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This annual report presents a summary of crop, livestock, price and related agricultural data for Nevada for 1975 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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NUMBER OF FARMS

Total number of farms and ranches operated in Nevada during 1975, 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 1976, which is unchanged from 1975. 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 1975.

Average size of farm or ranch in Nevada during 1975 remained at 4,500 acres which is also projected for 1976. Nevada ranks second after Arizona with the largest size units in the 48 conterminous states.

NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS AND RANCHES, 1965-76

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	2,000	4,500	9,000	2,808	387	1,086,025
1976	1/2,000	4,500	9,000	2,786	389	1,084,671
1977						

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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
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	1,885.0	469.0	145.3	771.7
1975	1,700	550	240	260	1,888.5	445.3	135.3	690.3
1976								

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 1,198,100 tons of crops during 1975--about 2 percent more than during the preceding year. Snowstorms, below normal temperatures, and gusty winds delayed early seedbed preparation for spring crops. Planting operations were completed as much as a month later than usual in the more northern areas. Irrigation water supplies continued above average throughout Nevada during the 1975 crop season. High reservoir storage insured an excellent water supply with stream-flow receding later than usual. By July 1, development of most crops was later than usual. Harvesting small grains started about mid-August in the northern areas and continued well into October. Late frosts, low night temperatures and gusty winds hurt the first crop of alfalfa hay which was generally disappointing. Due to the relatively mild fall, an extra cutting or two brought total yield per acre up to near normal levels. Range grasses made minimal growth early in the season due mainly to extremely low temperatures, especially in the northern half of the State. Range conditions improved during the grazing season and were normal or better by early fall. Most cattle came off summer ranges in good to excellent condition. Precipitation during October kept fall and winter ranges productive and little if any supplemental feeding was required.

Small grain yields were near normal but generally higher than in 1974. Wheat yielded from 5 to 8 bushels above a year earlier while barley showed no change. Oats was up 5 bushels per acre from 1974. Alfalfa seed, an important cash crops, cleaned out to 430 pounds per acre compared with 400 pounds in 1974. Relatively mild fall weather extended the growing season and fall which brought yields above earlier expectations. Potato yields were down 45 cwt. per acre but weather conditions were favorable throughout the harvest season and the crop came out of the ground in excellent condition. Mild weather continued into the winter months and soil moisture supplies were mostly adequate as 1975 came to an end.

Crops were harvested from 521,500 acres in 1975 compared with 513,200 a year earlier. Potatoes, wheat, oats, and other hay had the major increases. Alfalfa hay showed a decrease in acreage.

C R O P V A L U E S

Total value of crops produced in Nevada reached a record high \$79.4 million in 1975, compared with the previous record of \$75.9 million in 1974. Higher prices for potatoes and hay more than offset the decrease in the prices of cotton, grains and alfalfa seed.

Value of the alfalfa seed crop decreased sharply in 1975. This was the first year in nine showing a decrease. Hay, the State's most important crop, had a farm value of 52.7 million dollars and accounted for about 66 percent of the value of all crops harvested in 1975.

ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEVADA, 1973-1975									
CROP	Acres Harvested			Tons Produced			Value--Dollars		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	Thousands								
Corn silage.	3.0	3.0	3.0	50.0	51.0	47.0	1,000	1,020	893
All grain crop	31.0	34.0	37.0	43.4	46.8	54.7	5707	5,844	6,102
Alfalfa seed	20.5	21.0	19.0	4.3	4.2	4.1	7,487	8,148	6,291
Cotton & seed	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.0	608	707	463
Potatoes	-	8.5	12.5	-	159.4	206.3	-	8,129	12,994
All hay	443.0	445.0	449.0	891.0	913.0	885.0	50,342	52,041	52,658
Total	499.4	513.2	521.5	990.2	1175.8	1198.1	64,444	75,889	79,401

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL CROPS HARVESTED IN NEVADA, 1974 and 1975

