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This annual report presents a summary of crop, livestock, price and related agricultural data for Nevada for 1973 along with comparisons for recent years. Early season forecasts and preliminary estimates are issued currently during the year by the Nevada Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This bulletin contains some revisions of earlier releases based on sample surveys made later in the season and also on check information available after the end of the year.

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NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1973

NUMBER OF FARMS

Total number of farms and ranches operated in Nevada during 1973 at the 2,000 level was the same as a year earlier. Farm and ranch numbers in the state have followed the National trend of fewer but larger units during the last decade and represents a 13 percent decline from the 2,300 farms operated in 1963.

A preliminary number of 2,000 farms is estimated for 1974, which is unchanged from 1973. New land coming into production has been offset by land consumed for urbanization and construction of highway systems as land in Nevada farms and ranches remained at 9,000,000 acres during 1973.

Average size of farm or ranch in Nevada during 1973 remained at 4,500 acres which is also projected for 1974. Nevada ranks second after Arizona with the largest size units in the 48 conterminous states.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS AND RANCHES, 1965-74

Year	Nevada			United States		
	Number of Farms	Average Size of Farms	Land in Farms	Number of Farms	Average Size of Farms	Land in Farms
		Acres	1,000 Acres	Thousands	Acres	1,000 Acres
1965	2,200	4,000	8,800	3,356	340	1,139,597
1966	2,200	4,000	8,800	3,257	348	1,131,844
1967	2,200	4,000	8,800	3,162	355	1,123,456
1968	2,100	4,190	8,800	3,071	363	1,115,231
1969	2,100	4,286	9,000	2,999	369	1,107,711
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1970	2,100	4,286	9,000	2,954	373	1,102,769
1971	2,000	4,500	9,000	2,909	377	1,097,300
1972	2,000	4,500	9,000	2,870	381	1,093,017
1973	2,000	4,500	9,000	2,844	383	1,089,530
1974	1/2,000	4,500	9,000	2,821	385	1,086,937
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1975	:					

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NUMBER OF LIVESTOCK SPECIE FARMS

Year	Nevada				United States			
	Cattle	Milk Cows	Sheep	Hogs	Cattle	Milk Cows	Sheep	Hogs
	Number				Thousands			
1965	1,800	900	400	300	2,366.1	1,107.7	241.6	1,057.6
1966	1,800	900	380	300	2,271.5	1,008.8	229.0	1,056.0
1967	1,700	800	360	300	2,170.5	898.3	219.5	1,042.1
1968	1,700	800	340	300	2,075.6	801.6	208.2	967.6
1969	1,700	700	320	290	1,993.5	722.2	194.6	873.8
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1970	1,700	600	300	290	1,934.4	647.5	179.6	875.5
1971	1,600	600	290	290	1,880.1	589.9	170.2	880.0
1972	1,600	550	280	290	1,845.7	536.5	161.3	791.4
1973	1,600	550	270	280	1,830.8	492.4	152.5	752.0
1974	:							

S T A T I S T I C A L R E P O R T I N G S E R V I C E

A N N U A L C R O P S U M M A R Y

Nevada ranchers and farmers produced 1,078 thousand tons of crops during the 1973 season. This was about 2 percent less than the record 1971 crop of 1,102 thousand tons and 4 percent above the 1972 output of 1,039 thousand tons. The growing season got off to an early start. Soil moisture conditions were above average at the beginning of the season and irrigation water supply was above average. Cool weather in April hampered spring growth but was beneficial for the fall seeded grain crops. The alfalfa crop got off to a slow start and was hurt further by weevils, weeds, cutworms and loopers in June.

Yields were generally below a year earlier. Small grain yields ranged from 2 to 5 bushels per acre less than in 1972. Alfalfa seed was down 85 pounds per acre and cotton was off 130 pounds per acre. The decrease in alfalfa hay yield was offset by an increase in the yields of the other types of hay.

Crops were harvested from 505 thousand acres in 1973. This compares with 494 thousand acres harvested in 1972 and 528 thousand in 1971. Most of this change came from the acreage of wild hay harvested.

C R O P V A L U E S

Total value of crops produced on Nevada farms and ranches reached a record high \$72 million. This compares with \$42 million in 1972 and \$38 million in 1971. Higher prices for agricultural products increased the crop values and caused this 71 percent increase over the 1972 value. The increase in the value of hay was a big item showing the most change.

Value of the alfalfa seed crop increased sharply in 1973. This was the 8th consecutive year showing an increase. Hay, the states most important crop, had a farm value of 49.9 million dollars and accounted for about 70 percent of the value of all crops harvested in 1973.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEVADA, 1971-73

CROP	Acres Harvested			Tons Produced			Values--Dollars		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	----- Thousands -----								
Corn silage . . .	2.0	3.0	3.0	31.0	51.0	50.0	357	663	1,000
All grain crops	30.0	31.0	31.0	48.8	44.0	43.4	2,578	2,556	4,982
Alfalfa seed . .	19.5	18.5	20.5	5.1	4.6	4.3	3,803	3,885	.
Cotton & seed . .	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.1	1.6	1.4	266	480	597
Other crops . . .	2.7	4.4	6.0	33.8	67.7	87.6	2,207	5,062	7,661
All hay	471.0	435.0	443.0	982.0	870.0	891.0	28,478	29,145	49,896
Total	527.5	494.0	505.4	1,101.8	1,038.9	1,077.7	37,689	41,791	71,623

SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CROPS HARVESTED IN NEVADA, 1972 and 1973

CROP & YEAR	Acres	Production		Unit	Value of Production ^{1/}	
	: Harvested	: Per Acre	: Total		: Per Unit	: Total
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Winter Wheat						
1972	7	75.0	525	Bu.	1.72	903
1973	8	70.0	560	"	3.80	2,128
Spring Wheat						
1972	5	37.0	185	"	1.72	318
1973	6	40.0	240	"	3.80	912
All Wheat.						
1972	12	59.2	710	"	1.72	1,221
1973	14	57.1	800	"	3.80	3,040
Oats						
1972	4	45.0	180	"	1.00	180
1973	2	43.0	86	"	1.65	142
Barley						
1972	15	55.0	825	"	1.40	1,155
1973	15	50.0	750	"	2.40	1,800
Alfalfa Seed						
1972	18.5	500	9,250	Lb.	.420	3,885
1973	20.5	415	8,508	"	.880	7,487
Cotton, lint ^{2/}						
1972	2.1	607	2.7	Bale	.334	426
1973	1.9	477	1.9	"	.550	498
Cottonseed						
1972	-	-	1.0	Ton	54.00	54
1973	-	-	.9	"	110.00	99
Corn for silage.						
1972	3	17.0	51	"	13.00	663
1973	3	16.5	50	"	20.00	1,000
Alfalfa hay.						
1972	170	3.40	578	"	NA	NA
1973	175	3.25	569	"	NA	NA
All other hay.						
1972	265	1.10	292	"	NA	NA
1973	268	1.20	322	"	NA	NA
All hay						
1972	435	2.00	870	"	33.50	29,145
1973	443	2.01	891	"	56.00	49,896

^{1/} Excludes all Government support payments.

^{2/} Yield is pounds of lint per acre, and price is per pound of lint.

