

December 4, 2025, Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition



Nevada
Department
of Agriculture

Division Overview

Pending Matters of Significance

- On October 1, 2025, the federal government shut down, reopening on November 13, 2025. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs under this division continued to operate and most continued to receive funding. During the shutdown, The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) and Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) programs did not receive funding and the regional distribution agencies that administer these two programs operated the programs without funding. Federal Fiscal Year 2026 funding was received on November 14, and the division will reimburse costs back to October 1.
- As a result of the shutdown and suspension of SNAP benefits, we worked with Three Square Food Bank in Las Vegas to provide overflow storage space at our new warehouse for the additional food purchases they made.

Program Updates

Food Distribution

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

- TEFAP clients continue to receive food through the Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN), Three Square Food Bank (TSFB) and their network of community partners. Between July 1 and September 30, 2,924,732 pounds of TEFAP food were distributed throughout the state. There were 470,143 individuals served in this time frame, with an average of 156,714 individuals served each month.

Month 2025	FBNN Individuals Served	TSFB Individuals Served
July	59,127	120,869
August	28,986	79,055
September	47,232	135,375

- The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) conducted an administrative review for Three Square Food Bank's administration of TEFAP in October 2025.

Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program (SNWP)

- SNWP served an average of 4,552 seniors from July to September 2025, providing monthly food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
- NDA has partnered with the Elko Senior Center to start distributions for Elko seniors. They took over the distributions in September.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- For program year 2025, 100% of local agency reviews are complete, and all participating Farmer reviews have been completed.
- Local agencies have distributed 5,626 coupons booklets to seniors since April 2025. The program ended on September 30, 2025.
- For July, 1,769 coupons were redeemed by farmers, and a total of \$8,845 was reimbursed to farmers.
- For August, 7,635 coupons were redeemed by farmers, and a total of \$38,175 was reimbursed to farmers.
- For September, 6,785 coupons were redeemed by farmers, and a total of \$33,925 was reimbursed to farmers.

USDA Foods

- Trucks are coming in on time, and the division continues to order from processors and USDA for National School Lunch Program (NSLP) food items.

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

- FDPIR distributes USDA Foods monthly to income-eligible households living on 10 Indian reservations/Tribal communities.

Month 2025	Individuals Certified	Households	Participants*
August	178	111	222
September	179	118	227
October	178	128	231

**FDPIR certifies individuals, then all those in the household are counted as participants of the program.*

- Program staff were successful in purchasing additional fresh and frozen proteins, produce and dairy items through FDPIR Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funding. These items have been distributed during regular distributions, increasing participants' access to healthy fresh foods. The division spent 100% of FDPIR CCC Funds from May through September, for a total of \$59,400.
- The division used part of our Nutrition Education funds to hire Chef Travvy to complete cooking demonstrations with FDPIR food items. Four (4) demos were completed in October, and all were well received by participants. Bison meatballs and wild rice soup were prepared and sampled by participants during distributions in Dresslerville, McDermitt and Elko. The plan is to have cooking demos once per quarter featuring different recipes with FDPIR foods.

Home Feeds Nevada

- NDA received the \$800,000 in general funds on September 30, 2025, awarded during the 2025 legislative session. Due to the additional funds approved during the October 30 Interim Finance (IFC) meeting for food banks to purchase food, HFN is on hold to give them time to distribute the additional foods.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Food Insecurity: Rural Food Hub Grant

- Increases food storage and distribution capacity in rural Nevada. To date, \$1,499,237 has been reimbursed to FBNN. The sub-grantee is working to go to bid for the contractor, and the bid is estimated to publish November 17, 2025. Construction will include renovations to current building and facility improvements. The project is planned to be completed by September 30, 2026.

Nevada Community Food Access Grant (NCFA)

- NCFA Round 2: State ARPA funds enhance food access statewide in rural, Tribal, and underserved urban communities. Partners continue to work to complete their projects. Five (5) of the 14 agencies awarded have completed their projects and expended all grant funding. Three (3) projects have been de-obligated due to agencies being unable to fulfill the remaining project goals.
- As of October, \$8,234,261 grant funds have been expended.

New Las Vegas FDP Warehouse

- The grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on December 3, 2025. Thank you for attending!
- The move-in date is to be determined upon Three Square Food Bank completing distributions and removing all food.
- The first USDA Foods deliveries will begin arriving in January 2026.

Program Updates

Community Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Number of meals served from August 1 through October 31, 2025: 944,844* meals served.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 2 sponsor/operator reviews in progress.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Number of meals served from August 1 through October 31, 2025: 140,001* meals served.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 4 sponsors/operators were reviewed.

**Data pulled 11/05/2025 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for the months of September and October.*

School Nutrition

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP)

- Breakfast Meals served August 1 through October 31, 2025: 2,519,724*
- Lunch Meals served August 1 through October 31, 2025: 4,605,231*
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 7 sponsors/operators were reviewed.

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

- Schools approved for School Year 2025-2026: 104
- Total Funding Awarded: \$3,230,250