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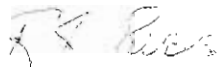
This annual report presents a summary of crop, livestock, price and related agricultural data for Nevada for 1974 along with comparisons for recent years. Early season forecasts and preliminary estimates are issued currently during the year by the Nevada Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This bulletin 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 1974

NUMBER OF FARMS

Total number of farms and ranches operated in Nevada during 1974 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 1975, which is unchanged from 1974. 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 1974.

Average size of farm or ranch in Nevada during 1974 remained at 4,500 acres which is also projected for 1975. Nevada ranks second after Arizona with the largest size units in the 48 conterminous states.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS AND RANCHES, 1965-75

Year	Nevada			United States		
	Number of Farms	Average Size of Farms Acres	Land in Farms 1,000 Acres	Number of Farms Thousands	Average Size of Farms Acres	Land in Farms 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
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	2,000	4,500	9,000	2,830	384	1,087,788
1975	1/2,000	4,500	9,000	2,819	385	1,086,375
1976						

1/ Preliminary

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
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	1,833.9	489.5	152.5	754.7
1974	1,700	550	260	270	1,881.0	470.3	146.2	773.7
1975								

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 a record 1,190 thousand tons of crops during the 1974 growing season. This was about 8 percent more than the previous (1971) record. Dry, windy and sometimes cold temperatures describes the weather during the spring months. Irrigation water supplies were adequate to plentiful throughout the growing season and most operations had enough water for late season needs. Hot, dry weather in July and August was favorable for harvesting, but hurt yields of small grains. First cuttings of alfalfa were generally disappointing as late spring frosts, insects, and dry windy weather took their toll. Yields improved on later cuttings. Range grasses also suffered from the poor start early in the season. Grass fire threats prevailed throughout the summer and fall. Grass on ranges at the lower levels were extremely dry. Many ranchers delayed moving stock to the summer ranges and returned them earlier than usual as the supply of feed was short.

Small grain yields were generally below average and were also less than in 1973. Wheat yielded from 3 to 5 bushels below the 1973 crop, however, oats showed a 7 bushel increase. Alfalfa seed, an important cash crop, returned 400 pounds of seed per acre compared with 415 pounds in 1973. Poor pollination and high insect populations were contributing causes for the reduced yields. Weather conditions were favorable throughout the harvest season and little or no losses were experienced due to bad weather. Dry weather continued into the winter months and soil moisture supplies were extremely short as 1974 came to an end.

More acres were harvested in 1974 than in 1973. Crops were harvested from 515 thousand acres in 1974 compared with 506 thousand a year earlier. Alfalfa hay, wheat and potatoes were the big gainers. Other hay (mostly wild hay) decreased in acreage.

C R O P   V A L U E S

Total value of crops produced in Nevada reached a record high \$77.9 million in 1974. This compares with the previous record of \$72.5 million in 1973. Higher prices for grains and hay more than offset the decrease in the prices of cotton and potatoes.

Value of the alfalfa seed crop increased sharply in 1974. This was the 9th consecutive year showing an increase. Hay, the States most important crop, had a farm value of 52.5 million dollars and accounted for about 67 percent of the value of all crops harvested in 1974.

A C R E A G E ,   P R O D U C T I O N   A N D   V A L U E ,   N E V A D A ,   1 9 7 2 - 1 9 7 4

CROP	: Acres Harvested :			: Tons Produced :			: Values--Dollars		
	: 1972 :	: 1973 :	: 1974 :	: 1972 :	: 1973 :	: 1974 :	: 1972 :	: 1973 :	: 1974
	----- Thousands -----								
Corn silage . . .	3.0	3.0	3.0	51.0	50.0	51.0	663	1,000	1,020
All grain crops	31.0	31.0	34.0	44.0	43.4	46.8	2,556	5,007	5,868
Alfalfa seed . .	18.5	20.5	21.0	4.6	4.3	4.2	3,885	7,487	8,148
Cotton & seed . .	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	480	608	517
Potatoes 1/ . .	1/	1/	8.5	1/	1/	159.4	1/	1/	8,129
Other crops . .	4.4	6.5	1.5	67.7	95.6	13.9	5,062	8,031	1,716
All hay . . . .	435.0	443.0	445.0	870.0	891.0	913.0	29,145	50,342	52,498
Total . . . . .	494.0	505.9	514.7	1,038.9	1,085.8	1,189.7	41,791	72,475	77,896

1/ Other crops include potatoes 1972 and 1973. Potatoes shown separately 1974.

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CROPS HARVESTED IN NEVADA, 1973 and 1974

Crop & Year	Acres	Production		Unit	Value of Production <sup>1/</sup>	
	Harvested	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
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<b>Winter Wheat</b>						
1973. . . . .	8	70.0	560	Bu.	3.84	2,150
1974. . . . .	10	65.0	650	"	3.85	2,503
<b>Spring Wheat</b>						
1973. . . . .	6	40.0	240	"	3.84	922
1974. . . . .	8	37.0	296	"	3.85	1,140
<b>All Wheat</b>						
1973. . . . .	14	57.1	800	"	3.84	3,072
1974. . . . .	18	52.6	946	"	3.85	3,643
<b>Oats</b>						
1973. . . . .	2	43.0	86	"	1.65	142
1974. . . . .	2	50.0	100	"	1.95	195
<b>Barley</b>						
1973. . . . .	15	50.0	750	"	2.39	1,793
1974. . . . .	14	50.0	700	"	2.90	2,030
<b>Potatoes</b>						
1973. . . . .	NA	NA	NA		NA	NA
1974. . . . .	8.5	375	3,188	Cwt.	2.55	8,129
<b>Alfalfa Seed</b>						
1973. . . . .	20.5	415	8,508	Lb.	.88	7,487
1974. . . . .	21.0	400	8,400	"	.97	8,148
<b>Cotton, lint <sup>2/</sup></b>						
1973. . . . .	1.9	477	1.9	Bale	.55	498
1974. . . . .	1.7	586	2.1	"	.40	398
<b>Cottonseed</b>						
1973. . . . .	-	-	1.0	Ton	110.00	110
1974. . . . .	-	-	.9	"	132.00	119
<b>Corn for silage</b>						
1973. . . . .	3	16.5	50	"	20.00	1,000
1974. . . . .	3	17.0	51	"	20.00	1,020
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>						
1973. . . . .	175	3.25	569	"	NA	NA
1974. . . . .	180	3.45	621	"	NA	NA
<b>All other hay</b>						
1973. . . . .	268	1.20	322	"	NA	NA
1974. . . . .	265	1.10	292	"	NA	NA
<b>All hay</b>						
1973. . . . .	443	2.01	891	"	56.50	50,342
1974. . . . .	445	2.05	913	"	57.50	52,498