S T A T I S T I C A L R E P O R T I N G S E R V I C E

HAY: ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY TYPES,
BY COUNTIES, NEVADA 1972

County	Alfalfa Hay			All Other Hay			All Hay
	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production	Production
		Ton	Ton		Ton	Ton	Ton
Churchill . . .	27,500	4.00	110,000	1,900	2.00	3,800	113,800
Douglas . . .	9,600	3.70	35,500	6,000	1.80	10,800	46,300
Humboldt . . .	28,200	3.00	84,600	60,000	1.20	72,000	156,600
Lyon	28,000	3.70	103,600	2,300	2.00	4,600	108,200
Carson City :	500	2.80	1,400	400	1.50	600	2,000
Pershing . . .	16,500	3.90	64,300	2,600	1.40	3,600	67,900
Storey	100	3.00	300	100	1.00	100	400
Washoe	6,300	3.30	20,800	5,000	1.60	8,000	28,800
District 1 :	116,700	3.60	420,500	78,300	1.30	103,500	524,000
Elko	13,500	2.80	37,800	138,000	1.00	138,000	175,800
Eureka	10,400	2.10	21,800	14,000	1.10	15,000	36,800
Lander	3,000	1.80	5,400	20,000	1.00	20,000	25,400
White Pine . .	8,000	2.40	19,200	6,600	.90	5,900	25,100
District 3 :	34,900	2.40	84,200	178,600	1.00	178,900	263,100
Clark	4,100	5.10	20,900	300	2.00	600	21,500
Esmeralda . .	2,900	4.30	12,500	200	1.00	200	12,700
Lincoln	3,800	3.00	11,400	1,500	1.40	2,100	13,500
Mineral	1,600	2.80	4,500	100	1.00	100	4,600
Nye	6,000	4.00	24,000	6,000	1.10	6,600	30,600
District 8 :	18,400	4.00	73,300	8,100	1.20	9,600	82,900
State Total :	170,000	3.40	578,000	265,000	1.10	292,000	870,000

HAY: ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY TYPES,
BY COUNTIES, NEVADA 1973

County	Alfalfa Hay			All Other Hay			All Hay
	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production	Production
		Ton	Ton		Ton	Ton	Ton
Churchill . . .	26,000	3.60	93,600	1,900	1.80	3,400	97,000
Douglas	9,000	3.90	35,100	5,400	1.70	9,200	44,300
Humboldt . . .	34,000	3.10	105,400	60,000	1.30	78,000	183,400
Lyon	28,000	3.60	100,800	2,300	1.90	4,400	105,200
Carson City :	500	2.40	1,200	400	1.50	600	1,800
Pershing . . .	16,000	3.50	56,000	2,600	1.80	4,700	60,700
Storey	100	3.00	300	100	1.00	100	400
Washoe	6,000	3.30	19,800	5,500	1.70	9,400	29,200
District 1 :	119,600	3.45	412,200	78,200	1.40	109,800	522,000
Elko	14,000	2.50	35,000	141,400	1.10	155,500	190,500
Eureka	10,400	2.40	25,000	14,300	1.20	17,200	42,200
Lander	4,000	1.70	6,800	20,000	1.30	26,000	32,800
White Pine . .	8,000	2.10	16,800	6,000	.80	4,800	21,600
District 3 :	36,400	2.30	83,600	181,700	1.10	203,500	287,100
Clark	4,000	5.20	20,800	300	2.00	600	21,400
Esmeralda . .	3,500	3.80	13,300	200	1.00	200	13,500
Lincoln	3,600	2.50	9,000	1,500	1.60	2,400	11,400
Mineral	1,700	2.40	4,100	100	1.00	100	4,200
Nye	6,200	4.20	26,000	6,000	.90	5,400	31,400
District 8 :	19,000	3.85	73,200	8,100	1.05	8,700	81,900
State Total :	175,000	3.25	569,000	268,000	1.20	322,000	891,000

ALFALFA SEED: ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY COUNTIES, 1968-73

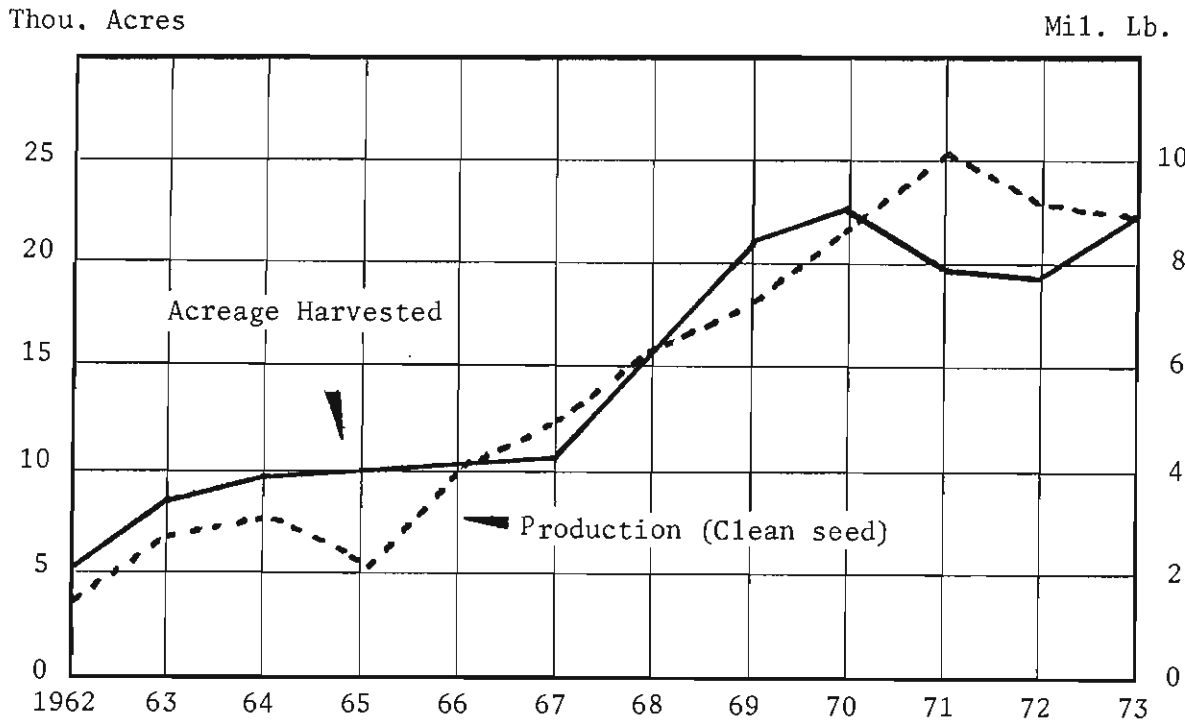
Year :	Humboldt :	Pershing :	Lander :	All Other 1/ :	Nevada Total
Acreage Harvested					
Acres					
1968 :	6,900	5,200	4,300	600	17,000
1969 :	9,800	5,900	5,300	1,000	22,000
1970 :	9,800	7,200	5,500	1,000	23,500
1971 :	7,500	7,600	2,800	1,600	19,500
1972 :	7,000	8,300	2,200	1,000	18,500
1973 :	7,600	9,800	2,100	1,000	20,500
1974 :					

Yield Per Acre					
Pounds					
1968 :	510	375	275	250	400
1969 :	315	490	240	120	335
1970 :	330	630	160	165	375
1971 :	620	605	250	125	520
1972 :	545	565	250	200	500
1973 :	460	435	290	140	415
1974 :					

Production of Clean Seed					
Thousand Pounds					
1968 :	3,518	1,950	1,182	150	6,800
1969 :	3,087	2,891	1,272	120	7,370
1970 :	3,232	4,536	880	165	8,813
1971 :	4,650	4,590	700	200	10,140
1972 :	3,815	4,685	550	200	9,250
1973 :	3,496	4,263	609	140	8,508
1974 :					

1/ Churchill, Lincoln, Nye, Washoe and White Pine.

ALFALFA SEED ACREAGE HARVESTED AND PRODUCTION, NEVADA, 1962-73



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WEATHER SUMMARY, 1972 - 73

GENERAL: Precipitation for the water year October 1, 1972 through September 30, 1973 totaled 10.17 inches which is nearly 2 inches above normal and 3 inches above a year earlier. With above normal precipitation during the fall and winter and extending well into spring, ranges showed lush growth in most areas. Temperatures during the water year averaged 48.5 degrees which is nearly 2 degrees below normal and 1 degree below a year earlier. All months were below normal except February, May and June. July was the hottest month as usual with an average of 72.5 degrees.

