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**PROGRAM UPDATE**

- The first draft of revisions to the language in Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 583 has been completed and reviewed by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
  - Our USDA Program Auditor stated that the language mirrors that of the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) and did not have any suggestions for edits or revisions at that moment.
  - It was important that the proposed language mirrored that of FSIS due to the “at least equal to” standard. This standard requires that State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) programs operate in a manner that is not less effective than those standards adopted for the Federal inspection program.
- I have teamed up with the University of Nevada, Reno Extension to explore and develop more program-based educational content.
  - We will be hosting a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) workshop in July. The event will span over two days, July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and will cover topics such as, “What is a HACCP plan and why it is required?”, “What are the three hazards to analyze?”, and “The Principles of HACCP”. We will also explore the steps needed to develop a HACCP plan and the real-life application.
- A Program Educator has been hired. She comes to us with a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and a Bachelor of Science in education. She has prior experience in teaching agricultural topics. She has begun work on several projects, including:
  - The first draft of the materials we will be presenting at the HACCP workshop.
  - Sending out informational mailers about the Nevada State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program and following up with a phone call to potentially interested parties.
  - Analyzing the other 29 State Meat and Poultry Inspection Programs and their educational materials as well as the accessibility to said materials to determine what would be best for Nevada to develop.
- Upcoming events
  - As previously mentioned, there will be a HACCP Workshop in July with the University of Nevada, Reno Extension.
  - The program educator and I will be attending the Nevada Field Day and Ag Expo where we hope to share more information about this program.