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 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

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BY COUNTIES, NEVADA 1974

County	Alfalfa Hay			All Other Hay			All Hay
	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production	Production
		Ton	Ton		Ton	Ton	Ton
Churchill. . .	25,000	3.90	97,500	1,900	2.00	3,800	101,300
Douglas. . . .	8,200	3.70	30,300	5,000	1.90	9,500	39,800
Humboldt. . .	40,000	3.40	136,000	59,000	1.20	70,800	206,800
Lyon. . . . .	27,000	3.70	99,900	2,200	2.00	4,400	104,300
Carson City. :	500	2.20	1,100	400	1.20	500	1,600
Pershing. . .	17,000	3.90	66,300	2,600	2.00	5,200	71,500
Storey. . . .	100	3.00	300	100	1.00	100	400
Washoe. . . .	6,100	4.00	24,400	5,500	1.80	9,900	34,300
District 1 :	123,900	3.65	455,800	76,700	1.35	104,200	560,000
Elko. . . . .	14,000	2.50	35,000	140,000	1.00	140,000	175,000
Eureka. . . .	10,400	2.50	26,000	14,300	1.00	14,300	40,300
Lander. . . .	5,000	1.80	9,000	19,300	1.00	19,300	28,300
White Pine. .	8,000	2.60	20,800	6,500	1.00	6,500	27,300
District 3 :	37,400	2.45	90,800	180,100	1.00	180,100	270,900
Clark. . . . .	4,000	5.60	22,400	300	2.00	600	23,000
Esmeralda. .	3,300	4.10	13,500	200	1.50	300	13,800
Lincoln. . . .	3,600	2.50	9,000	1,600	1.20	1,900	10,900
Mineral. . . .	1,600	3.30	5,300	100	1.00	100	5,400
Nye. . . . .	6,200	3.90	24,200	6,000	.80	4,800	29,000
District 8 :	18,700	4.00	74,400	8,200	.95	7,700	82,100
State Total :	180,000	3.45	621,000	265,000	1.10	292,000	913,000

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ALFALFA SEED: ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY COUNTIES, 1969-74

Year :	Humboldt :	Pershing :	Lander :	All Other 1/ :	Nevada Total
Acreage Harvested					
Acres					
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 :	8,000	11,000	1,500	500	21,000
1975 :					

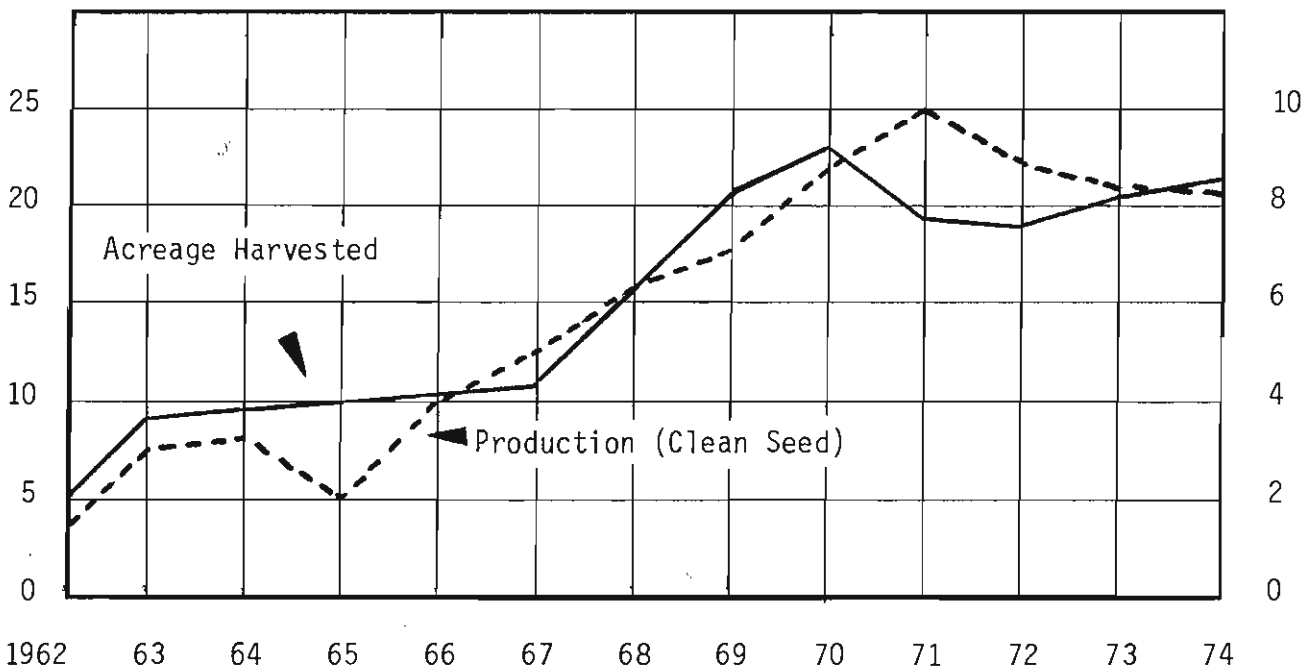
Yield Per Acre					
Pounds					
1969 :	315	490	240	120	335
1970 :	330	630	160	165	375
1971 :	620	605	250	125	520
1972 :	545	565	250	200	500
1973 :	460	435	290	140	415
1974 :	410	405	350	300	400
1975 :					

Production of Clean Seed					
Thousand Pounds					
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 :	3,320	4,440	525	115	8,400
1975 :					

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

ALFALFA SEED ACREAGE HARVESTED AND PRODUCTION, NEVADA, 1962-74

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WEATHER SUMMARY, 1973 - 74

GENERAL: Precipitation for the water year October 1, 1973 through September 30, 1974 totaled 6.63 inches--nearly 2 inches below normal and 4 inches under a year earlier. Below normal precipitation starting early in the spring and extending well into late fall was especially detrimental to range grasses. Spring grazing was disappointing and conditions became worse as the season progressed. Many ranchers took livestock off high elevation ranges a month earlier than usual due to the lack of adequate grazing. Temperatures during the water year averaged 50.8 degrees which is up fractionally from average and nearly 2 degrees above a year earlier. July was the hottest month as usual with an average of 72.1 degrees.

