

Changes in Non-preservative Treated Alfalfa Hay During 6-Month Storage¹

Hay Moisture Content at Harvest (%)	DM Loss (%)	Digestible DM Loss (%)	Crude Protein Loss (%)	Increase in ADIP (%)	Increase in NDF Content (% DM)
11-20	5	6	6	1	1
20-25	8	12	9	7	4
25-34	11	14	8	9	5

¹ Losses shown are expressed in terms of percent initial content.

DM = dry matter

ADIP = acid detergent insoluble protein

NDF = neutral detergent fiber

Source: Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service publication, NRAES-5, *Silage and Hay Preservation*.