

**FINANCES AND PROGRAMS**

<u>NRS 561.335</u>	Revolving Account for Agriculture Working Capital.
<u>NRS 561.344</u>	Livestock Inspection Account.
<u>NRS 561.355</u>	Plant Industry Program: Establishment; source and use of fees and other money.
<u>NRS 561.375</u>	Program for the Control of Pests and Plant Diseases: Establishment; source and use of money.
<u>NRS 561.385</u>	Agriculture Registration and Enforcement Account.
<u>NRS 561.405</u>	Rural Rehabilitation Fund.
<u>NRS 561.407</u>	Account for the Promotion of Beef.
<u>NRS 561.409</u>	Alfalfa Seed Research and Promotion Account.
<u>NRS 561.411</u>	Account for License Plates for the Promotion of Agriculture Within This State.
<u>NRS 561.412</u>	Separate account for certain fees.
<u>NRS 561.415</u>	Legislative appropriations; payment of claims.
<u>NRS 561.421</u>	Remittance of money collected on behalf of Department in remote areas of State.
<u>NRS 561.423</u>	Garlic and Onion Research and Promotion Account.

**LIQUIDATION OF RURAL REHABILITATION TRUST**

<u>NRS 561.425</u>	Application for and receipt of trust assets by Department.
<u>NRS 561.435</u>	Agreements with federal Secretary of Agriculture for use of trust assets to carry out purposes of Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.
<u>NRS 561.445</u>	Use of money by Department if not administered by federal Secretary of Agriculture.
<u>NRS 561.455</u>	Powers of Department.
<u>NRS 561.465</u>	United States and federal Secretary of Agriculture exempt from liability.

**DONATED COMMODITIES AND SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM**

<u>NRS 561.485</u>	Donated Commodities Account.
<u>NRS 561.489</u>	Donation of certain commodities to certain organizations created for religious, charitable or educational purposes.
<u>NRS 561.495</u>	Supplemental Food Program: Establishment; purpose; gifts, grants and donations; operations; purchases and distribution.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**NRS 561.015 Legislative declaration.** The Legislature declares that the purpose of this chapter is:

1. To benefit and to promote the welfare of all the people of the State of Nevada.
2. To promote the efficient, orderly and economical conduct of the various activities for the encouragement, advancement and protection of the livestock and agricultural industries of the State of Nevada.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 496)

**NRS 561.025 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Agriculture.
2. "Department" means the State Department of Agriculture.
3. "Director" means the Director of the Department.
4. "Livestock" means:
  - (a) All cattle or animals of the bovine species.
  - (b) All horses, mules, burros and asses or animals of the equine species.
  - (c) All swine or animals of the porcine species.
  - (d) All goats or animals of the caprine species.
  - (e) All poultry or domesticated fowl or birds.
  - (f) All dogs, cats or other animals domesticated or under the restraint or control of humans.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 496; A 1993, 1721; 1999, 3655)

**NRS 561.035 Creation of Department; administration of chapter by Department.**

1. The State Department of Agriculture is hereby created.
2. The administration of the provisions of this chapter is vested in the Department.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 496; A 1993, 1721; 1999, 3655)

**STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**NRS 561.045 Creation; number and appointment of members.** There is hereby created in the Department a State Board of Agriculture composed of 11 members appointed by the Governor.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 496; A 1979, 696; 1981, 1299; 1989, 802; 1993, 1722; 1999, 3655; 2003, 2146)

**NRS 561.055 Qualifications of members.**

1. Three members of the Board must be actively engaged in range or semirange cattle production, one in dairy

production, one in range or semirange sheep production, one in general farming, one in general agriculture, one in growing crops which are planted in rows spaced to permit mechanical cultivation, one in the control of pests, one in the petroleum industry and one in raising nursery stock.

2. Not more than two members may be residents of the same county, and the range or semirange cattle production members must be residents of different counties.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 496; A 1979, 696; 1981, 1299; 1989, 802; 1999, 1388; 2003, 2146)

**NRS 561.075 Compensation of members and employees.**

1. While engaged in the business of the Department, each member of the Board is entitled to receive a salary of not more than \$80 per day, as fixed by the Board.

2. While engaged in the business of the Department, each member and employee of the Board is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally.

3. The salaries, per diem allowances and travel expenses of the members and employees of the Board must be paid from any money available to the Department.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1973, 996; 1975, 299; 1981, 1989; 1985, 438; 1989, 1720; 1993, 1722; 1999, 3655)

**NRS 561.085 Chair; Secretary.**

1. The Board shall elect one of its members as Chair of the Board.

2. The Director shall act as the nonvoting recording Secretary of the Board and shall keep the minutes and audio recordings or transcripts of the proceedings of the Board.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1993, 1722; 1999, 3656; 2005, 1415)

**NRS 561.095 Meetings; quorum; minutes and audio recordings or transcripts are public records.**

1. The members of the Board may meet at such times and at such places as may be specified by the call of the Chair or a majority of the Board, and a meeting of the Board may be held regularly at least once every 3 months. In case of an emergency, special meetings may be called by the Chair or by the Director.

2. Six members of the Board constitute a quorum. A quorum may exercise all the authority conferred on the Board.

3. Minutes and audio recordings or transcripts of each meeting, regular or special, must be filed with the Department and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 241.035, are public records. A copy of the minutes or audio recordings must be made available to a member of the public upon request at no charge pursuant to NRS 241.035.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1983, 1447; 1985, 624; 1989, 802; 1993, 1722; 1999, 3656; 2005, 1415; 2013, 333)

**NRS 561.105 Duties; rules and regulations.**

1. The Board:

(a) Must be informed on and interested in the entire field of legislation and administration charged to the Department.

(b) Shall report to the Governor and Legislature on all matters which it deems relevant to the Department, and concerning any specific matters previously requested by the Governor.

(c) Shall advise and make recommendations to the Governor or the Legislature relating to the policies of the State concerning livestock and agriculture.

(d) Shall establish the policy of the Department.

(e) Shall adopt such regulations as it deems necessary for the operation of the Department and for carrying out the provisions of the laws and programs administered by the Department.

2. The Board shall prescribe rules for its management and government.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1985, 369; 1993, 1722; 1999, 3656)

## DIVISION OF CONSUMER EQUITABILITY

**NRS 561.108 Creation; administration and enforcement of various provisions of NRS concerning weights, measures and other standards.**

1. The Division of Consumer Equitability is hereby created within the Department. The Director shall appoint an Administrator of the Division who shall administer all activities and services of the Division.

2. The Division of Consumer Equitability shall administer and enforce the provisions of chapters 581 and 582 of NRS and NRS 590.010 to 590.450, inclusive.

(Added to NRS by 2003, 2329; A 2013, 2471)

## DIRECTOR

**NRS 561.115 Appointment; unclassified service.** The Director:

1. Must be appointed by the Board with the approval of the Governor.

2. Is in the unclassified service of the State.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1971, 2082; 1977, 311; 1993, 1723; 1999, 3656)

**NRS 561.125 Qualifications.** The Director must be a graduate of an accredited college or university and have at least 5 years' experience in official agricultural or livestock regulatory work, public administration, accounting or business administration.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1993, 1723; 1995, 432; 1999, 3657)

**NRS 561.135 Salary.** The salary of the Director may be apportioned and paid from any money available to the Department unless otherwise provided by specific statute.

(Added to NRS by 1961, 497; A 1971, 2082; 1985, 438; 1993, 1723; 1999, 3657)