FALL, 1973: October temperatures averaged slightly below normal throughout Nevada. Precipitation in the form of rain and/or snow was generally too light to alleviate the condition created by hot, dry winds during July, August and September. Mild temperatures prevailed throughout most of November. Precipitation varied from light to heavy at intervals in the north but remained extremely light in the south.

WINTER, 1973-74: No significant precipitation was recorded during December. Most snow melted shortly after falling as temperatures averaged well above normal in the northern part of Nevada. The first general storm of the season fell on New Year's eve blanketing much of the extreme south which seldom has an accumulation of snow. Temperatures dropped sharply to well below normal during the first half of January but moderated considerably toward the end of the month. Precipitation was light statewide until the last week of January when all stations except Reno had measurable amounts.

SPRING, 1974: Temperatures early in March were slightly below normal but precipitation was widespread in all areas except the extreme south. Temperatures were well above normal the last half of March. Precipitation was sporadic and confined largely to northern areas. Rain and snow was general near the end of the month. Temperatures averaged near normal early in April but dropped to 5 degrees below in most areas the latter part of the month. Precipitation was widespread but light. May was an extremely dry month. This was the beginning of a pattern which extended throughout the remainder of the year.

SUMMER, 1974: Temperatures averaged well above normal throughout June while wide fluctuations were experienced during July and August. Precipitation was light and scattered during July but well below normal in most areas throughout June and August. September was another extremely dry month in Nevada. Temperature extremes ranged from 14 to 106 degrees. Precipitation was measurable at only three locations. Hot, dry winds throughout the summer were responsible for conditions leading to numerous range fires.

WATER SUPPLY: Irrigation water supplies continued above average throughout the 1974 crop season. Snowpack remained well above normal in all areas. This, coupled with high reservoir storage, insured an excellent water supply with streamflow receding later than usual.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION FOR WATER YEAR, 1974

	1973			1974									
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
	-----Degrees-----												
Temperature													
1973-74	:50.7	39.5	34.5	28.8	34.3	43.3	46.1	57.7	69.2	72.1	69.5	64.0	50.8
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	:-1.1	+ .1	+1.8	- .8	+ .5	+3.0	-2.5	+1.3	+4.8	- .8	-1.3	+1.2	+ .5
	-----Inches-----												
Precipitation													
1973-74	: .51	1.20	.98	1.04	.30	1.00	.55	.12	.01	.60	.28	.04	6.63
Normal	: .68	.68	.90	.94	.88	.81	.79	.77	.53	.47	.41	.39	8.25
Departure	: -.17	+ .52	+ .08	+ .10	- .58	+ .19	- .24	- .65	- .52	+ .13	- .13	- .35	- 1.62

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

Crop	1974		Usual Planting Dates	Usual Harvesting Dates			Principal Producing Areas and Counties
	Harvested Acreage (000)			Begin	Most Active	End	
Barley:							
Fall sown			Sept.5-Oct. 20	July 10	July 15-Aug.25	Sept.5	District 1
Spring sown	14		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	1.8		Apr.15-May 5	Oct. 15	Oct. 25-Dec.15	Jan.1	Nye
Hay:							
Alfalfa	180			Apr. 10		Nov.1	Clark
All other	265			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	10		Sept.5-Oct. 20	July 15	Aug. 1 -Aug.25	Sept.5	Humboldt Pershing
Other spring:	8		Apr. 1-May 10	July 25	Aug. 10-Sept.5	Sept.15	Humboldt Pershing Eureka Lander
<u>SEED CROPS:</u>							
Alfalfa	20.0			Aug. 25	Sept.5 -Oct. 5	Oct. 15	Humboldt Pershing Lander



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LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Nevada's cattle count on January 1, 1975 was 657,000 head. This is 1 percent fewer than the record number on hand a year earlier. Milk cows at 14,000 head and replacement milk heifers at 6,000 were unchanged from 1974. Beef cows, totaling 338,000 head, accounted for over half the population and showed a sharp 3 percent decrease. Other classes, all in the over 500 pound weight groups, showing decreases were bulls and heifers (not for replacements) down 6 percent and steers down 4 percent. Increases of 2 percent were shown for replacement beef heifers and a 5 percent increase in the number of light weight stock.

The number of cattle on feed dropped from 51,000 head on January 1, 1974 to 36,000 head January 1, 1975. This 29 percent decrease reflects the high cost of the feeding rations and the corresponding low prices feeders get for finished animals.

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS, JANUARY 1, 1973-1975

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1973	1974	1975	:75 as % : of 74	1973*	1974*	1975*	:75 as % : of 74
	- Thousand Head -		Percent		- Thousand Head -		Percent	
Cattle & calves . . . . .	651	664	657	99	121,534	127,670	131,826	103
Cows that calved . . . . .	354	363	352	97	52,541	54,293	56,637	104
Beef cows . . . . .	340	349	338	97	40,918	43,008	45,421	106
Milk cows . . . . .	14	14	14	100	11,624	11,286	11,217	99
Heifers 500 lb.+ . . . .	76	76	76	100	17,743	18,988	19,482	103
Beef replacement . . . .	53	53	54	102	7,436	8,226	8,879	108
Milk replacement . . . .	6	6	6	100	3,874	3,942	4,095	104
Other heifers . . . . .	17	17	16	94	6,434	6,821	6,509	95
Steers 500 lb.+ . . . .	52	55	53	96	16,555	17,802	16,378	92
Bulls 500 lb.+ . . . .	18	18	17	94	2,466	2,645	2,987	113
Calves 500 lb.- . . . .	151	152	159	105	32,229	33,942	36,342	107
Sheep & Lambs . . . . .	180	177	151	85	17,724	16,394	14,538	89
On feed . . . . .	19	23	13	57	2,872	2,650	2,058	78
Stock sheep . . . . .	161	154	138	90	14,852	13,744	12,480	91
Lambs . . . . .	27	22	19	86	2,251	2,173	1,927	89
Ewes . . . . .	26	21	18	86	1,896	1,811	1,520	84
Wethers & rams . . . .	1	1	1	100	355	362	407	112
1 year & over . . . . .	134	132	119	90	12,600	11,571	10,553	91
Ewes . . . . .	131	129	116	90	12,116	11,106	10,107	91
Wethers & rams . . . . .	3	3	3	100	484	465	446	96
Hogs & pigs 1/ . . . . .	10.0	10.0	10.0	100	58,180	61,106	55,062	90

1/ December 1 preceding year. \*May not add due to rounding.

VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1973-75

Species	Value Per Head			Total Value		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	- - - Dollars - - -			- - - Thousand Dollars - - -		
Cattle & calves . . . . .	255.00	320.00	165.00	166,005	212,480	108,405
Sheep & lambs . . . . .	33.00	41.00	37.50	5,940	7,257	5,663
Hogs & pigs 1/ . . . . .	32.00	59.00	44.00	320	590	440
Total 3 species . . . . .	-	-	-	172,265	220,327	114,508

1/ December 1, preceding year.

FARM VALUES

Inventory value of Nevada's livestock on farms and ranches at the beginning of 1975 was estimated at \$114.5 million or about half as much as the record value of \$220 million set in 1974. This compares with \$172 million for 1973. Most of the decrease is attributed to much lower animal values, however, the decrease in cattle inventory was also responsible for some of the decline.

Value of the cattle inventory at the beginning of 1975 was \$108.4 million, well below the record \$212 million for 1974. This is only about half the 1974 value of \$212.5 million. The inventory value of sheep was estimated at \$5.7 million and compares with \$7.3 million in 1974. The value of hogs and pigs on hand on December 1, 1974 was \$440,000 and compares with \$590,000 in December 1973.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FARMS AND RANCHES BY COUNTIES,  
NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1970-75

County	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Number of Head						
Carson City . . . . .	1,300	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600
Churchill . . . . .	51,800	54,000	63,300	60,000	64,000	64,000
Douglas . . . . .	25,200	27,000	27,000	26,500	26,000	26,000
Humboldt. . . . .	87,000	92,700	80,000	77,000	84,000	80,000
Lyon. . . . .	38,300	35,700	40,200	42,000	43,000	43,000
Pershing. . . . .	35,100	37,200	35,800	37,500	39,000	40,000
Storey. . . . .	200	200	200	200	400	400
Washoe. . . . .	25,800	27,500	26,100	27,000	26,500	27,000
Northwestern District	264,700	275,500	273,900	271,600	284,400	282,000
Elko. . . . .	206,400	206,400	205,700	220,000	215,000	215,000
Eureka. . . . .	28,100	30,100	31,800	30,000	32,000	33,000
Lander. . . . .	32,000	32,600	37,700	36,000	34,000	35,000
White Pine. . . . .	24,500	21,900	23,900	23,000	26,000	22,000
Northeastern District	291,000	291,000	299,100	309,000	307,000	305,000
Clark . . . . .	13,500	13,800	14,000	13,500	15,000	13,000
Esmeralda . . . . .	6,500	6,300	6,400	6,300	6,500	6,000
Lincoln . . . . .	16,400	15,300	15,400	15,700	15,700	16,000
Mineral . . . . .	4,100	4,000	4,100	3,900	3,400	3,000
Nye . . . . .	29,800	33,100	32,100	31,000	32,000	32,000
Southern District . . . . .	70,300	72,500	72,000	70,400	72,600	70,000
Nevada. . . . .	626,000	639,000	645,000	651,000	664,000	657,000

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CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	All Cattle		Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Jan. 1	Calves Born		Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
----- Thousand Head -----								
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	300	44	174	148	3	9	17
1975	657							

SHEEP AND LAMBS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	Sheep & Lambs		Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Jan. 1	Lambs Saved		Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs
----- Thousand Head -----								
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	166	3	18	21
1974	177	125	78	18	169	3	18	21
1975	151							

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	Hogs & Pigs		Pig Crop		Inship-ments	Market-ings	Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths
	Dec. 1 1/	Dec. 1/	May	June - Nov.				
----- Number of Head -----								
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	6,500	7,300	100	12,300	800	800	
1975	10,000							

1/ December 1 of preceding year.

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CATTLE AND CALVES: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts <sup>1/</sup>	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
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	196,065	233,038	66,338	78,880	1,185	80,065
1975						

SHEEP AND LAMBS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts <sup>1/</sup>	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
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	9,854	15,924	3,057	4,987	79	5,066
1974	8,890	16,848	3,209	5,633	86	5,719
1975						

HOGS AND PIGS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1966-74

Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts <sup>1/</sup>	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- Thousand Pounds -		- Thousand Dollars -			
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	3,426	3,246	1,322	1,253	67	1,320
1974	2,914	2,613	1,020	915	97	1,012
1975						

<sup>1/</sup> 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, 1975 were estimated at 36,000 head -- 29 percent less than the record high 51,000 head on feed a year earlier. A total of 50,000 head was on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1973.

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

Item	: 1973	: 1974	: 1975	: 1975 as % of 1974
	- - Thousand Head - -			Percent
Number on feed for slaughter market. . . . .	50	51	36	71

R A N G E   A N D   P A S T U R E   C O N D I T I O N

Data in the following table relate to the condition of pastures and ranges near the first of each month and are expressed as a percentage of normal. Normal in this case equals 100. Since range grasses in Nevada are ordinarily not irrigated, the amount of grazing available each year is dependent upon snow melt in spring and infrequent showers during the summer and fall months. The table shows years of drought conditions which occurred in 1966, 1972, and again in 1974.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION - FIRST OF MONTH, NEVADA, 1961-1974

Year	: April	: May	: June	: July	: August	: September	: October	: November	: December
1961	66	70	71	72	70	72	73	69	*
1962	80	85	87	89	88	87	84	83	*
1963	74	76	87	92	88	83	84	87	*
1964	79	78	80	90	86	84	84	80	*
1965	82	87	86	88	87	90	89	84	*
1966	77	77	76	74	70	69	69	70	*
1967	79	73	83	93	93	91	87	86	*
1968	84	78	81	79	76	81	83	77	*
1969	80	84	89	91	88	86	86	86	*
1970	81	77	83	85	86	82	84	83	*
1971	81	85	88	92	87	89	83	85	*
1972	84	74	71	73	70	61	77	78	84
1973	89	94	92	95	87	88	88	82	85
1974	91	85	78	73	65	60	62	59	65
1975	80	75	82	80	85				