Crop & Year	Acres	Production		Unit	Value of Production ^{1/}	
	Harvested	Per Acre	Total		Per Unit	Total
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Winter Wheat						
1974	10	65.0	650	Bu	3.84	2,496
1975	11	70.0	770	"	3.40	2,618
Spring Wheat						
1974	8	37.0	296	"	3.84	1,137
1975	9	45.0	405	"	3.40	1,377
Oats						
1974	2	50.0	100	"	1.95	195
1975	3	55.0	165	"	1.95	322
Barley						
1974	14	50.0	700	"	2.88	2,016
1975	14	50.0	700	"	2.55	1,785
Alfalfa Seed						
1974	21.0	400	8,400	Lb.	.97	8,148
1975	19.0	430	8,170	"	.77	6,291
Cotton, lint ^{2/}						
1974	1.7	586	2.1	Bale	.59	588
1975	1.0	721	1.5	"	.55	397
Cottonseed						
1974	-	-	.9	Ton	132.00	119
1975	-	-	.6	"	110.00	66
Potatoes						
1974	8.5	375	3,188	Cwt.	2.55	8,129
1975	12.5	330	4,125	"	3.15	12,994
Corn for silage						
1974	3	17.0	51	Ton	20.00	1,020
1975	3	15.5	47	"	19.00	893
Alfalfa hay						
1974	180	3.45	621	"	NA	NA
1975	176	3.40	598	"	NA	NA
All other hay						
1974	265	1.10	292	"	NA	NA
1975	273	1.05	287	"	NA	NA
All hay						
1974	445	2.05	913	"	57.00	52,041
1975	449	1.97	885	"	59.50	52,658

^{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 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	1.90	3,600	101,100
Douglas	10,300	3.70	38,100	5,000	1.80	9,000	47,100
Humboldt	29,400	3.40	100,000	59,000	1.20	70,800	170,800
Lyon	29,000	3.70	107,300	2,200	1.90	4,200	111,500
Carson City	500	2.20	1,100	400	1.20	500	1,600
Pershing	13,000	3.90	50,700	2,600	2.00	5,200	55,900
Storey	100	3.00	300	100	1.00	100	400
Washoe	8,700	4.00	34,800	6,600	1.80	11,900	46,700
District 1	116,000	3.70	429,800	77,800	1.35	105,300	535,100
Elko	14,000	2.50	35,000	140,000	1.00	140,000	175,000
Eureka	9,900	2.50	24,800	14,300	1.00	14,300	39,100
Lander	5,000	1.80	9,000	19,300	1.00	19,300	28,300
White Pine	8,000	2.60	20,800	5,400	1.00	5,400	26,200
District 3	36,900	2.45	89,600	179,000	1.00	179,000	268,600
Clark	5,700	5.60	31,900	300	2.00	600	32,500
Esmeralda	3,800	4.10	15,600	200	1.50	300	15,900
Lincoln	10,400	2.50	26,000	1,600	1.20	1,900	27,900
Mineral	1,000	3.30	3,300	100	1.00	100	3,400
Nye	6,200	4.00	24,800	6,000	.80	4,800	29,600
District 8	27,100	3.75	101,600	8,200	.95	7,700	109,300
State Total	180,000	3.45	621,000	265,000	1.10	292,000	913,000

HAY: ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY TYPES,
BY COUNTIES, NEVADA 1975

County	Alfalfa Hay			All Other Hay			All Hay
	Acres	Yield	Production	Acres	Yield	Production	Production
		Ton	Ton		Ton	Ton	Ton
Churchill	25,000	4.10	102,500	1,900	1.80	3,400	105,900
Douglas	11,000	3.40	37,400	7,000	2.00	14,000	51,400
Humboldt	29,000	3.20	92,800	61,000	1.00	61,000	153,800
Lyon	27,000	3.60	97,200	2,100	1.70	3,600	100,800
Carson City	500	3.00	1,500	400	1.50	600	2,100
Pershing	11,000	4.00	44,000	2,500	1.20	3,000	47,000
Storey	100	3.00	300	100	1.00	100	400
Washoe	7,000	4.00	28,000	6,300	1.80	11,300	39,300
District 1	110,600	3.65	403,700	81,300	1.20	97,000	500,700
Elko	14,000	2.50	35,000	144,000	1.00	144,000	179,000
Eureka	10,500	2.60	27,300	15,000	.80	12,000	39,300
Lander	5,500	1.80	9,900	19,300	1.00	19,300	29,200
White Pine	9,000	2.50	22,500	5,000	1.00	5,000	27,500
District 3	39,000	2.45	94,700	81,300	1.00	180,300	275,000
Clark	6,000	5.40	32,400	500	1.80	900	33,300
Esmeralda	4,500	3.90	17,600	200	1.60	300	17,900
Lincoln	10,000	2.70	27,000	1,600	1.50	2,400	29,400
Mineral	800	3.40	2,700	100	1.00	100	2,800
Nye	5,100	3.90	19,900	6,000	1.00	6,000	25,900
District 8	26,400	3.75	99,600	8,400	1.15	9,700	109,300
State Total	176,000	3.40	598,000	273,000	1.05	287,000	885,000