FALL, 1972: October was a cloudy, wet month with precipitation ranging from normal to 250 percent of normal. Precipitation in the form of rain and/or snow alleviated the dry condition which persisted through the summer months. Temperatures averaged near normal, although the first half of the month was about 1 to 4 degrees above normal. Frequent storms across the State brought strong gusty winds in addition to the precipitation which caused some damage in local areas. November was cool and wet. Temperatures were 2 to 4 degrees below normal and precipitation ranged from normal to 300 percent of normal. Precipitation at the higher elevations was in the form of snow.

WINTER, 1972-73: A cold arctic air mass produced record-breaking low temperatures over most of Nevada during the first half of December. Temperature departures varied from about 10 to 15 degrees below normal. The cold temperatures were preceded by a few days of snow which persisted when the State was overrun by the cold air mass. A warming trend during the week of the 17th melted much of the snow in the valleys but snow at the higher elevations remained. Temperatures early in January continued 8 to 12 degrees below normal. A warming trend at midmonth produced rain and snow over most of Nevada. Below normal temperatures occurred again during the last week of January. February continued wet but temperatures were generally above normal in most areas. Precipitation varied from normal to 480 percent of normal. Recurring storms during the month kept soil moisture fairly high even though temperatures were above normal.

SPRING, 1973: March began relatively warm with temperatures from 2 to 5 degrees above normal. The second and subsequent weeks changed drastically as temperatures fell from 1 to 10 degrees below normal. Precipitation ranged from normal in the northwest to 450 percent of normal in the extreme southern sections. Light to moderate snowfall occurred throughout Nevada. Precipitation during April and May was near normal over most of the State. Temperatures were 2 to 5 degrees below normal during the first 3 weeks of April but averaged slightly higher than normal during the last week and throughout most of May.

SUMMER, 1973: Temperatures averaged above normal throughout June, July, and the first 3 weeks of August. Cooler weather prevailed the last week of August and most of September. Hot, dry winds during most of July and August subjected ranges to extreme fire danger.

WATER SUPPLY: Irrigation water supplies in 1973 were generally adequate for most needs. Reservoir storage ranged from adequate to plentiful as water from streams became limited around July 1. Some late season water shortages did occur in a few areas.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION FOR WATER YEAR, 1973

	1972			1973									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
	----- Degrees -----												
Temperature :													
1972-73	:48.9	36.4	25.6	26.2	34.3	36.9	45.1	58.7	66.0	72.5	70.5	60.4	48.5
Normal	:51.8	39.4	32.7	29.6	33.8	40.3	48.6	56.4	64.4	72.9	70.8	62.8	50.3
Departure	:-2.9	-3.0	-7.1	-3.4	.5	-3.4	-3.5	2.3	1.6	-.4	-.3	-2.4	-1.8
	----- Inches -----												
Precipitation :													
1972-73	: 1.74	1.00	.76	1.18	1.11	1.55	.62	.58	.48	.47	.47	.21	10.17
Normal	: .68	.68	.90	.94	.88	.81	.79	.77	.53	.47	.41	.39	8.25
Departure	: 1.06	.32	-.14	.24	.23	.74	-.17	-.19	-.05	.00	.06	-.18	1.92

USUAL PLANTING AND HARVESTING DATES, BY CROPS AND PRINCIPAL PRODUCING AREAS IN NEVADA

Crop	1973 Harvested: Acreage (000)	Usual Planting Dates	Usual Harvesting Dates			Principal Producing Areas and Counties
			Begin	Most Active	End	
Barley:						
Fall sown	15	Sept.5-Oct. 20	July 10	July 15-Aug. 25	Sept. 5	District 1
Spring sown		Apr. 5-May 10	July 20	July 25-Sept. 1	Sept.15	District 1
Corn, silage	3	May 1-June 1	Sept. 1	Sept. 10-Oct. 1	Oct. 10	Churchill Pershing
Cotton	1.9	Apr.15-May 5	Oct. 15	Oct. 25-Dec. 15	Jan. 1	Nye
Hay:						
Alfalfa	175		Apr. 10		Nov. 1	Clark
All other	268		June 1		Oct. 10	District 1, 3
			June 15		Sept. 5	District 1, 3
Oats	2	Apr. 1-May 25	July 25	Aug. 5-Sept. 1	Sept.10	Statewide
Wheat:						
Winter	8	Sept.5-Oct. 20	July 15	Aug. 1-Aug. 25	Sept. 5	Humboldt Pershing
Other spring:	6	Apr. 1-May 10	July 25	Aug. 10-Sept. 5	Sept.15	Humboldt Pershing Eureka Lander
SEED CROPS:						
Alfalfa	20.5		Aug. 25	Sept. 5-Oct. 5	Oct. 15	Humboldt Pershing Lander

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LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

All cattle and calves on Nevada farms and ranches were estimated at a record high level of 664,000 head on January 1, 1974. This is two percent more than the previous high of 651,000 head for January 1, 1973. Beef cows which normally account for over one-half of the total inventory on January 1, were estimated at 349,000 head which is three percent more than a year earlier. Beef heifers to be used for beef cow replacements, at 53,000, were at the same level as a year earlier. Milk cows, at 14,000 head, were also at the same level as a year earlier. There were 152,000 calves weighing less than 500 pounds compared with 151,000 a year earlier. All classes of cattle are either the same or more than on hand a year earlier

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS, JANUARY 1, 1972-1974

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1972	1973	1974	:74 as % : of 73 :	1972	1973	1974	:74 as % : of 73
	- Thousand Head -		Percent		- Thousand Head -		Percent	
Cattle & Calves.	645	651	664	102	117,862	121,534	127,540	105
Cows that calved	351	354	363	103	50,585	52,541	54,157	103
Beef cows.	337	340	349	103	38,807	40,918	42,874	105
Milk cows.	14	14	14	100	11,778	11,624	11,284	97
Heifers 500 lb.+	76	76	76	100	17,214	17,743	18,999	107
Beef replacement	53	53	53	100	6,987	7,436	8,214	110
Milk replacement	6	6	6	100	3,828	3,874	3,943	102
Other heifers.	17	17	17	100	6,399	6,434	6,843	106
Steers 500 lb.+	46	52	55	106	15,999	16,555	17,788	107
Bulls 500 lb.+	18	18	18	100	2,376	2,466	2,642	107
Calves 500 lb.-.	154	151	152	101	31,688	32,229	33,954	105
Sheep & Lambs.	204	180	173	96	18,710	17,724	16,545	93
On feed.	28	19	23	121	2,875	2,872	2,660	93
Stock sheep.	176	161	150	93	15,835	14,852	13,885	93
Lambs.	29	27	22	81	2,375	2,251	2,200	98
Ewes	28	26	21	81	1,974	1,896	1,833	97
Wethers & rams	1	1	1	100	401	355	367	103
1 year & over.	147	134	128	96	13,460	12,600	11,685	93
Ewes	143	131	125	95	12,901	12,116	11,215	93
Wethers & rams	4	3	3	100	559	484	470	97
Hogs & pigs ^{1/}	11.0	10.0	10.0	100	62,507	59,180	61,022	103

^{1/} December 1 preceding year.

VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1972-74

Species	Value Per Head			Total Value		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	- - - - Dollars - - - -			- - - Thousand Dollars - - -		
Cattle & calves.	205.00	255.00	320.00	132,225	166,005	212,480
Sheep & lambs.	30.50	33.00	41.00	6,222	5,940	7,093
Hogs & pigs ^{1/}	22.50	32.00	59.00	248	320	590
Total 3 species.	-	-	-	138,695	172,265	220,163

^{1/} December 1, preceding year.

FARM VALUES

Inventory value of Nevada's livestock on farms and ranches at the beginning of 1974 was estimated at a record \$220 million. This compares with \$172 million in 1973 and \$139 million in 1971. Most of the increase is attributed to higher animal values, however, the increase in cattle inventory was also responsible for some of the increase.