\* Data not available prior to 1972

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-ninth of the 1,340,000 head total which peaked just 55 years ago. Wool production in 1975 is estimated at a record low 1,260,000 pounds, grease basis. This is 14 percent below the 1974 production of 1,473,000 pounds. Sheep shorn and to be shorn during 1975, at 126,000 head, is 12 percent less than the number shorn last year. The fleece weight of 10.0 pounds per head is 0.3 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 1975 is not available at this time but it should be below the 1974 average as monthly prices during the first 8 months of 1975 were well below the 1974 levels.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEVADA, 1966-75

Year	Sheep Shorn Thou. Head	Weight Per Fleece Pounds	Wool Production Thou. Lb.	Price Per Pound Cents	Value Thou. Dol.
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	1,246
1974.	143	10.3	1,473	65	957
1975.	126	10.0	1,260	N.A.	N.A.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FARMS AND RANCHES, BY COUNTIES, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1970-75

County	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Number of Head						
Carson City	8,200	7,400	6,000	5,300	4,300	3,400
Churchill	13,800	13,400	10,400	9,600	8,100	6,000
Douglas	7,800	5,700	5,800	5,500	5,100	5,200
Elko	70,400	64,700	64,200	58,000	57,300	54,000
Eureka	19,400	17,500	17,900	14,800	14,300	9,900
Humboldt	10,600	8,700	9,400	8,100	5,100	3,000
Lander	4,700	4,100	3,500	3,200	4,100	2,000
Lyon	16,800	15,500	14,200	14,300	15,100	13,000
Nye	6,600	5,500	5,300	5,300	5,500	5,000
Pershing	17,400	17,100	21,800	15,700	18,400	17,000
Washoe	9,300	8,800	6,000	4,700	5,100	3,000
White Pine	41,200	36,800	38,700	34,700	33,800	29,000
All Other	800	800	800	800	800	500
State Total	227,000	206,000	204,000	180,000	177,000	151,000

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L I V E S T O C K   S L A U G H T E R

Total liveweight of animals slaughtered in Nevada's commercial slaughter plants decreased 5 percent during 1974. Most of the declines occurred during January, February, March, August and December as slaughter during the remaining months was 5 percent more than for the comparable period last year. Cattle accounted for 26.4 million pounds or 96 percent of the total--the same proportion as a year earlier. These estimates include slaughter in Nevada's 6 Federally-inspected plants, but exclude animals slaughtered on farms and ranches.

C O M M E R C I A L   L I V E S T O C K   S L A U G H T E R   B Y   C L A S S E S ,   N E V A D A ,   1 9 7 0 - 7 4

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 :			
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
1974 . . .	26,100	1,012	26,409	1974 . . .	2,200	108	238
Calves :				Hogs :			
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
1974 . . .	200	375	75	1974 . . .	3,900	234	914

C O M M E R C I A L   L I V E S T O C K   S L A U G H T E R   B Y   M O N T H S ,   N E V A D A ,   1 9 7 4

Month	Cattle		Calves		Sheep & Lambs		Hogs		All Spe- cies Total
	Head	Live- weight	Head	Live- weight	Head	Live- weight	Head	Live- weight	
	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	No.	Thou. Lb.	Thou. Lb.
January . . .	2,100	2,163	-	-	100	12	200	46	2,221
February . . .	1,700	1,785	-	-	100	12	300	72	1,869
March . . .	2,200	2,310	-	-	100	12	300	72	2,394
April . . .	2,400	2,520	-	-	100	12	300	72	2,604
May . . .	2,500	2,580	-	-	400	44	500	120	2,744
June . . .	2,200	2,270	100	35	200	22	300	72	2,399
July . . .	2,500	2,500	-	-	300	32	400	92	2,624
August . . .	2,100	2,048	-	-	200	22	300	69	2,139
September . . .	2,200	2,145	-	-	300	30	300	69	2,244
October . . .	2,500	2,438	100	40	200	20	400	92	2,590
November . . .	2,000	1,950	-	-	100	10	300	69	2,029
December . . .	1,700	1,700	-	-	100	10	300	69	1,779
Total . . .	26,100	26,409	200	75	2,200	238	3,900	914	27,636

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DAIRY SUMMARY

Milk produced on Nevada's farms and ranches during 1974 was estimated at 167 million pounds--a new record high.

Of the 167 million pounds produced, 162 million pounds (milk equivalent for cream included) 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 \$14 million, up 43 percent from 1973. Producers received an average \$8.65 per cwt. for fluid milk marketed in 1974 compared with \$7.05 in 1973.

Ice cream production in 1974 totaled 1,153,000 gallons--up 6 percent from a year earlier. Ice milk production at the 823,000 gallon level was up 9 percent and sherbet at 71,000 gallons was more than 1 percent above the 1973 output.

MILK: PRODUCTION, FARM VALUE, UTILIZATION, AND MARKETING RECEIPTS, NEVADA, 1965-74

Year	M I L K					
	Production	Farm Value of Production	Utilization of Farm Uses	Sold <sup>1/</sup>	Marketing Receipts Per lb. Milk Fat	Cash Receipts
	Million Pounds	Thousand Dollars	Million Pounds		Dollars	Thousand Dollars
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 . . . . .	144	10,181	5	139	1.96	9,826
1974 . . . . .	167	14,479	5	162	2.43	14,045

<sup>1/</sup> Milk Equivalent of cream sold.

