

A TOP NEVADA INDUSTRY



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Agriculture is one of Nevada's most important industries, contributing significantly to the economies of rural communities and the state as a whole. Nevada's ranches may be few in number, but they rank third in the nation in size, averaging 3,500 acres.

RANGE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION



Dairy cows, sheep and lambs and hogs are among Nevada's other livestock enterprises.

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CROP PRODUCTION



Nevada crops include potatoes, barley, kale, broccoli, wheat, corn, oats, onions, garlic and honey.

Despite Nevada's arid climate, excellent crops are produced where land can be irrigated. Alfalfa hay is the leading cash crop of the state. Much of the hay is sold to dairy operations in surrounding states. Significant quantities of alfalfa cubes and compressed bales are exported overseas each year.

AGRICULTURE

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There were 2,950 Nevada farms and ranches in 2012 with 5.8 million of acres of land dedicated to farming and ranching operations. The state's farms and ranches are relatively large in terms of land by national standards. The average size of a Nevada farm in 2012 was 1,903 acres – more than twice the national acreage (421 acres).

Nevada's land use in 2007 consisted of pastureland (82.78%); crop land (12.85%); and the remaining 4.37% was designated for other uses.

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Source: USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Farms, Land in Farms, and Livestock Operations 2012 Summary (February 2013).

IMPACT

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The total economic impact of Nevada's agriculture cluster is \$5.3 billion, and the direct impact of the agriculture cluster on the state economy is \$3.3 billion. Indirect impacts from business-to-business relationships are \$835 million, and induced impact from household spending on goods and services is \$1.1 million.

EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

The total employment impact of the Nevada agriculture cluster is 60,700 employees. 35,600 jobs are directly generated by agriculture cluster. This number includes 5,700 jobs within agriculture production sector, 4,800 jobs within agriculture processing and packaging sector, 10,400 jobs within agriculture distribution sector and 14,645 jobs within the agriculture support sector. 13,600 jobs are supported by direct and indirect household spending on goods and services.

Source: 2013 Nevada Agriculture – Analysis and Opportunities; GOED and NNDA.

EXPORTS

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The value of Nevada foreign exports in 2012 was \$160.5 million. The value of beef and veal exports was \$22.9 million, the total value of processed and fresh vegetables exported was \$32.2 million and the value of dairy products exported to international markets was \$17.3 million. \$46.9 million was the total value of other products sold on the foreign market that included other animal and poultry products, other grains and oilseeds, wine, beer, other beverages, coffee, chocolate, other horticulture products and prepared foods.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service; USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (Global Agricultural Trade System).