Value of the cattle inventory at the beginning of 1974 was a record \$212 million. This is 28 percent more than the 1973 value of \$166 million. The inventory value of sheep was estimated at \$7.1 million and compares with \$5.9 million in 1973. The value of hogs and pigs on hand on December 1, 1973 was \$590,000 and compares with \$320,000 in December 1972.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FARMS AND RANCHES BY COUNTIES,
NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1969-74

County	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
	Number of Head					
Carson City	1,500	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500
Churchill	46,200	51,800	54,000	63,300	60,000	64,000
Douglas	24,900	25,200	27,000	27,000	26,500	26,000
Humboldt	83,600	87,000	92,700	80,000	77,000	84,000
Lyon	37,400	38,300	35,700	40,200	42,000	43,000
Pershing	33,600	35,100	37,200	35,800	37,500	39,000
Storey	200	200	200	200	200	400
Washoe	30,500	25,800	27,500	26,100	27,000	26,500
Northwestern District	257,900	264,700	275,500	273,900	271,600	284,400
Elko	195,300	206,400	206,400	205,700	220,000	215,000
Eureka	33,200	28,100	30,100	31,300	30,000	32,000
Lander	29,300	32,000	32,600	37,700	36,000	34,000
White Pine	23,600	24,500	21,900	23,900	23,000	26,000
Northeastern District	281,400	291,000	291,000	299,100	309,000	307,000
Clark	14,000	13,500	13,800	14,000	13,500	15,000
Esmeralda	6,500	6,500	6,300	6,400	6,300	6,500
Lincoln	15,600	16,400	15,300	15,400	15,700	15,700
Mineral	3,500	4,100	4,000	4,100	3,900	3,400
Nye	29,100	29,800	33,100	32,100	31,000	32,000
Southern District	68,700	70,300	72,500	72,000	70,400	72,600
Nevada	608,000	626,000	639,000	645,000	651,000	664,000

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CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	All Cattle	Calves Born	Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Jan. 1			Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
----- Thousand Head -----								
1965	586	259	10	171	89	5	9	13
1966	568	259	21	153	105	4	10	14
1967	562	256	26	137	110	4	10	15
1968	568	269	25	132	99	3	8	12
1969	608	293	26	154	117	3	12	15
1970	626	309	17	155	128	3	12	15
1971	639	309	26	167	136	3	10	13
1972	645	312	36	168	147	2	10	15
1973	651	315	42	167	142	2	13	20
1974	664							

SHEEP AND LAMBS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	Sheep & Lambs	Lambs Saved	Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Jan. 1			Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs
----- Thousand Head -----								
1965	254	186	2	4	118	5	30	24
1966	261	190	12	18	135	5	28	21
1967	256	172	41	21	151	3	25	22
1968	247	167	27	25	140	3	20	22
1969	231	155	53	23	152	4	18	15
1970	227	153	60	23	162	4	23	22
1971	206	143	91	18	176	3	19	20
1972	204	132	143	34	221	3	17	24
1973	180	127	90	12	170	3	18	21
1974	173							

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	Hogs & Pigs	Pig Crop			Inship-ments	Market-ings	Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths
	Dec. 1 1/	Dec.1/	May	June - Nov.				
----- Number of Head -----								
1965	8,500	5,500	5,200	1,400	11,000	1,000	1,000	
1966	7,600	5,500	5,800	2,700	11,600	800	1,000	
1967	8,200	6,300	7,000	2,100	12,200	800	800	
1968	9,800	7,700	8,200	2,000	14,900	700	1,100	
1969	11,000	4,700	6,800	2,500	10,900	700	4,000	
1970	9,400	7,400	7,500	100	10,000	500	900	
1971	13,000	7,600	6,800	100	14,800	600	1,100	
1972	11,000	6,000	6,700	200	12,300	600	1,000	
1973	10,000	9,000	7,500	200	15,100	500	1,100	
1974	10,000							

1/ December 1 of preceding year.

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CATTLE AND CALVES: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts ^{1/}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
1965	167,910	186,830	29,939	33,116	502	33,618
1966	164,815	176,434	35,318	37,844	694	38,538
1967	158,180	165,860	34,963	36,418	722	37,140
1968	174,330	155,930	39,963	35,807	686	36,493
1969	187,520	186,237	50,366	49,937	928	50,865
1970	197,450	195,656	56,571	55,849	1,049	56,898
1971	204,650	211,435	61,149	63,157	1,151	64,308
1972	204,605	220,492	73,117	78,293	989	79,282
1973	209,535	223,872	94,048	99,775	1,244	101,019
1974						

SHEEP AND LAMBS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts ^{1/}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
1965	12,335	10,628	2,356	2,111	64	2,175
1966	12,316	13,709	2,674	2,763	85	2,848
1967	11,710	15,603	2,538	3,150	49	3,199
1968	11,552	14,660	2,471	2,920	53	2,973
1969	11,653	15,469	2,770	3,593	83	3,676
1970	10,608	16,806	2,728	4,045	86	4,131
1971	10,395	17,502	2,666	4,099	58	4,157
1972	11,080	23,197	2,760	5,733	72	5,805
1973	9,646	16,276	3,108	5,103	79	5,182
1974						

HOGS AND PIGS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1965-73

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts ^{1/}	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
1965	2,377	2,354	423	419	42	461
1966	2,340	2,441	529	552	48	600
1967	2,794	2,585	509	470	37	507
1968	3,451	3,229	621	581	33	614
1969	2,063	2,329	431	487	45	532
1970	2,737	2,121	619	479	42	521
1971	3,072	3,150	538	551	36	587
1972	2,750	2,624	682	651	51	702
1973	3,557	3,377	1,373	1,304	67	1,371
1974						

^{1/} Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter.

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C A T T L E O N F E E D

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1974, were estimated at a record high of 51,000 head which is 2 percent more than the previous high of 50,000 head on feed a year earlier. The current number on feed may be compared with 49,000 head on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1972. Cattle and calves being fed on all types of operations in Nevada feed lots on January 1, 1974, totaled 91,000 head which is 7 percent more than the 85,000 head being fed on January 1, 1973 and 10 percent above January 1, 1972.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN NEVADA FEEDLOTS ON JANUARY 1

Item	1972	1973	1974	1974 as % of 1973
	- - Thousand Head - -			Percent
Number on feed for slaughter market.	49	50	51	102
Number being fed a warm-up ration for later feeding in a finishing lot	29	34	39	115
Number being fed a warm-up ration that will be returned to pasture.	5	1	1	100
Total number on feed	83	85	91	107

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED FOR SLAUGHTER MARKET BY WEIGHT GROUPS,
NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1972-74

Weight	Steers and			Heifer and			All Cattle		
	Steer Calves			Heifer Calves			and Calves		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	- - - - - 1,000 Head - - - - -								
Under 500 Lbs.	2	3	2	1	5	3	3	8	5
500-699 Lbs.	13	13	11	9	5	13	22	18	24
700-899 Lbs.	10	5	10	5	4	4	15	9	14
900-1099 Lbs.	7	13	8	-	1	-	7	14	8
1100 Lbs & Over	2	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Total	34	35	31	15	15	20	49	50	51

NUMBER OF LOTS AND SIZE OF NEVADA FEEDING OPERATIONS AND EXPECTED MARKETINGS
OF CATTLE AND CALVES THAT WERE ON WARM-UP RATION ON JANUARY 1, 1974

Size Group	Warm-Up Operations		Slaughter Operations		Expected Marketings of	
	Number of Lots	Total Available Capacity	Number of Lots	Total Available Capacity	Month	Number of Head
						% of Total
0-149.	110	8,055	5	270	: January, 1974	5,800 14.9
150-299.	49	10,175	7	1,450	: February.	4,700 12.0
300-499.	32	11,475	6	2,325	: March	12,900 33.1
500-999.	21	14,050	7	4,300	: After Mar. 31,	
1000-1999	8	9,700	3	3,700	: 1974.	15,600 40.0
2000 & Over	11	48,500	7	51,600	:	
Total	231	101,955	35	63,645	: Total	39,000 100.0

SHEEP AND WOOL

Sheep and lamb inventories continue to drop to new record lows each year in Nevada. At the present time, sheep and lamb numbers are about one-eighth of the 1,340,000 head total which peaked just 54 years ago. Wool production in 1974 is estimated at a record low 1,400,000 pounds, grease basis. This is 6 percent below the 1973 production of 1,495,000 pounds. Sheep shorn and to be shorn during 1974, at 140,000 head, is 5 percent less than the number shorn last year. The fleece weight of 10.0 pounds per head is 0.1 pounds lighter than the previous year.

