

# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agency Updates

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# ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

## Total Sector Output: Food, Beverage and Agriculture

- \$7.6 billion

## Top Products Statewide

- Bottled and canned soft drinks/water: \$751.6 million
- Bread and baked goods: \$629.6 million
- Beef cattle ranching and farming: \$623.8 million



# URBAN AND RURAL OVERVIEW

- Urban (Clark, Washoe and Carson City)
  - Total Output: \$5.2 billion
  - Top products:
    - Bottled and canned soft drinks and water: \$739.3 million
    - Bread and baked goods: \$607.8 million
    - Mayonnaise, dressing and sauces: \$452.9 million
- Rural (14 Counties)
  - Total Output: \$2.4 billion
  - Top products:
    - Beef cattle ranching and farming: \$601.3 million
    - Soybean/oilseed processing: \$405 million
    - Crop farming: \$296 million

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# EXPANDED FOOD SAFETY OPERATIONS



- NDA recently expanded food safety capacity
  - 15 staff (transferred from Division of Public and Behavioral Health)
  - Oversight spans retail, manufactured and cottage foods, shellfish, bottled water, dairy, produce, eggs, meat and poultry
  - Operations split between two divisions (primarily Animal Industry, whose main focus is animal disease and livestock identification)
- **Need: Establish a dedicated Division of Food Safety to centralize oversight of all state services related to food safety**



# PROPOSED DIVISION OF FOOD SAFETY

- Only one new position required to establish Division of Food Safety (Administrator)
- Food safety staff currently in Animal Industry would transition into new division
- Goal: Improve focus on food safety and enhance protection of public health while minimizing budget impact



# COTTAGE FOOD UPDATE

- AB 352 of the 2025 Session fully effective on July 1, 2027
- NDA undergoing regulatory process to update Chapter 446 of the Nevada Administrative Code
- Industry stakeholders, counties and the public will be engaged throughout process



# STRENGTHENING HOME FEEDS NEVADA

- “Food bank” currently defined in NRS 561.515
- Update needed to remove requirement that a food bank be a member of the Feeding America network
- Change would broaden eligibility to additional food distribution organizations



# ADDRESSING ILLEGAL HEMP



- Ongoing challenge: Adapting to rapidly evolving federal regulations around hemp
- NDA is partnering with the Cannabis Compliance Board on targeted enforcement
- Goal is to protect public safety by pulling non-compliant products off retail shelves



# NEVADA STATE FAIRGROUNDS

- AB 333 of the 2025 Session restored oversight of the Fairgrounds to the NDA
- NDA reviewing management structure to optimize use of the Fairgrounds and ensure it remains safe and financially sustainable
- Official State Fair of Nevada returning to the Fairgrounds June 11-13, 2026  
[statefair.nv.gov](http://statefair.nv.gov)



# REACH OUT

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