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ALFALFA SEED ACREAGE HARVESTED, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, BY COUNTIES, 1970-75

Year : Humboldt Pershing Lander All Other 1/ Nevada Total

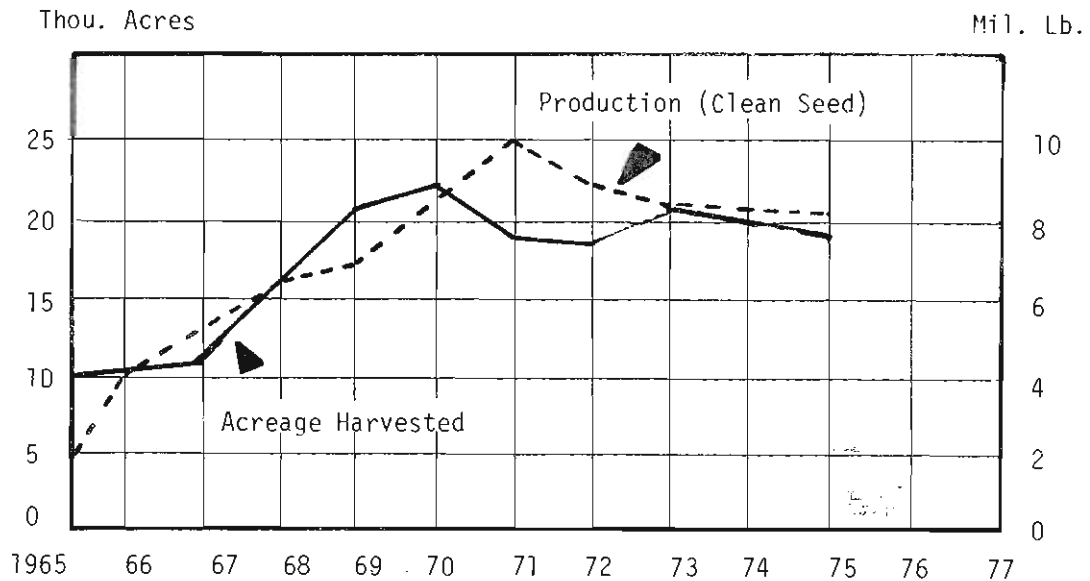
Year	Acreage Harvested				Nevada Total
	Humboldt	Pershing	Lander	All Other 1/	
1970	9,800	7,200	5,500	1,000	23,500
1971	7,500	7,600	2,800	1,600	19,500
1972	7,000	8,300	2,200	1,000	18,500
1973	7,600	9,800	2,100	1,000	20,500
1974	8,000	11,000	1,500	500	21,000
1975	7,500	11,000	*	500	19,000
1976					

Year	Yield Per Acre				Nevada Total
	Humboldt	Pershing	Lander	All Other 1/	
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	315	510	*	400	430
1976					

Year	Production of Clean Seed				Nevada Total
	Humboldt	Pershing	Lander	All Other 1/	
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	2,360	5,610	*	200	8,170
1976					

1/ Churchill, Lincoln, Nye, Washoe and White Pine. * Included with All Others.

ALFALFA SEED ACREAGE HARVESTED AND PRODUCTION, NEVADA, 1965-75



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WEATHER SUMMARY, 1974 - 75

GENERAL: Precipitation for the water year October 1, 1974 through September 30, 1975 totaled 10.93 inches--nearly 3 inches above normal and over 4 inches more than a year earlier. Intermittent storms and below normal temperatures early in spring delayed development of ranges in most areas. Range feed prospects, however, were improved considerably by the ample moisture which accompanied the storms. The later than usual movement of cattle to spring and summer ranges was more than offset by relatively lush grazing throughout the rest of the season. Temperatures during the water year averaged 48.8 degrees which is down about 1 degree from average and 2 degrees below a year ago. July was the hottest month as usual with an average of 73.8 degrees.

FALL, 1974: Nevada temperatures during October averaged above normal until the last week when cold, winter air lowered the average close to normal. Precipitation was widespread late in the month when the first snow of the season fell and extended into early November. Temperatures dropped to below normal during the first part of November but became unseasonably warm by midmonth. Precipitation was light and scattered during the last three weeks of November.

