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Division Food and Nutrition



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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 January 1 and March 31, 5,109,271 pounds of TEFAP food was distributed throughout the state. There were 621,882 individuals served in this time frame, with an average of 207,294 individuals served each month.

Month/2025	FBNN	TSFB
January	74,213	128,380
February	69,787	128,380
March	67,033	154,089

- TEFAP Reach and Resiliency grant has awarded \$535,807 in funding to 12 local distributing agencies serving rural, remote, and/or tribal communities. This grant aims to enable these agencies to adapt to evolving community needs and strengthen their ability to reach and serve additional underserved participants facing barriers such as inadequate transportation, storage limitations, restricted distribution channels, and limited access to grocery options.

Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program (SNWP)

- SNWP served an average of 4,949 seniors from January to March 2025, providing monthly food packages to income-eligible seniors 60 years of age and older.
 - Nevada received final caseload numbers for Federal Fiscal Year 25, which decreased by 288 spots. This has caused agencies to start waiting lists for seniors interested in participating.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

- Local agency and participating farmer trainings have been completed.
- The 2025 coupon distribution starts in April, from the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) to local agencies. 6,200 coupon booklets, valued at \$50 each, are available to individual seniors, who can apply for them at multiple agencies across the state.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods

- Processor contracts: The Request for Proposal (RFP) awarded 10 contracts to purchase processed food for school years 2025-2029. The contracts go to the Board of Examiners in June.
- The RFP for Asian food is in progress, with final scoring to take place in May. It is expected to be awarded in early June.

- The brand-new semi tractor and trailer for distribution of USDA Foods are both ordered and expected to arrive in June.

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*
February	175	99	204
March	181	124	234
April	177	115	219

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

Home Feeds Nevada (HFN)

- For this reporting period, the program purchased and distributed 6,994 gallons of fluid milk at a cost of \$22,259. Orders have been placed for 24,400 pounds of ground beef at a cost of \$113,704. The total will be \$135,963. This will exhaust the 2022 federal funding from the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program. The program will cease operation until NDA can identify a viable alternative funding source.
- Senate Bill 233: The NDA is monitoring this bill, which appropriates \$800,000 to HFN.

Community Nutrition

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

- Number of meals served from February 1 through April 30, 2025: 1,908,630.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed: 3 sponsors/operators were reviewed.

Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)

- SFSP is a seasonal program and will begin in May.
- Administrative/Compliance Reviews will begin in June.

School Nutrition

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

- Breakfast meals served from February 1 through April 30, 2025: 4,204,313*
- Lunch meals served from February 1 through April 30, 2025: 7,660,188*
- All Administrative/Compliance Reviews completed for SY2024-25; 18 reviews were conducted.

**Data pulled 5/8/2025 and may not reflect total meals for all sponsors for the months of March and April.*

Farm to School

- The division hired a new Farm to School Grant Coordinator, Kendra Thornton, located in Las Vegas.
- Working to provide outreach to schools to promote the Farm to School Grant and assist interested sites with their applications for funding.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Food Insecurity: Rural Food Hub Grant

- This grant, sub-awarded to the FBNN, increases food storage and distribution capacity in rural Nevada. To date, \$1,439,510 of \$3,000,000 has been expended.
- FBNN has contracted a design firm to design and renovate the warehouse space for efficient receiving, storing, and distributing of food items. FBNN will be going to bid for contractors to complete the work soon.

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. Three (3) of the 14 agencies awarded have completed their projects and expended all grant funding.
 - To date 242,992 individuals have experienced increased access to food distribution programs, and 3.3 million pounds of food have been distributed.
 - As of May, \$3,334,932 of \$6 million has been spent.