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**Industry / External**

- **Winter storms and flooding**
  - Working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to find resources and coordinate relief efforts for farmers and ranchers impacted by winter weather and the spring thaw flooding. Please click the link to view the [Disaster Assistance Program flyer](#) we put out on April 23, 2023.
  - Director worked across rural Nevada as the ESF-11 representative to the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) most of March to assist with stranded livestock and emergency infrastructure repairs to facilitate hay deliveries and livestock movement.
- **Western Plant Board Meeting**
  - Provided a welcome talk during the opening of their annual meeting in Reno.
- **Pesticide Residue Compliance**
  - Provided a “Welcome to Nevada” greeting during their annual meeting in Reno.
- **State Legislative Update**
  - Budget
    - Governor’s Recommended budget pulled the agency-wide inspection program from consideration due to funding obstacles.
  - Testified in opposition to SB90. The Agency is opposed due to the fact that the continued unchecked growth in the population of Nevada wild horses is having a negative impact on the agriculture community, in addition to the negative environmental impacts to the ecosystem.
- **National Legislative Update**
  - Three trips to D.C.
    - Presented to Congressional Agriculture Committee staffers on priorities for the Farm Bill.
      - Vaccine Bank Funding
      - Grazing Public Lands during an FMD outbreak
      - Veterinary Stockpile Funding
    - Met with Nevada delegation on the new proposed Conservation Use Rule by BLM, Farm Bill priorities, Wild Horse impacts, FSA relief funding, and participated in the National Environmental Stewardship Awards selection process for the upcoming year.
    - Testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations at an oversight hearing titled “*Examining the Biden Administration’s Efforts to Limit Access to Public Lands*” on May 24, 2023.

**Internal**

- Dr. “Bill” Striejewski was promoted to the Administrator for the Measurement Standards Division beginning May 1, 2023.
- Holly Rincon was hired as the Executive Assistant to the Director beginning May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Patricia Hoppe was promoted to the Administrator for the Division of Food and Nutrition beginning May 18, 2023.
- Doug Farris was promoted to the Deputy Director position for the NDA beginning May 30, 2023.
- Peter Mundschenk, DVM was hired as the State Veterinarian beginning June 5, 2023, and will be located at our Las Vegas Office.
- Shelley Hulsey-Pope was hired as the Agriculture Literacy Coordinator and will begin July 18, 2023.