

Rangeland Management

Almost 90% of Nevada is managed by the United States Federal Government for all people to use. That is why it is called "public land."



Most of this public land is considered to be "multiple-use," meaning its use is shared by many different animals and people. Name as many users of public lands as you can:

Many beef cattle and sheep ranchers in Nevada pay a fee to use certain areas of these public lands, which are called "allotments." to graze their animals. Ranchers must also manage and make "improvements" on their allotments, such as installing windmills to pump water for both livestock and wildlife.

Can you think of ways that animals grazing on public lands can help prevent or reduce wildfires?



Name three things ranchers do on public lands that are also of benefit to other users, such as wildlife:

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____



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Legend

Alfalfa	Bees & Honey	Cattle & Calves	Christmas Trees	Corn	Dairy
Onions	Garlic	Goats	Grains	Grapes	Horses
Llamas/Alpacas	Melons	Mint	Pumpkins	Pigs & Hogs	Potatoes
Nurseries	Rabbits	Sheeps & Lambs	Turf	Orchards	

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People grow things here!

Nevada Facts

Capital: Carson City

Population: 2,565,382 (2007 estimate)

Founded: October 31, 1864 (36th State)

Nickname: Silver State

State Bird: Mountain Bluebird

State Flower: Sagebrush

State Animal: Desert Bighorn Sheep

Number of Counties: 17

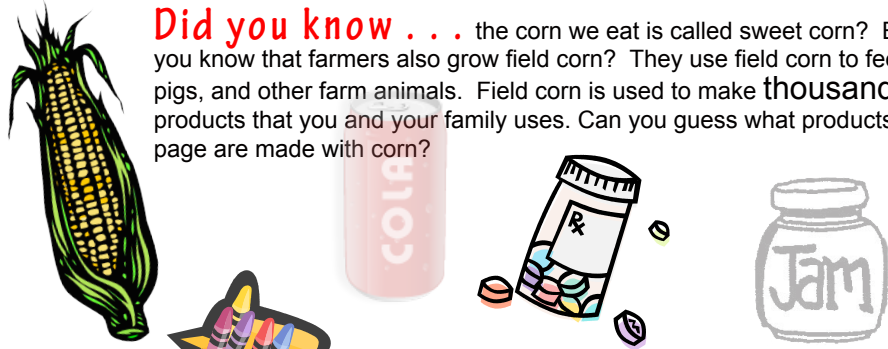
Largest City: Las Vegas

State Soil: Orovada

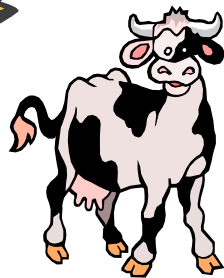
State Tree: Single Leaf Pinion and Bristlecone Pine

Beef and corn are two commodities raised in Nevada.

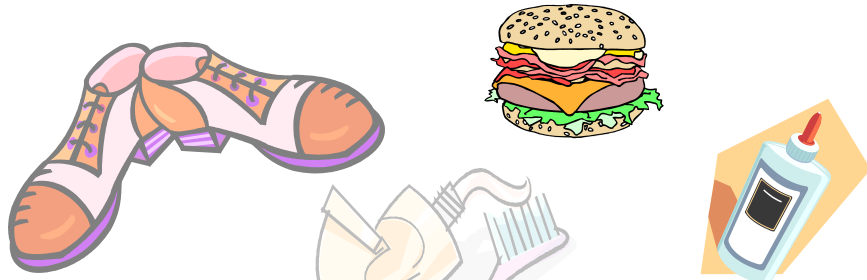
Did you know . . . the corn we eat is called sweet corn? But did you know that farmers also grow field corn? They use field corn to feed cows, pigs, and other farm animals. Field corn is used to make **thousands** of products that you and your family uses. Can you guess what products on this page are made with corn?



Did you know . . . that it takes 3,000 cows to supply the National Football League with enough leather for a year's supply of footballs? Can you guess what objects shown on the page are made from beef or beef by-products?



Did you know . . . alfalfa is supposedly the oldest plant used for livestock feed? Records of its use date back to as early as 1,000 BC in the Middle East. Alfalfa sprouts are used in salads, and the leaves may also be used raw or cooked as a vegetable.



*Some of the products from cattle are shoes, candles, hamburgers, shampoo, film, bandage strips, luggage, steak, marshmallows, gelatin, drugs like insulin and thyroid medication, violin strings, and dog chews.

*Soda, jam, peanut butter, batteries, paper, cosmetics, toothpaste, cleansers, crayons, absorbents, medicines, adhesives and solvents can all have corn as an ingredient in one way or another. Batteries, for example, utilize cornstarch. Dextrins, made from cornstarch, are used in crayons. Oxidized cornstarch is spread over aspirin and super-absorbent cornstarch is found in some disposable diapers.

The crops and livestock raised on Nevada farms contribute to a number products we use everyday. There are so many products that it's difficult to list them all. Check out the Web site below to find more:

<http://www.nv.nrcs.usda.gov/about/education.html>

How well do you know your counties?

When you unscramble the letters listed below, they spell the names of the counties in Nevada. Look at the Nevada map to help you do this activity.

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RALSMEDAE _____

TMUBDOLH _____

AREUKE _____

HOWESA _____

DREANL _____

TWEIH NEIP _____

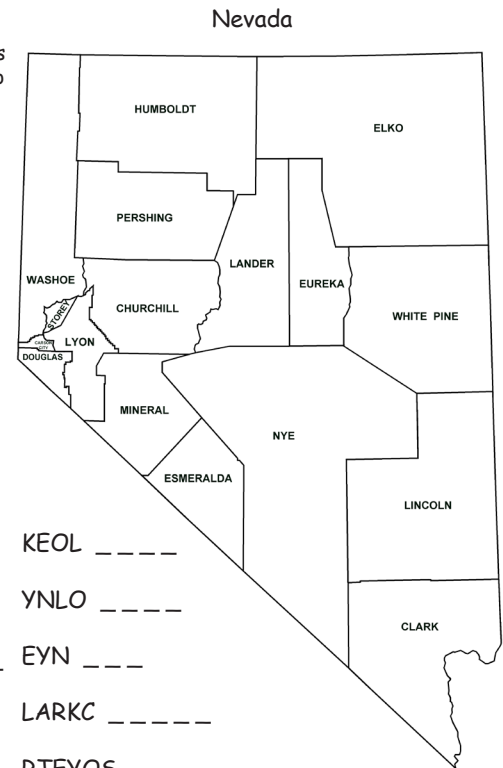
GASLUDO _____

REALNIM _____

ROANCS TYIC _____

NERPSIGH _____

LIHURHCLC _____



KEOL _____

YNLO _____

EYN _____

LARKC _____

RTEYOS _____

Name the county you live in. _____

Name two agricultural commodities produced in the county where you live.

Name a county other than the one where you live. _____

Name two agricultural commodities produced in this county.