WINTER, 1974-75: First storm of the season left over a foot of snow at elevations above 7,000 feet the first week of December. Temperatures averaged near normal during the first three weeks. The first major cold storm of the season hit northwest Nevada near the end of the month and spread across the State a day later. Up to two feet of snow fell in the Sierra. Temperatures during the last week of December averaged below normal. New Year's Day 1975 represented the coldest morning of the year--22 degrees below zero in northeastern Nevada. Little if any snow fell until the last week in January when a major weather change set in which prevailed for the next three months. Heavy snow began falling over the Sierra Nevada on the 31st and within a few days the snow depth more than tripled. Precipitation averaged twice the February normal in the northwest.

SPRING, 1975: Temperatures early in March averaged normal to slightly above but dropped well below average by the end of the month. Precipitation, mostly in the form of snow, was widespread as intense storm fronts moved across the State weekly. April was a cold, cloudy, windy month with above average precipitation although not as wet as March. Temperatures averaged 5 to 10 degrees below normal throughout Nevada. May temperatures continued below normal during the first two weeks, then warmed to above normal for a few days. Below normal conditions again prevailed during most of the remainder of May. Precipitation was above average in most central and eastern portions of Nevada while amounts in the western section ranged from near normal to below. Snow was general in most areas during the third week of May.

SUMMER, 1975: June continued the springlike conditions of May, with much sun but occasional storms and sharp temperature fluctuations. Contrary to the usual trend, the second half of June was colder than the first. Precipitation was below normal in most areas. Temperatures during July averaged slightly above normal. Surges of subtropical moisture moved northward into Nevada which resulted in flash flooding in a few localities. Precipitation was well below normal in all areas except the east central. Temperatures averaged a few degrees below normal during August despite above average readings the first two weeks. Midmonth thunderstorms occurred mainly in western Nevada. September temperatures averaged above normal in most areas. Extremes ranged from 17 to 106 degrees. Thunderstorms near midmonth dropped scattered precipitation in all areas. Damaging flash floods occurred at Las Vegas, Hawthorne, Fernley and Reno on the 9th. Precipitation totals ranged from over an inch in the extreme south to less than a quarter inch in the northeast.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION FOR WATER YEAR, 1975

	1974			1975									Total
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
-----Degrees-----													
Temperature													
1974-75	51.9	40.4	30.8	29.7	33.4	37.9	39.6	53.5	62.9	73.8	68.2	64.0	48.8
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	+1.0	-1.9	+1.1	-.4	-2.4	-9.0	-2.9	-1.5	+1.9	-2.6	+1.2	-1.5
-----Inches-----													
Precipitation													
1974-75	1.72	.41	.91	.73	.92	1.79	1.08	.77	.65	.55	.76	.64	10.93
Normal	.68	.68	.90	.94	.88	.81	.79	.77	.53	.47	.41	.39	8.25
Departure	+1.04	-.27	+0.01	-.21	+0.04	+0.98	+0.29	.00	+0.12	+0.08	+0.35	+0.25	+2.68

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

Crop	1975 Harvested: Acreage (000)	Usual Planting Dates	Usual Harvesting Dates			Principal Producing Areas and Counties
			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	1.0	:Apr. 15-May 5	:Oct. 15	:Oct. 25-Dec. 15	:Jan. 1	:Nye
Hay:						
Alfalfa	176		:Apr. 10:		Nov. 1	:Clark
			:June 1:		Oct. 10	:District 1,3
All other	273		:June 15:		Sept. 5	:District 1,3
Oats	2	:Apr. 1-May 25	:July 25	:Aug. 5-Sept. 1	:Sept. 10	:Statewide
Wheat:						
Winter	11	:Sept. 5-Oct. 20	:July 15	:Aug. 1-Aug. 25	:Sept. 5	:Humboldt :Pershing
Other spring	9	:Apr. 1-May 10	:July 25	:Aug. 10-Sept. 5	:Sept. 15	:Humboldt :Pershing :Eureka :Lander
Potatoes	12.5	:Apr. 25-June 10	:Oct. 1	:Oct. 10-Oct. 30	:Nov. 10	:Humboldt :Lyon :Washoe
<u>SEED CROPS:</u>						
Alfalfa	19.0		:Aug. 25	:Sept. 5-Oct. 5	:Oct. 15	:Humboldt :Pershing :Lander

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LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Nevada's cattle count for January 1, 1976 was 651,000 head, down 1 percent from a year earlier. This is about 2 percent fewer than the record January 1, 1974 total of 664,000 head. Milk cow numbers were unchanged at 14,000, while milk heifers (500 pounds +) declined 17 percent to 5,000 head. Beef cows totaled 336,000 head, down about 1 percent from 338,000 in 1975. Beef heifers for replacement dropped a sharp 7 percent to 50,000 head.

