
Industry/External

- Continued to work with government affairs and federal delegation to obtain funding for Nevada's food and agriculture sector.
 - Virginia Range feral/stray funding
 - Waiting to receive \$500,000 appropriation to begin hiring a project manager to erect fencing in the Virginia Range.
- Participated in regular calls with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and USDA leadership to receive information on disease outbreaks, discuss policy updates and provide feedback to USDA and USDA APHIS on program and funding needs.
- Attended the annual Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture meeting.
- Chaired Council on Food Security meeting.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Home Feeds Nevada
 - Launched August 26, Home Feeds Nevada is utilizing \$2 million to purchase Nevada-grown, produced and processed foods to be distributed through Three Square Food Bank and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, to address food insecurity across the state.
 - Nevada State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program
 - A program manager has been hired and conversations have been initiated with USDA Food Safety and Inspection Services regarding a cooperative agreement. Additional information regarding anticipated timelines for program implementation and proposed amendments to regulatory language will be forthcoming.
 - Food Security Programs
 - \$9 million will be utilized to invest in the needs of nonprofits engaged in food security and to cover gaps exposed and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, setting Nevada up for long-term recovery.
 - The Nevada Community Food Access Expansion grant looks to increase food access in underserved communities throughout Nevada, with an emphasis on food distribution infrastructure enhancement. A total of \$6 million will be awarded through this grant.
 - The Rural Food Hub grant will award \$3 million to one community organization or public entity engaged in food assistance activities in Nevada to establish a food storage and distribution center, located in rural Nevada, that can store and distribute food to communities facing food access barriers due to their proximity to urban areas.
 - Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - Using \$400,000 in ARPA funds, the NDA has been working with its CSFP partners to rebrand CSFP to the Nevada Senior Nutrition

and Wellness Program to better reflect what the program does and the senior community it serves. A new logo has been developed as part of the rebranding efforts and will appear on all food packages. Funds will also provide fresh fruits and vegetables to the package each month.

- Universal Free School Meals
 - Received approval from the Interim Finance Committee to use \$75 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding to continue free-universal school meals for the 2022-2023 school year due to the USDA expiration of waivers that provided free meals to all students during the COVID-19 pandemic. This additional year of free meals will help parents prepare to the transition back to paid/reduced meals for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Infrastructure funding projects
 - America the Beautiful grant has been submitted and waiting to receive response.

Partner Coordination

- Continuing to partner with Department of Health and Human Services to provide additional personnel to enroll childcare centers in federal food programs to support parents going back to work.

Executive

- Attended the 2022 Lake Tahoe Summit where past progress and current challenges to restore the Lake Tahoe Basin and its surrounding communities was discussed.
- Appointed as the staff advisory council representative for the Western Governors Association.

Internal

- The NDA continues to experience difficulty filling several open positions in the current job market.