Wool prices fluctuated considerably during the past 5 years ranging from 18 cents a pound in 1971 to 84 cents in 1973. The season average price for 1974 is not available at this time but it should be below the 1973 average as monthly prices during the first 8 months of 1974 were well below the 1973 levels.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEVADA, 1965-74

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight Per Fleece	Wool Production	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thou. Head	Pounds	Thou. Lb.	Cents	Thou. Dol.
1965 . . .	219	9.5	2,075	45	934
1966 . . .	226	9.9	2,241	52	1,165
1967 . . .	212	9.8	2,082	42	874
1968 . . .	209	10.0	2,090	43	899
1969 . . .	188	9.9	1,861	44	819
1970 . . .	181	10.1	1,828	29	530
1971 . . .	170	10.3	1,751	18	315
1972 . . .	158	10.3	1,627	30	488
1973 . . .	148	10.1	1,495	84	1,256
1974 . . .	140	10.0	1,400	N.A.	N.A.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FARMS AND RANCHES, BY COUNTIES, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1969-74

County	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
	Number of Head					
Carson City . . .	8,400	8,200	7,400	6,000	5,300	4,200
Churchill . . .	14,000	13,800	13,400	10,400	9,600	7,900
Douglas . . .	10,900	7,800	5,700	5,800	5,500	5,000
Elko . . .	68,200	70,400	64,700	64,200	58,000	56,000
Eureka . . .	21,100	19,400	17,500	17,900	14,800	14,000
Humboldt . . .	10,500	10,600	8,700	9,400	8,100	5,000
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Lander . . .	4,400	4,700	4,100	3,500	3,200	4,000
Lyon . . .	16,900	16,800	15,500	14,200	14,300	14,700
Nye . . .	7,400	6,600	5,500	5,300	5,300	5,400
Pershing . . .	14,700	17,400	17,100	21,800	15,700	18,000
Washoe . . .	10,000	9,300	8,800	6,000	4,700	5,000
White Pine . . .	43,700	41,200	36,800	38,700	34,700	33,000
All Other . . .	800	800	800	800	800	800
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State Total . . .	231,000	227,000	206,000	204,000	180,000	173,000

STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Total liveweight of animals slaughtered in Nevada's commercial slaughter plants increased 5 percent during 1973. Most of the increase occurred during January, May, August and December as slaughter during the remaining months was 1 percent more than for the comparable period last year. Total liveweight of animals slaughtered during 1973 was the largest since 1968. Cattle accounted for 28.1 million pounds or 96 percent of the total--a higher proportion than a year earlier. These estimates include slaughter in Nevada's 6 Federally-inspected plants, but exclude animals slaughtered on farms and ranches.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER BY CLASSES, NEVADA, 1969-73

Specie and Year	Head	Liveweight		Specie and Year	Head	Liveweight	
		Average	Total			Average	Total
	No.	Pounds	Thou. Lb.		No.	Pounds	Thou. Lb.
Cattle				Sheep & Lambs			
1969. . .	23,800	992	23,621	1969. . . .	1,930	102	197
1970. . .	24,200	982	23,776	1970. . . .	2,130	101	216
1971. . .	19,700	1,005	19,791	1971. . . .	3,570	101	359
1972. . .	25,700	1,016	26,102	1972. . . .	3,170	102	323
1973. . .	27,000	1,039	28,062	1973. . . .	2,500	102	256
Calves				Hogs			
1969. . .	1,600	386	618	1969. . . .	2,500	217	543
1970. . .	1,290	400	516	1970. . . .	2,720	213	579
1971. . .	1,200	389	467	1971. . . .	4,250	211	898
1972. . .	1,190	380	452	1972. . . .	4,240	216	916
1973. . .	300	403	121	1973. . . .	3,400	217	737

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER BY MONTHS, NEVADA, 1973

Month	Cattle		Calves		Sheep & Lambs		Hogs		All Spe-
	Head	Live-weight	Head	Live-weight	Head	Live-weight	Head	Live-weight	cies Total
	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	Thou. Lb.
January . .	2,400	2,484	100	41	200	21	400	84	2,630
February. .	2,100	2,180	-	-	-	-	200	43	2,223
March . . .	2,500	2,638	100	40	100	10	300	63	2,751
April . . .	2,300	2,431	-	-	100	10	300	63	2,504
May	2,500	2,570	-	-	400	39	500	105	2,714
June. . . .	2,300	2,275	100	40	300	30	300	60	2,405
July. . . .	2,100	2,152	-	-	400	40	200	45	2,237
August. . .	2,700	2,792	-	-	400	46	200	45	2,883
September .	2,000	2,100	-	-	200	20	200	45	2,165
October . .	2,200	2,352	-	-	200	20	200	46	2,418
November. .	1,800	1,845	-	-	100	10	300	69	1,924
December. .	2,100	2,243	-	-	100	10	300	69	2,322
Total . .	27,000	28,062	300	121	2,500	256	3,400	737	29,176

DAIRY SUMMARY

Milk produced on Nevada's farms and ranches during 1973 was estimated at 143 million pounds. Production tied the record established in 1972.

Of the 143 million pounds produced, 138 million pounds (milk equivalent for cream marketed) was marketed and the remaining 5 million pounds was utilized on the farms and ranches where produced. Cash receipts for milk and cream marketings totaled \$9.8 million up 14 percent from 1972. Producers received an average of \$7.05 cwt. for fluid milk marketed in 1973 compared to \$6.10 cwt. in 1972.

Production of ice cream in 1973 totaled 1,087,000 gallons up 3 percent from the year before. Ice milk production at 752,000 gallons was up 4 percent and sherbet at 70,000 gallons was up a little over one percent above the 1972 level.

MILK: PRODUCTION, FARM VALUE, UTILIZATION, AND MARKETING RECEIPTS, NEVADA, 1964-73

M I L K						
Year	: Farm Value		: Utilization		: Marketing Receipts	
	: Production	: of	: Farm	: Sold <u>1/</u>	: Per Lb.	: Cash
	: Production	: Uses			: Milk Fat	: Receipts
	: Million Pounds	: Thousand Dollars	: Million Pounds		: Dollars	: Thousand Dollars
1964	: 129	6,760	5	124	1.48	6,496
1965	: 134	7,062	5	129	1.46	6,803
1966	: 134	7,276	5	129	1.51	7,008
1967	: 134	7,531	5	129	1.56	7,253
1968	: 137	7,713	5	132	1.57	7,426
1969	: 139	7,895	5	134	1.58	7,606
1970	: 142	8,492	5	137	1.68	8,196
1971	: 141	8,601	5	136	1.70	8,299
1972	: 143	8,838	5	138	1.73	8,529
1973	: 143	10,109	5	138	1.96	9,756

1/ Milk Equivalent of cream sold.

