

Food and Nutrition Division

Services and Program Updates

- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
 - Completed phase three of the Trade Mitigation foods; to-date have brought in an additional 11,280,323 pounds of food into the state.
 - Received first round of Trade Mitigation administrative funding, awarded to Regional Distribution Agencies for a total of \$318,000.
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)
 - Program kicked off in southern Nevada on April 1st and coupons are being distributed and redeemed. The northern kick-off meeting will be held on June 4th for local agencies. Distribution of coupons to seniors will occur the week of June 10th.
- Audit Services
 - Continues to determine the financial viability of multiple new and/or renewal applications for sponsors participating in SFSP and CACFP (on-going).
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 - Applied for the USDA Technology Innovation Grant to fund the overhaul of the current Child Nutrition Program (CNP) and upgrade critical program functions for staff and end users.
- School Nutrition / National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - Administrative Review and Training (ART) Grant: Hosted a final USDA National office technical assistance visit for a final review of Direct Certification (DC) match process with our partnering organizations, Nevada Department of Education (NDE) and Department of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).
 - Applied for the 2019-22 Administrative Review and Training (ART) Grant to fund the development of an online administrative review application and statewide training for school districts.
- IT Services
 - In the process of developing one system to house food distribution, NSLP, CACFP, and SFSP.
 - Working on the new Food Safety application.
 - Building new reports in SQL Server Reporting Services (our new reporting server) and designing a new reporting dashboard to display the new reports.
 - Working with other states on getting a new single student search tool for the direct certification process.
- Food Safety and Dairy Program
 - In a multi-agency effort, an illegal slaughter operation was closed in southern NV due to violation of NRS 583; operator of slaughter business was issued multiple citations by an Animal Industry Enforcement Officer and a cease and desist letter was issued from Environmental Health Specialists.

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- Cease and desist letters for the sale of raw goat milk were distributed to multiple Las Vegas area PetSmart stores; stores were in violation of NRS 584.
- A cease and desist letter was issued to *Kickin' Pickles & Spices* in Boulder City for operating an unregistered craft food operation.
- Staff conducted ratings of three Bulk Tank Units (BTUs, northern farmers band together and count all their farms as one giant farm) and three single service facilities so they can maintain status on the Interstate Milk Shippers List.
- Applied for an equipment grant through FDA to purchase an additional High Temperature Short Time Pasteurization System tester.

Training and Participation

- Food Safety:
 - Staff attended the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS) in St. Louis, Missouri. The focus of the conference was on proposed changes to the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), which regulates all dairy plants producing Grade "A" products. The state delegates passed 39 proposals, including one that seeks to reduce the inspection burden on plants producing both Grade "A" and non-Grade "A" dairy products.
 - One staff certified by FDA as a Sampling Surveillance Officer.
- School Nutrition:
 - Coordinated Northern NV School Wellness Conference on March 16; a total of 65 school district staff members/partners participated in this event.
 - School Nutrition staff supported and participated in annual NV School Garden Conference on April 13.
 - Participated in "Ag Day" at the Nevada Legislature, April 30th. School Nutrition provided a sample school lunch meal from Washoe County School District, offered program information, and answered attendees' questions.
- Community Nutrition:
 - Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is collaborating with NV Division of Public and Behavioral Health to increase participation in CACFP through more outreach and informational training on the program and meal pattern, focused on non-CACFP child care centers and licensed day care homes.