# March 6, 2019 Board Update

NDA Nevada Department of Agriculture

Communications and Promotions, Administration Division

#### Planning

- 1. Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule educational videos and materials
- 2. Legislative Ag Day planning
- 3. School Garden Conference Planning
- 4. Weights and Measures Week March 1-7
- 5. National School Breakfast Week March 4-8
- 6. Nevada FFA State Convention March 19-22

### **Outreach and Education**

- 1. Facilitated agricultural literacy activities and distributed materials at 7 educational or community events across 3 counties (Churchill, Humboldt and Washoe)
- 2. Moolissa and dairy staff delivered dairy education at 1 event
- 3. Fulfilled 4 educator requests for agricultural literacy materials
- 4. Printed and distributed Carson City Local Food map to legislators and map locations
- 5. Printed and distributed Biennial Report for legislators
- 6. Printed and distributed Economic Analysis of the Nevada Food and Agriculture Sector
- 7. Southern Nevada Cow, Moonique's trailer is branded and presentation materials ordered in preparation for implementation of dairy education in the Las Vegas office this spring
  - Currently hiring event staffing for dairy education in both Sparks and Las Vegas
- 8. Staff headshots in Las Vegas
- 9. Gathered photos and video in southern Nevada food and agriculture promotion (UNCE research orchard, Anderson Dairy)
- 10. Created and printed new inspection stickers for Consumer Equitability Weights and Measures program

### Research

- 1. Collecting and analyzing data for reports, fact sheets and maps on Nevada and county economic assessment
- 2. Developing employee satisfaction survey to see performance of each division and employee satisfaction with services
- 3. Developing contacts from each division to conduct customer satisfaction survey
- 4. Developed survey and analyzing data to determine and develop a list of most commonly used pesticides in the marijuana production industry.

### Media Relations

- 1. Nov. 27 release Three farms and ranches receive centennial awards
  - o Nevada Rancher
  - o <u>Edible Reno-Tahoe Magazine</u>
  - o <u>NVFB Journal</u>
  - <u>NCA Sage Signals</u> (page 8)
- 2. Dec. 4 release \$200,000 awarded to 40 schools in support of school garden efforts



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- <u>Cottonwood Elementary one of four Lyon County schools awarded grant for</u> <u>school gardens</u> Fernley Reporter
- <u>40 Nevada schools receive funding to keep gardens growing</u> Las Vegas Review-Journal
- <u>Nevada schools receive \$200,000 to support campus gardens</u> News 3 Las Vegas
- o <u>Nevada Independent reporter tweet</u>
- <u>Gardnerville Elementary receives NDA award to grow school garden</u> The Record Courier
- 3. Dec. 20 inquiry <u>Back in business: Hemp emerges from 81 years of illegality</u> Reno News & Review
- 4. Cannabis diseases article by Dr. Shouhua Wang to run sometime in April Cannabis Business Times
- Dec. 27 article <u>NDA lab detects Phytoplasma Witch's Broom: A devastating bacterial disease that can affect hemp crops in Nevada</u>

Nevada Farm Bureau

- Progressive Rancher
- 6. Jan. 4 article <u>NDA and DFI team up for FSMA produce safety rule trainings in January</u> Nevada Farm Bureau
- 7. Jan. 28 article collaboration <u>School teaches stockmanship with a light touch on the land</u> Nevada Farm Bureau
  - o Partners in the Sage
  - Also sent to the editor of On Pasture
- 8. Feb. 7 release (not distributed to media) <u>Nevada Department of Agriculture announces</u> renewal of the Child and Adult Care Food Program
- 9. Palomino tribal horse inquiries
  - Jan. 7 <u>Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe conducting round up of feral horses</u> KTVN News 2 Reno
  - Jan. 8 <u>Regarding horses</u>, <u>Nevada is a brand inspection state</u> KOLO News 8 Reno
  - Jan. 8 <u>Paiute Tribe rounds-up hundreds of horses in Palomino Valley</u> KRNV News 4 Reno
  - Jan. 10 <u>Horse owner describes losing horse during tribal roundup</u> Reno Gazette Journal
  - Jan. 10 <u>Nevada residents angered over tribal horse roundup</u> Reno Gazette-Journal
  - Jan. 16 <u>Lawsuit filed over Tribal roundup of horses in Palomino Valley</u> KOLO News 8 Reno
  - Jan. 18 <u>Judge blocks slaughter of horse named "Lady," ensnared in roundup</u> Reno Gazette Journal
  - Jan. 29 <u>Judge dismisses claims against tribe over disputed horse roundup</u> Reno Gazette Journal

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- Feb. 4 <u>"Lady" the horse still missing, federal judge wants answers</u> Reno Gazette Journal
- Feb. 8 <u>Fearing it's too late to save lost horses, advocates drop lawsuit</u> Reno Gazette Journal
- 10. Feb. 15 release Mormon cricket populations continue to rise
  - Mormon cricket populations continue to rise Nevada Farm Bureau
  - <u>Mormon cricket populations continue to rise</u> KRNV News 4 Reno
  - <u>NDA to hold Mormon cricket population management meetings</u> KTVN News 2 Reno
  - Mormon cricket, grasshopper numbers on the rise KTVN News 2 Reno
  - <u>The Mormon crickets are coming! Meeting planned for this week</u> KKOH 780 News Talk
- 11. Feb. 19 release (from Governor's office) <u>Governor Sisolak approves appointment of</u> Jennifer Ott as director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture
  - <u>Governor names new agriculture director</u>
    Elko Daily Free Press (AP story also picked up by KUNR, KNPR, KRNV, News3LV, etc.)
- 12. Feb. 20 release State veterinarian urges horse owners to travel with caution
  - Equine strangles in Nevada Equi Management
  - <u>State veterinarian urges horse owners to travel with caution</u> Nevada Farm Bureau
  - <u>State veterinarian urges caution after strangles report</u> Sagebrush Rider
  - Progressive Rancher