MILK: COWS MILKED, PRODUCTION PER COW, TOTAL PRODUCTION, NEVADA, BY QUARTERS, 1972-74

Quarter	Cows Milked <sup>1/</sup>			Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>			Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	-- Thousands --			-- Pounds --			-- Million Lbs. --		
Jan. - March . . .	13.8	13.8	13.9	2,500	2,420	2,760	34.5	33.4	38.4
Apr. - June . . .	13.8	13.8	14.0	2,770	2,710	3,190	38.2	37.4	44.7
July - Sept. . . .	13.8	13.8	14.0	2,695	2,680	3,210	37.2	37.0	44.9
Oct. - Dec. . . .	13.8	13.8	14.0	2,400	2,620	2,785	33.1	36.2	39.0
Annual . . . . .	13.8	13.8	14.0	10,362	10,435	11,929	143.0	144.0	167.0

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2/</sup> 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, 1972-74

Month	All Milk Price			Value of 100 Pounds of			Milk-Feed		
	Per Cwt			Concentrate Rations Fed			Price Ratios		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	Dollars			Dollars			Number		
January . . .	6.35	6.40	8.95	3.40	3.95	5.60	1.87	1.62	1.60
February . . .	6.20	6.35	9.10	3.40	*	*	1.82	*	*
March . . .	6.05	6.40	9.05	3.40	*	*	1.78	*	*
April . . .	6.00	6.30	9.00	3.42	4.10	6.20	1.75	1.54	1.45
May . . .	5.90	6.45	8.55	3.40	*	*	1.74	*	*
June . . .	5.85	6.60	8.15	3.39	*	*	1.73	*	*
July . . .	5.90	6.65	7.90	3.38	4.21	5.90	1.75	1.58	1.34
August . . .	5.95	7.15	8.20	3.41	*	*	1.74	*	*
September . . .	6.15	7.50	8.70	3.49	*	*	1.76	*	*
October . . .	6.25	7.60	8.85	3.62	5.20	6.30	1.73	1.46	1.40
November . . .	6.35	7.95	8.95	3.70	*	*	1.72	*	*
December . . .	6.40	8.80	8.95	3.90	*	*	1.64	*	*
Annual . . .	6.10	7.05	8.65	3.49	*	*	1.75	*	*

\* Not available

AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK SOLD BY FARMERS AND QUANTITIES OF DAIRY  
PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, NEVADA BY MONTHS, 1972-74

Month	Fat Test of			Dairy Products Manufactured 1/					
	Milk Sold			Ice Cream 2/			Ice Milk 2/		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	Percent			Thousand Gallons					
January . . .	3.80	3.81	3.78	68	82	84	36	37	34
February . . .	3.66	3.73	3.72	71	70	78	42	45	38
March . . .	3.55	3.66	3.58	95	96	93	58	58	55
April . . .	3.53	3.55	3.52	77	86	93	53	62	54
May . . .	3.47	3.46	3.42	93	101	106	71	72	65
June . . .	3.44	3.42	3.37	108	98	101	86	87	73
July . . .	3.42	3.45	3.36	108	110	119	96	87	93
August . . .	3.46	3.50	3.43	112	110	116	96	97	109
September . . .	3.56	3.60	3.56	88	86	95	63	61	96
October . . .	3.64	3.68	3.64	86	91	100	51	54	77
November . . .	3.73	3.72	3.76	80	81	87	40	46	70
December . . .	3.82	3.78	3.80	66	76	81	33	46	59
Annual . . .	3.58	3.61	3.57	1052	1087	1153	725	752	823

1/ Sherbet production on annual basis: 1972-69,000 gallons; 1973-70,000 gallons, 1974-71,000 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 1971-74

County	1971			1972		
	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production	Milk Cow	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production
	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.
Churchill . . . .	3,400	10,380	35.3	3,500	10,500	36.8
Clark . . . . .	4,400	11,090	48.8	4,300	11,200	48.2
Douglas . . . .	1,800	12,110	21.8	1,900	12,000	22.8
Lyon . . . . .	1,200	9,830	11.8	1,100	10,000	11.0
Washoe . . . . .	1,000	8,000	8.0	950	8,600	8.2
All Others . . .	2,100	7,290	15.3	2,050	7,800	16.0
State Total . .	13,900	10,144	141.0	13,800	10,362	143.0

County	1973			1974		
	Milk Cows	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production	Milk Cow	Milk Per Cow	Milk Production
	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.
Churchill . . . .	3,600	10,700	38.5	3,600	12,200	43.9
Clark . . . . .	4,400	11,100	48.8	4,600	12,700	58.4
Douglas . . . .	1,700	12,200	20.7	1,800	13,500	24.3
Lyon . . . . .	1,100	10,200	11.2	1,200	11,500	13.8
Washoe . . . . .	900	8,700	7.8	900	10,100	9.1
All Others . . .	2,100	8,100	17.0	1,900	9,200	17.5
State Total . .	13,800	10,435	144.0	14,000	11,929	167.0

HONEY BEE COLONIES, HONEY & BEESWAX PRODUCTION  
VALUE OF PRODUCTION, NEVADA 1966-74

Year	Colonies Thou.	Pounds Honey Produced		Beeswax Produced		Value of Production		Honey Stocks		
		Per Colony	Total	Thou.	Thou.	Dollars Per Pound	Total	Dollars Per Pound	Total	
		Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	Thou. Pound	
1966	9	68	612	11	11	.141	86	.47	5	122
1967	9	80	720	13	13	.143	103	.62	8	288
1968	8	65	520	9	9	.143	74	.68	6	21
1969	7	105	735	13	13	.153	112	.69	9	294
1970	7	72	504	8	8	.146	74	.59	5	96
1971	8	70	560	10	10	.202	113	.60	6	50
1972	8	70	560	6	6	.286	160	.60	4	56
1973	7	95	665	8	8	.402	267	.70	6	67
1974	7	100	700	12	12	.502	351	1.23	15	35

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

Total chickens on Nevada farms and ranches were estimated at 27,000 birds on December 1, 1974. This is an increase of 4 percent or 1,000 chickens from a year earlier and 23 percent or 5,000 more than were reported on hand on December 1, 1972. Of the total chickens, 24,000 birds were of laying age on December 1, 1974.

Total value of chickens in Nevada on December 1, 1974 came to \$53,000 which was 8 percent more than a year earlier. Value per bird increased from \$1.90 in 1973 to \$1.95 in 1974.

CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1972-74 1/

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1972	1973	1974	:74 as % : of 73	1972	1973	1974	:74 as % : of 73
	- Thousand Head -		Percent		- - - Thousand Head - - -		Percent	
Total chickens . . .	22	26	27	104	406,241	412,503	382,793	93
Laying age . . .	17	22	24	109	302,046	296,462	284,501	96
Hens . . . . .	8	13	18	138	132,206	127,488	121,025	95
Pullets . . . . .	9	9	6	67	169,840	168,974	163,476	97
All others . . . . .	5	4	3	75	104,195	116,041	98,292	85

VALUE OF CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1972-74 1/

Value	Nevada			United States		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	Per head . . . . .	1.55	1.90	1.95	1.28	1.62
Total thou. dol. . .	34	49	53	519,908	669,564	652,799

1/ Excludes commercial broilers.