MILK: COWS MILKED, PRODUCTION PER COW, TOTAL PRODUCTION, NEVADA, BY QUARTERS, 1971-73

Quarter	: Cows Milked <u>1/</u>			: Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>			: Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973	: 1971	: 1972	: 1973
	Thousands			Pounds			Million Lbs.		
Jan. - March . . .	: 14.0	13.8	13.8	2,445	2,500	2,350	34.2	34.5	32.4
Apr. - June . . .	: 14.0	13.8	13.8	2,695	2,770	2,710	37.7	38.2	37.4
July - Sept. . . .	: 13.9	13.8	13.8	2,610	2,695	2,680	36.3	37.2	37.0
Oct. - Dec. . . .	: 13.8	13.8	13.8	2,375	2,400	2,620	32.8	33.1	36.2
Annual	: 13.9	13.8	13.8	10,144	10,362	10,362	141.0	143.0	143.0

1/ Excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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ALL MILK PRICE, VALUE OF CONCENTRATE RATIONS FED TO MILK COWS, AND MILK-FEED
PRICE RATIOS, NEVADA BY MONTHS, 1971-73

Month	All Milk Price			Value of 100 Pounds of			Milk-Feed		
	Per Cwt			Concentrate Rations Fed			Price Ratios		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	- - Dollars - -			- - - Dollars - - -			- - - Number - - -		
January . . .	6.30	6.35	6.40	3.38	3.40	3.95	1.86	1.87	1.62
February . . .	6.15	6.20	6.35	3.38	3.40	*	1.82	1.82	*
March	6.10	6.05	6.40	3.38	3.40	*	1.80	1.78	*
April	5.95	6.00	6.30	3.40	3.42	4.10	1.75	1.75	1.54
May	5.90	5.90	6.45	3.44	3.40	*	1.72	1.74	*
June	5.75	5.85	6.60	3.38	3.39	*	1.70	1.73	*
July	5.75	5.90	6.65	3.44	3.38	4.21	1.67	1.75	1.58
August	5.85	5.95	7.15	3.46	3.41	*	1.69	1.74	*
September . .	6.05	6.15	7.50	3.44	3.49	*	1.76	1.76	*
October	6.20	6.25	7.60	3.42	3.62	5.20	1.81	1.73	1.46
November . . .	6.30	6.35	7.95	3.40	3.70	*	1.85	1.72	*
December . . .	6.40	6.40	8.80	3.40	3.90	*	1.88	1.64	*
Annual	6.05	6.10	7.05	3.41	3.49	*	1.77	1.75	*

* Not available

AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK SOLD BY FARMERS AND QUANTITIES OF DAIRY
PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, NEVADA BY MONTHS, 1971-73

Month	Fat Test of			Dairy Products Manufactured ^{1/}					
	Milk Sold			Ice Cream ^{2/}			Ice Milk ^{2/}		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	- - Percent - -			- - - - - Thousand Gallons - - - - -					
January . . .	3.79	3.80	3.81	56	68	82	35	36	37
February . . .	3.67	3.66	3.73	54	71	70	40	42	45
March	3.64	3.55	3.66	75	95	96	51	58	58
April	3.51	3.53	3.55	73	77	86	55	53	62
May	3.48	3.47	3.46	68	93	101	55	71	72
June	3.42	3.44	3.42	76	108	98	78	86	87
July	3.38	3.42	3.45	96	108	110	94	96	87
August	3.41	3.46	3.50	94	112	110	98	96	97
September . .	3.52	3.56	3.60	84	88	86	65	63	61
October	3.65	3.64	3.68	65	86	91	50	51	54
November . . .	3.73	3.73	3.72	70	80	81	39	40	46
December . . .	3.83	3.82	3.78	61	66	76	35	33	46
Annual	3.58	3.58	3.61	872	1052	1087	695	725	752

^{1/} Sherbet production on annual basis; 1971 - 66,000 gallons; 1972 - 69,000 gallons; 1973 - 70,000 gallons. Other items manufactured are not shown when less than 3 plants have reported since individual operations might be disclosed. ^{2/} Includes production in regular dairy plants and soft frozen products sold directly from a freezer.

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MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, BY COUNTIES, NEVADA 1970-73

County	1970			1971		
	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production
	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.
Churchill	3,300	10,820	35.7	3,400	10,380	35.3
Clark	4,500	10,800	48.6	4,400	11,090	48.8
Douglas	1,600	12,630	20.2	1,800	12,110	21.8
Lyon	1,200	10,250	12.3	1,200	9,830	11.8
Washoe	1,200	8,250	9.9	1,000	8,000	8.0
All Others	2,100	7,290	15.3	2,100	7,290	15.3
State Total	13,900	10,216	142.0	13,900	10,144	141.0

County	1972			1973		
	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production
	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.
Churchill	3,500	10,500	36.8	3,600	10,600	38.2
Clark	4,300	11,200	48.2	4,400	11,000	48.4
Douglas	1,900	12,000	22.8	1,700	12,100	20.6
Lyon	1,100	10,000	11.0	1,100	10,200	11.2
Washoe	950	8,600	8.2	900	8,700	7.8
All Others	2,050	7,800	16.0	2,100	8,000	16.8
State Total	13,800	10,362	143.0	13,800	10,362	143.0

HONEY BEE COLONIES, HONEY & BEESWAX PRODUCTION
VALUE OF PRODUCTION, NEVADA 1965-73

Year	Colonies Thou.	Pounds Honey Produced		Beeswax Produced		Value of Production			Honey Stocks Dec. 15 Thou.
		Per Colony	Total Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Dollars Per Pound	Total Dollars Thou. Pound	Dollars Per Pound	Total Dollars Thou. Pound	
		Colonies	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Per Pound	Thou. Pound	Per Pound	Thou. Pound	
1965	9	60	540	10	.146	79	.44	4	54
1966	9	68	612	11	.141	86	.47	5	122
1967	9	80	720	13	.143	103	.62	8	288
1968	8	65	520	9	.143	74	.68	6	21
1969	7	105	735	13	.153	112	.69	9	294
1970	7	72	504	8	.146	74	.59	5	96
1971	8	70	560	10	.202	113	.60	6	50
1972	8	70	560	6	.286	160	.60	4	56
1973	7	95	665	8	.402	267	.70	6	67

S T A T I S T I C A L R E P O R T I N G S E R V I C E

C H I C K E N S A N D E G G S

Total chickens on Nevada farms and ranches were estimated at 26,000 birds on December 1, 1973. This is an increase of 18 percent or 4,000 chickens from a year earlier and 44 percent or 8,000 more than were reported on hand on December 1, 1971. Of the total chickens, 22,000 birds were of laying age on December 1, 1973.

Total value of chickens in Nevada on December 1, 1973 came to \$49,000 which was 44 percent more than a year earlier. Value per bird increased from \$1.55 in 1972 to \$1.90 in 1973.

CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1971-73 ^{1/}

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1971	1972	1973	73 as % of 72	1971	1972	1973	73 as % of 72
	- Thousand Head -				- - - - Thousand Head - - - -			
Total chickens.	18	22	26	118	425,576	406,241	412,329	101
Laying age.	16	17	22	129	321,053	302,046	296,378	98
Hens.	10	8	13	163	138,157	132,206	127,238	96
Pullets	6	9	9	100	182,896	169,840	169,140	100
All others.	2	5	4	80	104,523	104,195	115,951	111

VALUE OF CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1971-73 ^{1/}

Value	Nevada			United States		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
Per Head	1.40	1.55	1.90	1.23	1.28	1.62
Total Thou. Do1.	25	34	49	524,002	519,908	669,120

^{1/} Excludes commercial broilers.

EGG PRODUCTION: NUMBER OF LAYERS, EGGS PER LAYER
AND TOTAL PRODUCTION, BY QUARTERS, 1971-73

Quarter	Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers ^{1/}			Total Production		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	- - Thousands - -			- - Number - -			- - Thousands - -		
Dec ^{2/} - Feb.	18.0	16.0	18.0	3,650	3,731	3,555	657	597	640
March - May	17.0	17.0	19.0	5,465	5,106	5,262	929	868	1,000
June - Aug.	16.7	18.0	21.0	5,485	5,216	5,354	916	939	1,124
Sept - Nov.	16.0	18.0	22.0	4,013	3,831	3,959	642	690	871
Total ^{3/}	16.9	17.3	20.0	186	179	182	3,144	3,094	3,635

^{1/} Number of eggs produced divided by average number of layers on hand.

^{2/} December preceding year.

^{3/} Layers are the average during the year. Rate of lay is the annual per layer.

