ABOUT

The Nevada Department of Agriculture promotes sustainable agriculture and natural resources, which work to protect food, fiber, human health and safety and the environment through effective service, regulatory action and agricultural literacy. The Department was established in 1915 by Chapter 561 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. It includes the divisions of:

- Administration
- Animal Industry
- Consumer Equitability
- Food and Nutrition and
- Plant Industry

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Buy Nevada is a Nevada Department of Agriculture program that promotes businesses selling Nevada food and agricultural products. The state recently formed Buy Nevada to help promote the state's entire agricultural industries, including livestock, hay production, vegetables, melons and dairy. This is in addition to growing urban agricultural and food movements.

Similar to other states, the Buy Nevada program represents a state-led effort to promote these industries as a whole. Free memberships are available to qualified businesses.
Agriculture is one of Nevada’s most important industries, contributing significantly to the economies of rural communities and the state as a whole. Nevada’s ranches may be few in number, but they rank third in the nation in size, averaging 3,500 acres.

Nevada agriculture is directed primarily toward range livestock production. The most important livestock commodity in 2012 was cattle and calves with annual cash receipts value of $283 million.

Despite Nevada’s arid climate, excellent crops are produced where land can be irrigated. Alfalfa hay is the leading cash crop of the state. Much of the hay is sold to dairy operations in surrounding states. Significant quantities of alfalfa cubes and compressed bales are exported overseas each year.

Alfalfa hay is Nevada’s leading crop commodity and total value of production in 2012 was $218 million.

Dairy cows, sheep and lambs and hogs are among Nevada’s other livestock enterprises.

Nevada crops include potatoes, barley, kale, broccoli, wheat, corn, oats, onions, garlic and honey.

Annual cash receipts from all agricultural commodities in Nevada in 2012 were $716 million; 60% of cash receipts were from livestock and products, and the remaining 40% came from crops.

The value of agricultural sector products in 2012 were $817 million. The value of livestock production was $420 million. The most important livestock commodity was Meat animals with value of production of $284 million. Value of crop production in 2012 was $281 million. Alfalfa hay is Nevada’s leading crop commodity and total value production in 2012 was $218 million.

The value of Nevada foreign exports in 2012 was $160.5 million. The value of beef and veal exports was $22.9 million, the total value of processed and fresh vegetables exported was $32.2 million and the value of dairy products exported to international markets was $17.3 million. $46.9 million was the total value of other products sold on the foreign market that included other animal and poultry products, other grains and oilseeds, wine, beer, other beverages, coffee, chocolate, other horticulture products and prepared foods.

Source: USDA Economic Research Service; USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (Global Agricultural Trade System).


Source: Nevada Agriculture Statistical Bulletin 2013, USDA.