EGG PRODUCTION: NUMBER OF LAYERS, EGGS PER LAYER AND TOTAL PRODUCTION, BY QUARTERS, 1972-74

Quarter	Layers			Eggs Per 100 Layers 1/			Total Production		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
	- - Thousands - - -			- - - Number - - -			- - - Thousands - - -		
Dec 2/ - Feb. . . . .	16.0	18.0	25.0	3,731	3,555	3,645	597	640	911
March - May . . . . .	17.0	19.0	30.0	5,106	5,262	4,628	868	1,000	1,388
June - Aug. . . . .	18.0	21.0	29.0	5,216	5,354	4,831	939	1,124	1,398
Sept - Nov. . . . .	18.0	22.0	26.0	3,831	4,914	4,186	690	1,081	1,088
Total 3/ . . . . .	17.3	20.0	27.5	179	192	174	3,094	3,845	4,785

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 1972-74

Year	Eggs Produced	Home Consumption	Eggs Sold	Price Per Dozen	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	- - - Million Eggs - - -			Cents	- - - Thousand Dollars - - -		
	1972 . . . . .	3.0	.8	2.2	30.1	55	20
1973 . . . . .	3.8	.7	3.1	53.7	139	31	170
1974 . . . . .	4.8	.7	4.1	49.7	170	29	199

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1974

FARM LABOR

Nevada's farm and ranch labor force averaged 4,800 workers during 1974. This is an increase of 2 percent from the 4,700 workers average for 1973. 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 6,000 during the peak hay and grain harvest period.

Family workers averaged 2,600 about the same as in recent years. July was also the peak with 3,100 family workers while January had 2,200 for the lowest number. The average number of hired workers was 2,200 which is at about the same level as 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/, 1972-74

Month	Family Workers			Hired Workers			Total Workers		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
----- Thousands -----									
January . . . . .	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	3.2	3.7	3.8
February . . . . .	1.9	2.3	2.3	1.3	1.6	1.5	3.2	3.9	3.8
March . . . . .	2.2	2.4	2.4	1.6	1.7	2.1	3.8	4.1	4.5
April . . . . .	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	4.6	4.5	4.7
May . . . . .	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	5.0	5.0	4.8
June . . . . .	3.0	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.8	6.1	5.6	5.7
July . . . . .	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.9	6.3	6.3	6.0
August . . . . .	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.0	2.8	6.8	5.9	5.8
September . . . . .	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.7	5.4	5.2	5.6
October . . . . .	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.3	5.0	4.8	4.9
November . . . . .	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.1	3.7	4.4	4.4
December . . . . .	1.7	2.1	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	3.5	3.8	4.0
Annual Average . . . . .	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	4.8	4.7	4.8

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

FARM WAGE RATES, 1972-74

Item	Nevada			United States		
	1972	1973	1974	1972	1973	1974
----- Dollars -----						
Per month with house . . . . .	349.00	432.00	472.00	361.00	393.00	423.00
Per month with board and room . . . . .	264.00	315.00	358.00	280.00	308.00	334.00
Per day without board or room . . . . .	14.00	17.10	18.30	13.20	14.50	16.10
Per hour without board or room . . . . .	1.82	2.13	2.51	1.84	2.00	2.29

NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1971-74  
(Dollars)

Com- modity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. 1	
Wheat	:Cwt.	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	6.33	6.83	6.33
		1974	4.40	4.55	4.00	3.55	3.45	3.35	3.80	3.85	3.85	4.08	4.10	4.25	3.85	
Barley	:Cwt.	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
		1974	2.55	2.70	2.70	2.40	2.30	2.30	2.50	2.90	2.85	2.95	3.15	3.20	2.90	
Alfalfa seed	:Cwt.	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	
		1974	100.00	100.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	-	-	-	105.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	
Alfalfa hay	:Ton	1971	29.50	29.00	29.00	30.00	30.50	29.50	29.00	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.	
		1974	66.00	66.00	67.50	66.00	64.00	65.50	63.50	61.50	62.00	64.00	62.00	62.50	N.A.	
Wild hay	:Ton	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	
		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	
		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.	
		1974	56.00	56.00	57.50	56.50	54.50	56.00	54.00	52.00	51.00	53.00	51.50	52.50	N.A.	
All hay	:Ton	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	
		1974	63.00	63.00	64.50	63.00	61.00	62.50	60.50	58.50	58.50	60.50	59.00	59.50	57.50	
Milk cows	:Head	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.	
		1974	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	500.	480.	480.	480.	495.	
Milk fluid	:Cwt.	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	
		1974	8.95	9.10	9.05	9.00	8.55	8.15	7.90	8.20	8.70	8.85	8.95	8.95	8.65	

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NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1971-74, Continued

Com- modity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. 1/
Beef cattle	:Cwt.	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
		1974	45.20	42.70	40.50	39.80	38.10	32.90	33.80	34.90	30.50	29.40	27.50	28.40	33.90
Steers & heifers	:Cwt.	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
		1974	49.00	45.50	43.00	43.00	41.00	35.00	37.00	38.00	33.00	32.00	30.00	31.50	36.70
Cows	:Cwt.	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
		1974	31.50	31.50	29.00	26.00	25.00	23.50	19.00	21.50	19.00	18.50	18.50	17.50	22.40
Calves	:Cwt.	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
		1974	54.50	52.00	47.00	47.00	43.00	36.00	33.00	31.00	25.00	26.00	24.50	26.00	33.70
Sheep	:Cwt.	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
		1974	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	11.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.90
Lambs	:Cwt.	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
		1974	39.00	38.50	37.50	36.50	39.50	43.00	38.50	36.50	33.00	34.50	34.00	35.00	36.30
Eggs	:Doz.	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
		1974	.61	.64	.59	.51	.47	.41	.40	.47	.47	.53	.50	.50	.497
Wool	:Lb.	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
		1974	-	-	-	.67	.67	.67	.60	-	-	.66	.38	-	.65

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1974

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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, 1972-74

