

# December 4, 2025, Board Report

Office of the Director



Nevada  
Department  
of Agriculture

## Industry / External

- Attended weekly/monthly calls regarding the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 detections in dairy cows with industry leaders, affected state agencies, as well as the following agencies and organizations:
  - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - National Association of State Animal Health Officials
  - National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
  - National Governors Association
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - U.S. CattleTrace
  - National Cattlemen's Beef Association
  - Public Lands Council
- Attended the following meetings:
  - Council on Food Security
  - Sagebrush Ecosystem Council
  - Western States Federal Rules virtual discussions
  - Monthly coordination meeting with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Nevada Department of Wildlife
  - Quarterly meeting with CABNR
- Attended the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture's Annual Meeting in Rogers, Arkansas, to engage with agricultural leaders from across the country on advancing state-driven agricultural policies.
- Met with U.S. Navy representatives to promote fair, collaborative outcomes for affected grazers related to the Fallon Range Training Complex modernization.
- Toured The Just One Project to learn about its role in addressing food insecurity in southern Nevada.

## Partner Coordination

- Partnered with the Governor's Technology Office to fully restore functionality across all department systems following the statewide cybersecurity incident.
- Worked closely with the Governor's Office, Department of Human Services, Nevada National Guard, Division of Emergency Management, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Three Square, The Just One Project, state legislators, and other partners to coordinate the state's response to urgent food distribution needs amidst the SNAP benefit gap caused by the federal shutdown.
- Attended weekly construction meetings for infrastructure project at Nevada State Fairgrounds.

- Working with Chair of RSCVA on draft management agreement for Nevada State Fairgrounds.
- Continued partnering with the Nevada Junior Livestock Show Board, 4-H, FFA, Nevada Agricultural Foundation, the Reno Rodeo Association, and other groups in planning efforts for the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) State Fair in June of 2026, pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes 551.030.
- Nevada received the signed cooperative agreement from USDA to implement the State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program, expanding in-state inspection capacity and boosting market access for small and midsize meat producers.

## **Executive**

- Attended Governor Lombardo's Natural Resources Sub-Cabinet and full Cabinet meetings.
- In partnership with the Nevada Western Heritage Center Alliance, appeared before the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Board of Directors to emphasize the need for strategic investment to revitalize the State Fairgrounds and unlock its full potential as a regional destination for promoting Nevada agriculture.
- Engaged with state lawmakers during the 36<sup>th</sup> Special Session to provide input on agricultural priorities and ensure the agency's interests were represented in legislative discussions.
- In partnership with CCB, the NDA is working on an MOU to create a task force to address illegal intoxicating hemp products.
- Worked with Governor's Office, DETR and congressional staff related to agriculture labor concerns.

## **Internal**

- Initiated internal review of Chapter 446 of the Nevada Administrative Code, informed by feedback received from the board.
- Celebrated the opening of the NDA's new food distribution warehouse in southern Nevada.