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To: All licensed Cash Buyers

From: Jim Connelley, Administrator, NDOA, Division of Livestock Identification

Subject: Effect of Assembly Bill (AB) 181

The 2005 session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 181 removing the category of "Cash Buyer" for livestock, agriculture products and commodities from the Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 576.

Therefore, after July 1, persons who purchase farm products or livestock for cash (cash buyers) will not have to register and obtain a license from the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Current Cash Buyer's licenses will simply be allowed to run out. There is no provision for rebates or pro-rating of licenses already purchased. All other statutory requirements for licensing and bonding of Dealers, Brokers, Commission Merchants and their agents, or auctions will continue as in the past. **Only those who pay for the full value of the purchased product in lawful money of the United States or by bank certified check at the time of purchase or delivery are exempted from the licensing and bonding requirements by AB 181.**

This change, and the remaining provisions of NRS 576 will be strictly enforced. Violations of NRS 576 are considered a misdemeanor and punishable by civil penalties of not more than \$5,000 per violation, in addition to any criminal penalties.