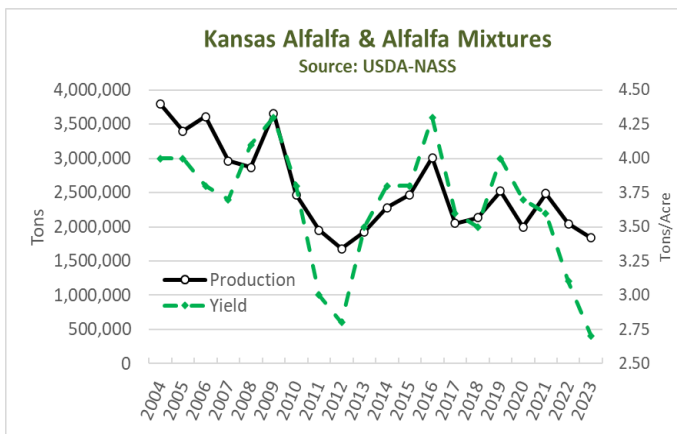
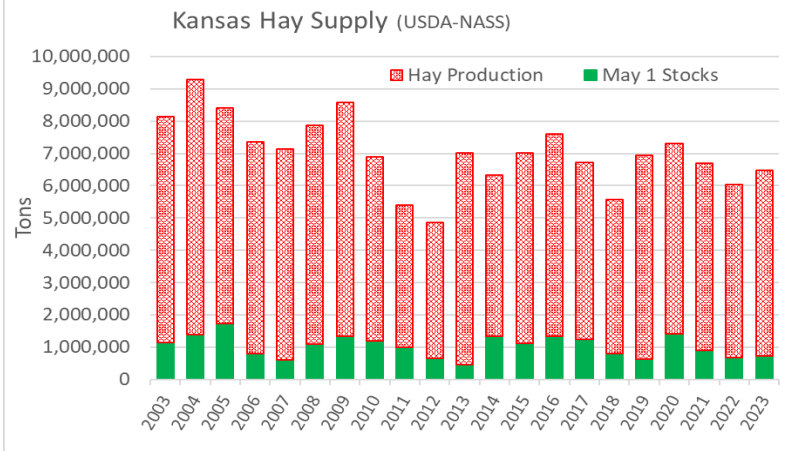


The 2023 **Kansas hay supply** (right), is estimated up 7.4% from 2022, based on a 7% increase in expected hay production (5.736 million tons), and a slightly greater May 1 level of hay stocks.

The entire increase is due to greater “Other” hay production, which includes anything not alfalfa, and is forecast to increase nearly 18% over 2022, to 3.9 million tons. Alfalfa production is expected to decline more than 10% in



To see more recent, detailed hay price breakouts, by type, district, quality and form of delivery, go to the [Kansas Direct Hay Report](#), from the Kansas Department of Agriculture¹ and USDA-AMS.

2023, to 1.836 million tons, as yields are forecast at 2.7 T/Ac., the lowest state yield in my NASS data, going back to 1992!

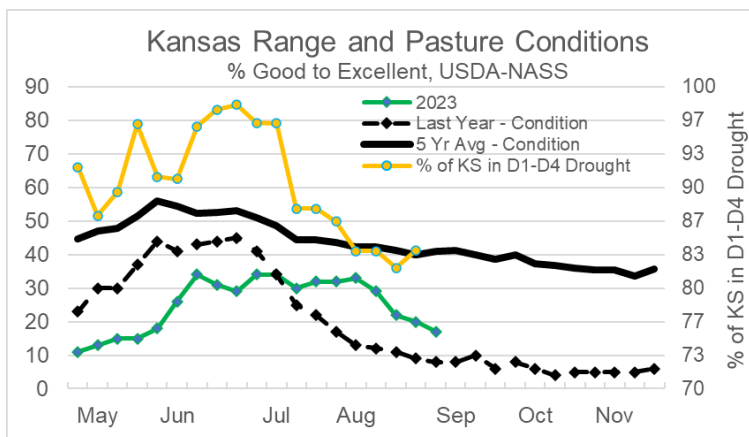
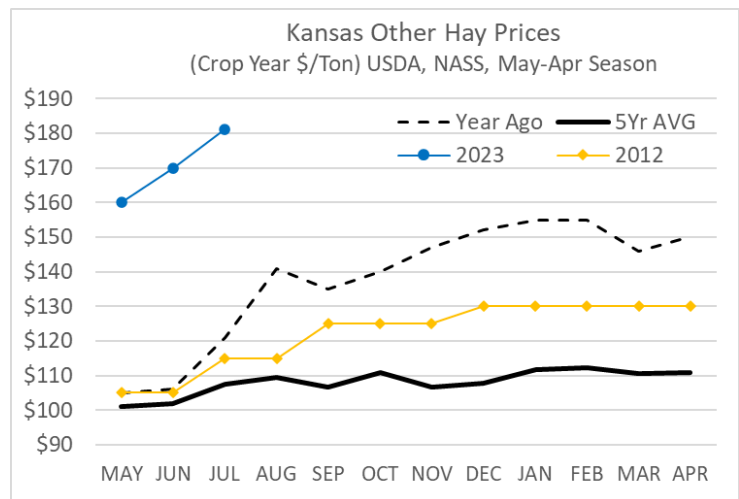
Regional alfalfa prices remain elevated but appear to have topped out as we’ve moved into the growing season. Oklahoma prices are weaker with July at \$229/ton, the lowest since May of 2022. Kansas prices, while down from June, remain the highest in the region, in part due to the poor yields and production.

Modeling season average prices based on the level of drought, hay supplies, cattle inventories and current prices yields a **2023 (May-Apr) hay season composite alfalfa price of \$272 per ton**. Tight alfalfa supplies will be tempered by decreased cattle inventories, holding prices near current levels this season.

¹ For more information, contact Kim Nettleton, Kim.Nettleton@ks.gov, and if you are a seller of hay and are not on her call list, let her know and help make these the best reports possible. <https://mymarketnews.ams.usda.gov/viewReport/2885>

Kansas other hay (right) continue to trend higher, with the first three months of this hay season recording the three highest prices in my database of NASS records, dating back to 1990.

Like alfalfa, I expect other hay prices to level out, this season but don't anticipate significant weakness to develop between now and next April.



Kansas Range and Pasture conditions continue to deteriorate, like normal this time of year, but at a faster rate and now nearing year ago conditions.

With [El Nino](#) taking control, the percent of Kansas in D1 (moderate) to D4 (exceptional) drought has decreased but significant precipitation will be needed over the next several months.

