

FOOD AND NUTRITION UPDATE

June 2014

Development

- Continue installation of Dairy Laboratory
- School Breakfast Grants- Reviewing School Breakfast Grants
- Nevada received a \$270,902 USDA NSLP Equipment grant
- Conducted Summer Food Service Program Partner's Meetings to encourage program sponsor and/or site development
- Met with representatives of the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Three Squares to discuss collaborative efforts
- Conducted Wellness Policy Advisory Committee Meetings for the development of the Nevada School Wellness Policy
- Developing the Food Distribution Stakeholders Committee – To determine the most effective and efficient food distribution system with Nevada
- Secured southern warehouse – will be moving Food Distribution warehouse operations July 1, 2014
- 2015 Freightliner Tractor Truck has been ordered to provide long haul food distribution services to Elko, Ely and points in between
- Hired the Information Technology Professional IV
- Northern Nevada is now an import state for milk and all milk produced in Fallon is utilized by the DFA plant
- Hired two (2) Quality Assurance Specialists for National School Lunch Program and Summer Food Service Program reviews. Will hire two more to assist with the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
- Recruiting the Nutrition Programs Professional position vacant since February for the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Summer Food Service Program.
- Developed Child and Adult Care Food Program Grant Application to Expand Licensed Day Care Homes

Services

- Commodity Food Cook-Off – Recipe competitions were held at 12 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation sites, participants had to use at least three (3) commodity food items in their recipes
- Dairy Commission licensed two (2) new businesses in Las Vegas
- Approved goat dairy, Fallon
- Staff conducted testing for the DFA Dry Powder Milk Plant

- Conducted program reviews for National School Lunch Program and Child and Adult Care Food Program
- Completed 22 dairy farm inspections
- Published the Community Eligibility Provision List

Training and Presentations

- Conducted Summer Food Service Program training for new and returning sponsors
- Variety of informational webinars provide to sponsors
- Presented at “Beyond the Hub” meeting hosted by Nevada Rural Development addressing rural food deserts and collaboration efforts
- Conducted Senior’s Farmers Market Nutrition Program Sponsor Training, Las, Vegas
- Conducted At-Risk Afterschool Meals training for Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsor

Participation

- Staff Participated in the following trainings and conferences:
 - Western States Dairy Producer Trade Association Annual Meeting in Las Vegas
 - National Governors Association and No Kid Hungry “A State Summit on Reducing Childhood Hunger”, Detroit, MI
 - USDA Produce Safety University, Fresno, CA
 - USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program Refresher Training, Lakewood, CO
 - American Commodity Distribution Association Conference, Austin, TX
 - Laboratory Evaluation Officer Training, New Orleans, LA
 - USDA Food Distribution Program Training, Denver, CO
 - FDA Training, Portland, OR
 - Western Association Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservation, Coeur D’Alene, ID
 - National Farm to Cafeteria Conference, Austin, TX
 - USDA National School Lunch Program Procurement Training, San Francisco, CA
 - Pasteurization Class, Vancouver, WA
 - Pacific/Southwest Regional Milk Seminar, Portland, OR
- Staff has been selected to serve on the Nevada Council on Food Security
- USDA conducted National School Lunch Program Management Evaluation

Recognition

- Food Bank of Northern Nevada was awarded the Sunshine Award for their participation in the Summer Food Service Program