

Industry/External

- Continued to work with government affairs and federal delegation to obtain funding for Nevada's food and agriculture sector.
 - Mormon Cricket funding
 - The USDA awarded the NDA \$100,000 for FY22 to support the treatment and survey of Mormon Crickets and grasshoppers. The NDA had originally requested \$400,000. The NDA will continue to seek additional funding for treatments and surveys to protect Nevada agriculture, rangeland and public safety.
 - Specialty Crop Block Grant language
 - Virginia Range feral/estray funding
 - Waiting to receive \$500,000 appropriation to begin hiring a project manager to erect fencing in the Virginia Range.
 - Public lands funding to support invasive weed treatment and reseeding efforts
- Participated in regular calls with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) and USDA leadership to receive information on disease outbreaks, discuss policy updates and provide feedback to USDA and USDA APHIS on program and funding needs.
- Provided opening remarks for the first SIAL America Conference in Las Vegas.
- Chaired Council on Food Security meeting.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Home Feeds Nevada
 - \$2 million will be utilized to purchase Nevada-grown, produced and processed foods to be distributed through Three Square Food Bank and the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, to address food insecurity across the state.
 - Request for Qualifications will be released soon.
 - Nevada State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program
 - \$55,123 will be utilized to hire a project manager to begin program set-up. Recruitment is in process.
 - Held additional Roundtable session in April with industry and stakeholders to review next steps.
 - Food Security Programs
 - \$9 million will be utilized to invest in the needs of nonprofits engaged in food security and to cover gaps exposed and exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, setting Nevada up for long-term recovery.
 - Funding will go toward supporting infrastructure needs, including upgrading food storage capabilities and distribution channels, supporting food purchases by nonprofits and robust data collection to identify underserved Nevada communities.
 - Requests for Applications will be released over the summer.

- Community Food Access Grant
 - \$500,000 was utilized to award grants to enhance food access in underserved communities. The grant solicitation was open from April 1, 2022-April 30, 2022. Six community organizations and/or Tribal entities engaged in food assistance activities in Nevada were awarded grants.
 - Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada was awarded \$98,959 to scale up food purchases, including local food from Nevada farmers, to distribute through 42 food pantries in rural, Tribal and underserved urban communities. In addition to current food distributions, a new distribution site will be established in Golden Valley to serve an additional 640 households per month.
 - Fallon Food Hub was awarded \$94,656 to purchase produce from Nevada farmers to provide fresh, local food for 5,000 households in Churchill County and the Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe.
 - Food Bank of Northern Nevada was awarded \$61,979 to purchase food to address the increased demand for food assistance. Food will be distributed through their network of partner agencies throughout northern Nevada to over 100,000 food insecure residents.
 - Nevada Partnerships for Homeless Youth was awarded \$54,036 to improve infrastructure for better food storage capabilities and to expand service delivery of basic needs. This will increase their ability to meet the varied and growing needs of underserved at-risk and homeless youth in southern Nevada.
 - Three Square was awarded \$95,440 to partner with organizations to expand services in rural Clark, Lincoln, Nye and Esmeralda Counties. Funds will be used to help partner organizations develop infrastructure and provide food for more frequent distribution in more remote southern Nevada communities.
 - Walker River Paiute Tribe was awarded \$94,928 to expand healthy food access to 1,200 Nevadans living in a food desert on the Walker River Paiute Reservation. Funds will be used to improve infrastructure to hold and distribute more food.
- Rebranding of the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
 - \$400,000 is being utilized to rebrand CSFP to the Senior Nutrition and Wellness Program to increase program awareness and participation among Nevada's income-eligible seniors, as well as

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for the purchase of fresh produce and other perishable supplemental food with increased nutritional value for food-insecure seniors in Nevada.

- Infrastructure funding projects
 - Seeking feedback and ideas on potential projects.

Partner Coordination

- Partnering with Department of Health and Human Services to provide additional personnel to enroll childcare centers in federal food programs to support parents going back to work.
- Coordinated meeting with emergency food partners in Northern Nevada in preparation for wildfire season to ensure connections and resources are established.

Executive

- Continuing efforts to support the Governor's plan of continuing school lunch and breakfast coverage in Nevada.

Internal

- The NDA continues to experience difficulty filling several open positions in the current job market.
- Led tour of the NDA for the Governor's Finance Office and Legislative Council Bureau of NDA's Sparks headquarters and arranged for ride along to an inspection of a Las Vegas nursery and a tour of one of NDA's Las Vegas' food assistance partner, Three-Square Food Bank.