Kind of Fertilizer	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974
	Tons		
Anhydrous ammonia . . . . .	1,740	1,180	990
Ammonium nitrate . . . . .	1,042	902	1,464
Ammonium sulphate . . . . .	3,457	3,137	1,730
Nitrogen solution . . . . .	29	1,067	2,623
Urea . . . . .	286	323	109
Other nitrogen materials . . . . .	30	37	20
Ammonium phosphates . . . . .	3,612	4,773	3,012
Superphosphate . . . . .	1,325	1,238	1,037
Other phosphates . . . . .	131	2	5
Potash materials . . . . .	10	8	1
Gypsum . . . . .	602	4,160	4,092
Other secondary and micronutrients . . . . .	370	390	489
Natural organics . . . . .	1,013	1,443	1,290
Total direct-application material . . . . .	13,647	18,660	16,862
Total commercial mixtures . . . . .	4,286	6,059	8,083
<b>Total all kinds of fertilizer . . . . .</b>	<b>17,933</b>	<b>24,719</b>	<b>24,945</b>

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS FOR  
FEED AND FERTILIZER, NEVADA, 1972-74

Commodity	:Unit:	1972	: 1973	: 1974	Commodity	:Unit:	1972	: 1973	: 1974
Dollars					Dollars				
<b>Feed:</b>					<b>Fertilizer:</b>				
Dairy feed, 14%	:Ton	71.20	95.70	138.00	:11-48-0.	:Ton	112.00	125.00	193.00
Dairy feed, 16%	:Ton	75.80	116.00	165.00	:16-20-0.	:Ton	87.50	97.00	183.00
Laying feed . . . . .	:Ton	113.00	158.00	195.00	:Ammonium	:			
Bran. . . . .	:Cwt.	4.64	6.19	8.29	: sulphate	:Ton	59.50	70.50	150.00
Cottonseed	:				:Anhydrous	:			
meal, 41% . . . . .	:Cwt.	6.58	12.40	12.90	: ammonium	:Ton	82.50	90.50	225.00
Stock salt. . . . .	:Cwt.	2.52	2.57	2.82	:Urea . . . . .	:Ton	93.00	99.00	230.00
Alfalfa hay,	:				:Superphos-	:			
baled . . . . .	:Ton	43.40	56.40	71.40	: phate,45%	:Ton	91.00	98.00	---
					:Gypsum . . . . .	:Ton	16.30	16.50	21.00

CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS BY COMMODITIES, NEVADA, 1972-74

Item	: 1972		: 1973		: 1974	
	: Thou.	: % of	: Thou.	: % of	: Thou.	: % of
	: Dol.	: Total	: Dol.	: Total	: Dol.	: Total
Cattle & Calves . . . . .	78,293	71.2	99,775	67.4	78,880	57.9
Dairy products . . . . .	8,529	7.7	9,826	6.7	14,045	10.3
Sheep & Lambs (Including Wool) . . . . .	6,221	5.6	6,243	4.2	6,590	4.8
All Other Livestock & Products . . . . .	1,039	1.1	1,821	2.4	1,632	1.2
Total Livestock & Products . . . . .	94,082	85.6	117,665	80.7	101,147	74.2
All Hay . . . . .	7,378	6.7	11,411	7.8	14,854	10.9
Alfalfa Seed . . . . .	3,623	3.3	6,831	4.7	7,287	5.3
Vegetables . . . . .	2,698	2.5	5,991	4.1	8,131	6.0
Food & Feed Grains . . . . .	1,425	1.3	2,753	1.9	3,694	2.7
Cotton, Lint & Seed . . . . .	298	.3	758	.5	701	.4
All Other Crops . . . . .	319	.3	353	.3	369	.4
Total Crops . . . . .	15,741	14.4	28,097	19.3	35,036	25.8
<b>Total All Commodities . . . . .</b>	<b>109,823</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>145,762</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>136,183</b>	<b>100.0</b>

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1974

PRODUCTION EXPENSES OF NEVADA FARMERS AND RANCHERS, 1972-74 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974
----- Million Dollars -----			
Feed . . . . .	12.6	19.7	20.9
Livestock. . . . .	12.1	16.3	12.3
Seed . . . . .	.3	.5	.6
Fertilizer and lime. . . . .	1.4	1.7	2.9
Repair and operation of capital items. . . . .	8.7	9.9	12.1
Hired labor. . . . .	14.1	15.9	18.3
Miscellaneous. . . . .	15.4	18.0	20.5
Total current farm operating expenses. . . . .	64.7	81.9	87.5
Depreciation and other consumption of farm capital :	12.6	14.6	16.8
Taxes on farm property . . . . .	5.1	5.7	5.9
Interest on farm mortgage debt . . . . .	5.7	6.5	7.8
Net rent to nonfarm landlords. . . . .	.3	.9	.7
<b>Total production expense . . . . .</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>118.8</b>

FARM INCOME LOWER IN 1974

Total net income per Nevada farm or ranch averaged \$15,054 in 1974 -- nearly one-half the 1973 net income of \$26,853. This sizeable decrease was due largely to record high farm production expenses. Cash receipts from farm marketings were down 7 percent from 1973. Realized gross income averaged \$75,544 per farm or ranch during 1974 compared with \$79,981 in 1973 and \$61,496 in 1972.

FARM INCOME, NEVADA, 1972-74 <sup>1/</sup>

Item	: 1972	: 1973	: 1974
----- Million Dollars -----			
Realized gross farm income :			
Cash receipts from farm marketings . . . . .	109.8	145.8	136.2
Government payments. . . . .	2.6	1.7	.3
Nonmoney income. . . . .	9.2	10.8	12.8
Other farm income. . . . .	1.4	1.7	1.8
Total gross farm income. . . . .	123.0	160.0	151.1
Farm production expenses . . . . .	88.3	109.5	118.8
Realized net farm income . . . . .	34.7	50.4	32.3
Net change in farm inventories . . . . .	--	3.3	- 2.2
Total net farm income. . . . .	34.7	53.7	30.1
Farm income per farm :			
Realized gross income per farm . . . . .	61,496	79,981	75,544
Realized net income per farm . . . . .	17,359	25,208	16,159
Total net farm income per farm . . . . .	17,353	26,853	15,054

<sup>1/</sup> Details may not add to totals due to rounding.



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