



March 19, 2025, Board Report

Division of Food and Nutrition

Division Overview

Pending matters of significance

- Federal funding freeze, January 28, 2025
 - Communication impacts: Lack of responsiveness from federal liaisons across multiple programs and no general communication from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) at our division level.
 - Program impacts: Home Feeds Nevada Program put on hold due to lack of response from USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) contact for Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) funding and inability to draw funds.

Partnership activities

- Montana State University
 - Partnership on USDA Team Nutrition Training Grant
 - Working with Montana to offer training to Nevada school food authorities for updated National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal pattern requirements. The partnership will include pre- and post-training evaluations for school staff.
 - Grant includes a travel stipend for 2 Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) staff to attend the MT School Nutrition Conference in June, which also includes a Farm-to-School track.

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 October 1 and December 31, 6.7 million pounds of TEFAP food was distributed throughout the State. There were 646,126 individuals served in this time frame, with an average of 215,375 individuals served each month.

Month/Year	FBNN	TSFB
10/2024	76,353	152,164
11/2024	64,612	153,039
12/2024	68,574	131,384

Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program (SNWP) (formerly CSFP)

- SNWP served an average of 5,060 seniors October – December 2024, providing monthly food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
 - The national warehouse supply chain issues have been resolved, and deliveries are being received as scheduled.
 - Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds awarded by USDA-Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to NDA will be passed through to local agencies to

purchase fresh protein, vegetables, fruit, and dairy to distribute in addition to seniors' monthly food packages.

- Income eligibility requirement will increase from 130% to 150% of poverty level issued annually by the Department of Health and Human Services. This change will go into effect upon FNS approval of CSFP State Plan amendment.

Food Distribution Program in Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

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

Month/Year	Individuals Certified	Households	Participants*
October	184	123	243
November	181	124	241
December	181	124	241
January	117	103	199

**The way FDPIR certification works is, one person can certify, then those in the household are counted as participants of the program.*

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- Staff are preparing for the 2025 season and will be reaching out to local agencies for distribution and farmers to confirm their participation for the upcoming season.
- For 2025, 6,200 coupon booklets, valued at \$50 each, will be issued to local agencies across Nevada to be distributed to income-eligible seniors.

USDA Foods

- The Request for Proposal (RFP) to purchase processed food for school year 2025-2027 is in process with the processed food vendors. We expect to award in late February. This process consists of two phases of evaluations. In phase one, vendors must meet all requirements outlined in the RFP, including nutrition specification. In phase two, NDA staff will conduct a taste test of the food items on the bid.
- The SY25/26 entitlement has been awarded to districts and charter schools participating in the NSLP.

Food Insecurity: Rural Food Hub Grant (State ARPA)

- This grant, sub-awarded to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, increases food storage and distribution capacity in rural Nevada. To date, \$1,439,510 of \$3,000,000 has been expended.
- Update on Elko warehouse building purchase: FBNN closed on the warehouse in November and began working with an architect for needed repairs and warehouse development and design.

Nevada Community Food Access (NCFA) Grant (State ARPA)

- NCFA Round 1: State ARPA funds sub-awarded to enhance food access in underserved communities. All projects have been completed.

- 83,451 individuals have been served, 5,802 home deliveries have been completed, and 908,287 pounds of food have been distributed through the grant projects.
- NCFRA Round 2: State ARPA funds to enhance food access statewide in rural, tribal, and underserved urban communities. Partners continue to work to complete their projects.
 - To date, 225,358 additional individuals have been served and 3.2 million pounds of food have been distributed through the grant projects.
 - As of February 1, 2025, \$3,061,798 of \$6 million has been expended.

Home Feeds Nevada (HFN)

- From October through December 2024, the program purchased \$328,843 worth of fresh produce, dairy, honey, and meat and distributed 206,880 pounds of nutritious food to FBNN and TSFB.
- Purchases were decreased due to the current federal funding stream nearing expiration. There is a new federal LFPA grant that allocated \$3.9 million to NDA during the previous administration, with application due 4/30/2025. The NDA has not received notification that this funding is going away, but it has also not been formally awarded.

Community Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Number of meals served from December 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025: 124,365.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 4 sponsors/operators reviewed during this timeframe.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- Number of meals served from December 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025: 0.
 - SFSP is a seasonal program and will resume in May 2025.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 0 sponsors/operators were reviewed.
 - SFSP reviews will resume in June 2025.

School Nutrition

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

- Number of breakfast meals served from December 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025: 2,097,089*
- Number of lunch meals served from December 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025: 3,676,605*
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed for SY2024-25: 6 reviews have been completed; 6 reviews are in progress.

**Data pulled 2/10/2025 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for the months of December and January.*

Farm to School

- Stakeholder meeting held January 29, 2025.
- First round of the Farm to School grant has been awarded, and subaward recipients are below. Second Round of Farm to School grant is open, and \$185,000 is left to award.
 - Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows (Reno, NV)
 - Cactus Park Elementary School (Las Vegas, NV)

- Carson City School District (Carson City, NV)
- Freedom Classical Academy (Las Vegas, NV)
- Green Our Planet (Las Vegas, NV)
- Nevada Prep Charter School (Las Vegas, NV)

NSLP Equipment Grant

- This USDA grant provides funding for schools on the NSLP to buy equipment for their kitchens and program.
 - NDA was allocated \$95,477 to subaward for this year's grant. The application closed at the end of January, and we will grant funding to 15 school food authorities.