

FOOD AND NUTRITION UPDATE

December 2014

Development

- Food Distribution Survey completed by 105 agencies representing food banks, school districts, food pantries, congregate feeding, aging, senior centers and child care centers
- Food Distribution Stakeholders meeting conducted to develop a state plan to address efficient food delivery system and provide quality food for low-income individuals
- Developing a School Breakfast Challenge in collaboration with the Governor's office, Food Security Council, Wal-Mart, and Utah/Nevada Dairy Council.

Services

- Two goat herds and one sheep flock tested for brucellosis – both negative
- Developing opportunities for TMCC students to participate in hands on experiences by participating in blood collection at 2 facilities
- Sand Hill Dairy Milk Plant, Amazing Grace Goat Dairy, Quail Hollow, Storm's Oasis Goat Dairy and Momar Plastics met requirements for Interstate Milk Shippers Listing
- Summer Food Service Program increased participation by 14% and served 564,427 meals and snack this summer to low-income children across the state
- Provided approximately 400 low-income seniors in Carlin, Elko, Wells, Las Vegas, and Reno with Nevada grown vegetables through the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program bulk buy

Training and Presentations

- Staff attended FDA Advanced Milk Process Training Course, Twin Falls, ID
- Staff presented 6 webinars on National School Lunch Program, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Nevada School Wellness Policy, and School Breakfast Challenge
- Presented Nevada School Wellness Policy at Nevada Parent Teacher Association Board Meeting

Participation

- Participated in Discussion-Based Tabletop Exercise for Nevada Hazmat & Animal-Agriculture (Contaminated Livestock)

Recognition

- Anna Vickery was re-certified as a Rating Officer and Sampling Surveillance Officer by FDA
- Nevada School Wellness Policy recognized as exemplary by the American Heart Association