EGGS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, NEVADA 1971-73

Year	Eggs Produced	Home Consumption	Eggs Sold	Price Per Dozen	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- - - Million Eggs - - -			Cents	- - - Thousand Dollars - - -		
1971	3.0	.8	2.2	27.8	51	19	70
1972	3.0	.8	2.2	30.1	55	20	75
1973	4.0	.7	3.3	53.7	148	31	179

FARM LABOR

Nevada's farm and ranch labor force averaged 4,700 workers during 1973. This is a decrease of 2 percent from the 4,800 workers averaged for 1972 and the same number as 1971. The labor force was at the lowest level during the winter months when about 3,800 workers were employed. During the winter, there is generally little planting and farmers activity is limited to harvesting vegetables on a small acreage in Moapa Valley. The work force increases from the low point around the first of the year until July when the number of workers reaches 6,300 during the peak hay and grain harvest period.

Family workers averaged 2,500 about the same as in most years. July was also the peak with 3,200 family workers while January and December had 2,100 for the lowest number. The average number of hired workers was 2,200 which is 100 below the previous two years. The number of hired workers follows the same monthly pattern as total workers.

Farm employment represents number of family and hired labor working during the survey week. Family labor includes farm operators working on farms one hour or more plus other family members working 15 hours or more without receiving cash wages during the survey week. Hired workers include all persons working one hour or more for cash wages.

WORKERS ON NEVADA FARMS AND RANCHES, BY MONTHS 1/, 1971-73

Month	Family Workers			Hired Workers			Total Workers		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	Thousands								
January	1.9	2.0	2.1	1.3	1.2	1.6	3.2	3.2	3.7
February	1.9	1.9	2.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	3.2	3.2	3.9
March	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.6	1.7	4.0	3.8	4.1
April	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.0	2.0	4.8	4.6	4.5
May	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	5.0	5.0	5.0
June	2.9	3.0	2.6	3.0	3.1	3.0	5.9	6.1	5.6
July	3.0	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	6.2	6.3	6.3
August	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.7	3.6	3.0	6.8	6.8	5.9
September	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	5.4	5.4	5.2
October	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.4	4.6	5.0	4.8
November	1.9	1.7	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.1	3.7	3.7	4.4
December	1.9	1.7	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.7	3.5	3.5	3.8
Annual Average	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.3	2.2	4.7	4.8	4.7

1/ Persons employed during the last full calendar week ending at least one day before the end of the month.

FARM WAGE RATES, 1971-73

Item	Nevada			United States		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	Dollars					
Per month with house	344.00	349.00	432.00	340.00	361.00	393.00
Per month with board and room	262.00	264.00	315.00	263.00	280.00	309.00
Per day without board or room	14.00	14.00	17.10	12.20	13.20	14.50
Per hour without board or room	1.83	1.82	2.13	1.73	1.84	2.00

NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1970-73
(Dollars)

Com- modity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. 1/	
Wheat	:Cwt.	1970	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.33	2.33	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.33	2.33	2.25	2.33	2.32	
		1971	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.52	
		1972	2.50	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.67	2.67	2.92	3.25	2.83
		1973	3.50	3.42	3.42	3.33	3.58	4.17	4.17	6.25	6.58	6.25	6.33	6.83	6.83	6.33
Barley	:Cwt.	1970	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.50	2.50	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.29	2.40	2.50	2.60	2.46	
		1971	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.81	2.92	2.81	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.73
		1972	2.71	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.71	2.71	2.71	2.81	2.81	2.92	3.13	2.90
		1973	3.33	3.44	3.33	3.33	3.33	3.75	3.75	5.00	5.00	5.10	5.00	5.10	5.10	5.00
Alfalfa seed	:Cwt.	1970	38.00	40.00	40.50	40.50	-	-	-	-	38.00	38.00	37.50	37.50	37.50	
		1971	37.00	37.00	37.00	36.00	37.00	37.00	-	-	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	
		1972	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	-	-	38.00	41.00	43.00	50.00	42.00	
		1973	48.00	57.00	55.00	-	-	-	-	-	90.00	80.00	85.00	100.00	88.00	
Alfalfa hay	:Ton	1970	28.50	30.00	30.00	28.50	28.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.00	28.00	28.50	28.90
		1971	29.50	29.00	29.00	30.00	30.50	29.50	29.00	28.50	28.50	28.50	29.00	29.50	30.50	30.70
		1972	32.50	32.50	32.00	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	31.50	32.50	34.00	34.00	34.60
		1973	35.00	38.00	39.00	40.00	42.00	39.00	41.00	43.00	49.00	58.00	62.00	64.00	N.A.	
Wild hay	:Ton	1970	22.00	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70
		1971	23.50	22.50	23.00	23.50	24.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.50	24.50	25.50	26.40	
		2/ 1972	28.00	28.00	27.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	29.00	29.00	29.80	
		2/ 1973	30.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	37.00	34.50	35.50	38.00	45.00	50.00	53.50	55.00	N.A.	
All hay	:Ton	1970	26.50	28.50	28.50	27.00	26.50	25.60	25.60	25.60	25.80	26.50	26.50	26.90	27.00	
		1971	27.90	27.00	27.40	28.20	28.80	28.00	27.70	27.30	27.30	27.80	28.10	29.20	29.00	
		1972	31.10	31.10	30.60	30.10	30.10	30.10	30.10	30.10	30.10	30.00	32.50	32.50	33.00	
		1973	33.50	36.50	38.00	38.50	40.50	37.50	39.50	41.50	48.00	55.50	59.50	61.00	56.00	
Milk cows	:Head	1970	300.	300.	310.	310.	310.	310.	310.	310.	310.	320.	320.	320.	311.	
		1971	320.	320.	320.	330.	330.	330.	330.	330.	330.	330.	340.	350.	330.	
		1972	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	350.	
		1973	360.	360.	380.	390.	400.	420.	450.	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	438.	
Milk fluid	:Cwt.	1970	5.95	5.80	5.70	5.90	5.80	5.65	5.70	5.75	6.00	6.15	6.25	6.35	5.90	
		1971	6.30	6.15	6.10	5.95	5.90	5.75	5.75	5.85	6.05	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.05	
		1972	6.35	6.20	6.05	6.00	5.90	5.85	5.90	5.95	6.15	6.25	6.35	6.40	6.10	
		1973	6.40	6.35	6.40	6.30	6.45	6.60	6.65	7.15	7.50	7.60	7.95	8.80	7.05	

NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1970-73, Continued

Commodity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. ^{1/}
Beef cattle	:Cwt.	1970	26.40	27.10	28.10	28.50	27.30	27.20	27.30	26.50	26.80	26.60	25.70	25.30	26.80
		1971	25.50	27.80	27.50	27.50	28.60	28.20	27.30	27.60	28.10	28.40	28.00	29.60	27.90
		1972	30.40	31.40	31.40	31.00	32.00	33.10	33.50	32.50	33.10	33.00	32.20	33.30	32.30
		1973	37.70	39.80	40.80	40.00	41.40	40.90	43.70	48.00	48.30	41.30	39.30	36.30	41.00
Steers & heifers	:Cwt.	1970	29.00	29.50	30.50	31.00	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.00	29.00	29.00	28.50	28.00	29.30
		1971	28.00	30.50	30.00	30.00	31.00	30.50	29.50	30.00	30.50	31.00	31.00	33.00	30.60
		1972	34.00	34.50	34.00	33.50	34.50	36.00	36.50	35.50	36.00	36.00	35.00	36.50	35.30
		1973	41.50	43.50	44.00	43.50	45.00	44.00	47.00	52.00	52.50	45.00	43.50	39.50	44.70
Cows	:Cwt.	1970	20.00	20.50	21.00	21.50	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.00	20.50	20.00	18.50	18.50	20.10
		1971	19.00	20.00	19.50	20.00	20.50	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	19.90
		1972	21.00	22.00	22.50	23.00	23.50	23.50	23.50	23.00	23.50	23.50	24.50	24.50	23.30
		1973	27.50	28.50	30.00	29.00	29.50	30.50	32.50	35.50	34.00	29.50	28.00	27.50	29.60
Calves	:Cwt.	1970	34.00	34.50	34.00	34.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	32.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
		1971	34.00	34.50	34.00	35.00	35.50	35.00	33.50	34.00	34.50	35.50	36.00	38.00	35.60
		1972	39.50	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	42.50	44.00	44.00	45.00	46.00	47.00	48.00	44.40
		1973	49.00	51.50	56.00	60.00	60.00	58.00	58.00	61.00	61.00	58.50	53.50	50.00	54.80
Sheep	:Cwt.	1970	8.50	8.70	9.00	8.70	8.50	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	6.50	6.50	7.50
		1971	6.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.50	6.30	6.00	5.50	5.50	6.30
		1972	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	8.00	8.00	7.10
		1973	9.00	10.00	11.00	10.50	10.00	10.50	11.00	14.50	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	11.60
Lambs	:Cwt.	1970	28.00	28.50	28.50	27.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	24.00	27.00
		1971	23.50	24.00	24.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	26.50	26.00	25.00	25.50	25.60
		1972	26.50	27.00	29.00	28.50	29.50	30.50	30.00	29.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.10
		1973	29.00	30.00	37.00	35.00	32.50	33.00	34.00	44.00	31.50	30.00	33.50	36.00	33.10
Eggs	:Doz.	1970	.53	.48	.41	.34	.30	.29	.37	.30	.35	.28	.33	.36	.370
		1971	.33	.29	.29	.27	.25	.27	.22	.29	.28	.25	.26	.33	.278
		1972	.29	.27	.32	.25	.29	.27	.30	.28	.38	.32	.38	.45	.301
		1973	.52	.46	.50	.50	.46	.48	.53	.70	.65	.56	.58	.61	.537
Wool	:Lb.	1970	-	-	.25	-	.31	.30	.32	.37	.29	.32	.28	.28	.29
		1971	-	-	.29	.24	.21	.17	.17	.18	.17	.17	.17	.17	.18
		1972	-	-	.19	.30	.30	.33	.25	.27	.35	.35	.43	.44	.30
		1973	-	-	.84	.90	.86	.81	.77	.71	.69	.69	-	-	.84

^{1/} Average for crops based on crop year marketing season--livestock and products based on calendar year.

^{2/} All other hay including wild.

S T A T I S T I C A L R E P O R T I N G S E R V I C E

CONSUMPTION BY KIND OF FERTILIZER, NEVADA, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1971-73

Kind of Fertilizer	1971	1972	1973
Tons			
Anhydrous ammonia.	1,332	1,740	1,180
Ammonium nitrate	271	1,042	902
Ammonium sulphate.	3,612	3,457	3,137
Nitrogen solution.	6	29	1,067
Urea	532	286	323
Other nitrogen materials	603	30	37
Ammonium phosphates.	3,556	3,612	4,773
Superphosphate	1,132	1,325	1,238
Other phosphates	109	131	2
Potash materials	4	10	8
Gypsum	1,161	602	4,160
Other secondary and micronutrients	538	370	390
Natural organics	863	1,013	1,443
Total direct-application material.	13,719	13,647	18,660
Total commercial mixtures.	3,279	4,286	6,059
Total all kinds of fertilizer.	16,998	17,933	24,719

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS FOR
FEED AND FERTILIZER, NEVADA, 1971-73

Commodity	Unit	1971	1972	1973	Commodity	Unit	1971	1972	1973
Dollars					Dollars				
Feed:					Fertilizer:				
Dairy feed, 14%	:Ton	70.50	71.20	95.70	11-48-0 . . .	:Ton	102.00	112.00	125.00
Dairy feed, 16%	:Ton	74.40	75.80	116.00	16-20-0 . . .	:Ton	88.00	87.50	97.00
Laying feed. . .	:Ton	111.00	113.00	158.00	Ammonium	:			
Bran	:Cwt.	4.47	4.64	6.19	sulphate.	:Ton	62.00	59.50	70.50
Cottonseed	:				Anhydrous	:			
meal, 41% . . .	:Cwt.	5.79	6.58	12.40	ammonium.	:Ton	80.00	82.50	90.50
Stock salt . . .	:Cwt.	2.50	2.52	2.57	Urea.	:Ton	97.00	93.00	99.00
Alfalfa hay,	:				Superphos-	:			
baled.	:Ton	38.50	43.40	56.40	phate, 45%	:Ton	88.00	91.00	98.00
					Gypsum. . . .	:Ton	18.00	16.30	16.50

CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS BY COMMODITIES, NEVADA, 1971-73

Item	1971		1972		1973	
	Thou.	% of	Thou.	% of	Thou.	% of
	Dol.	Total	Dol.	Total	Dol.	Total
Cattle & Calves.	63,157	69.7	78,293	71.2	99,775	67.8
Dairy products	8,299	9.2	8,529	7.8	9,756	6.6
Sheep & Lambs (Including Wool)	4,414	4.9	6,221	5.6	6,359	4.3
All Other Livestock & Products	821	.9	1,042	.9	1,890	1.3
Total Livestock & Products	76,691	84.7	94,085	85.5	117,780	80.0
All Hay.	7,028	7.8	7,378	6.7	11,289	7.7
Alfalfa Seed	3,432	3.8	3,623	3.3	7,763	5.3
Vegetables	1,468	1.6	2,698	2.5	6,323	4.3
Food & Feed Grains	1,453	1.6	1,423	1.3	3,092	2.1
Cotton, Lint & Seed.	107	.1	452	.4	589	.4
All Other Crops.	333	.4	319	.3	353	.2
Total Crops.	13,821	15.3	15,893	14.5	29,409	20.0
Total All Commodities.	90,512	100.0	109,978	100.0	147,189	100.0

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1973

PRODUCTION EXPENSES OF NEVADA FARMERS AND RANCHERS, 1971-73 1/

Item	1971	1972	1973
	Million Dollars		
Feed	11.3	12.8	19.2
Livestock.	7.2	12.1	16.3
Seed3	.3	.5
Fertilizer and lime.	1.1	1.4	1.7
Repair and operation of capital items.	9.3	9.6	10.9
Hired labor.	14.1	14.2	15.8
Miscellaneous.	14.9	15.6	18.8
Total current farm operating expenses.	58.4	66.0	83.2
Depreciation and other consumption of farm capital	14.8	16.5	19.0
Taxes on farm property	3.8	3.9	4.1
Interest on farm mortgage debt	5.1	5.2	5.9
Net rent to nonfarm landlords.9	.9	1.0
Total production expense	82.9	92.6	113.2

FARM INCOME HIGHER IN 1973

Total net income per Nevada farm or ranch averaged \$25,636 in 1973--nearly double the 1972 net income of \$14,481. This sizeable increase occurred in spite of record high farm production expenses. A 34 percent increase in cash receipts from farm marketings was largely responsible for the increase in total net income. Realized gross income averaged \$80,678 per farm or ranch during 1973 compared with \$61,570 in 1972 and \$50,741 in 1971.

FARM INCOME, NEVADA, 1971-73 1/

Item	1971	1972	1973
	Million Dollars		
Realized gross farm income			
Cash receipts from farm marketings	90.5	110.0	147.2
Government payments.	1.5	2.6	1.7
Nonmoney income.	8.2	9.1	10.8
Other farm income.	1.3	1.4	1.7
Total gross farm income.	101.5	123.1	161.4
Farm production expenses	82.9	92.6	113.2
Realized net farm income	18.5	30.6	48.1
Net change in farm inventories	2.0	-1.6	3.1
Total net farm income.	20.6	29.0	51.3
Farm income per farm	Dollars		
Realized gross income per farm	50,741	61,570	80,678
Realized net income per farm	9,273	15,281	24,075
Total net farm income per farm	10,284	14,481	25,636

1/ Details may not add to totals due to rounding.

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