The number of cattle on feed January 1, 1976 was estimated at 25,000 head, down sharply from the 36,000 on feed at the beginning of 1975. This 31 percent decrease reflects the high cost of feeding ration and the corresponding low prices for finished animals.

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS, JANUARY 1, 1974-1976

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1974	1975	1976	76 as % of 75	1974*	1975*	1976*	76 as % of 75
	-Thousand Head-			-Percent-	-Thousand Head-			-Percent-
Cattle & Calves	664	657	651	99	127,670	131,826	127,976	97
Cows that calved	363	352	350	99	54,293	56,682	54,834	97
Beef cows	349	338	336	99	43,008	45,472	43,743	96
Milk cows	14	14	14	100	11,286	11,211	11,092	99
Heifers 500 lb.+	76	76	70	92	18,988	19,483	18,565	95
Beef replacement	53	54	50	93	8,226	8,879	7,197	81
Milk replacement	6	6	5	83	3,942	4,095	3,973	97
Other heifers	17	16	15	94	6,821	6,509	7,395	113
Steers 500 lb. +	55	53	49	92	17,802	16,373	17,153	105
Bulls 500 lb. +	18	17	17	100	2,645	2,987	2,849	95
Calves 500 lb. +	152	159	165	104	33,942	36,302	34,575	95
Sheep & Lambs	177	151	153	101	16,394	14,512	13,346	92
On feed	23	13	23	177	2,650	2,091	1,896	91
Stock sheep	154	138	130	94	13,744	12,421	11,450	92
Lambs	22	19	16	84	2,173	1,915	1,697	89
Ewes	21	18	15	83	1,811	1,512	1,348	89
Wethers & rams	1	1	1	100	362	403	349	87
1 year & over	132	119	114	96	11,571	10,506	9,753	93
Ewes	129	116	111	95	11,106	10,062	9,334	93
Wethers & rams	3	3	3	100	465	444	419	94
Hogs and Pigs 1/	10	10	9	90	61,106	55,062	49,602	90

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

VALUE PER HEAD AND TOTAL VALUE, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1974-76

Species	Value Per Head			Total Value		
	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	- Dollars -			- Thousand Dollars -		
Cattle & calves	320.00	165.00	215.00	212,480	108,405	139,965
Sheep & lambs	41.00	37.50	45.50	7,257	5,663	6,962
Hogs & pigs 1/	59.00	44.00	62.00	590	440	558
Total 3 species	-	-	-	220,327	114,508	147,485

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FARM VALUES

Inventory value of Nevada's livestock on farms and ranches at the beginning of 1976 was estimated at \$147.5 million, well above the 1975 value of \$114.5 million but far below the record 1974 value of \$220.3. The increase in value resulted from an increase in the per head value of animals.

Cattle inventory value of \$140 million for 1976 compares with \$108 million for 1975 and 212 million for 1974 when cattle prices were at the record level. Sheep inventory value was estimated at \$7.0 million for 1976, up from the 1975 value of \$5.7 million but below the 1974 value of \$7.3 million. Value of hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 1975 was \$558,000 compared with \$440,000 for December 1974.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FARMS AND RANCHES BY COUNTIES,
NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1971-76

County	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
- - - - - Number of Head - - - - -						
Carson City	1,200	1,300	1,400	1,500	1,600	1,400
Churchill	54,000	63,300	60,000	64,000	64,000	65,000
Douglas	27,000	27,000	26,500	26,000	26,000	29,000
Humboldt.	92,700	80,000	77,000	84,000	80,000	78,000
Lyon.	35,700	40,200	42,000	43,000	43,000	42,000
Pershing.	37,200	35,800	37,500	39,000	40,000	39,000
Storey.	200	200	200	400	400	300
Washoe.	27,500	26,100	27,000	26,500	27,000	30,000
Northwestern District	275,500	273,900	271,600	284,400	282,000	284,700
Elko.	206,400	205,700	220,000	215,000	215,000	200,000
Eureka.	30,100	31,800	30,000	32,000	33,000	33,000
Lander.	32,600	37,700	36,000	34,000	35,000	34,000
White Pine.	21,900	23,900	23,000	26,000	22,000	26,000
Northeastern District	291,000	299,100	309,000	307,000	305,000	293,000
Clark	13,800	14,000	13,500	15,000	13,000	15,000
Esmeralda	6,300	6,400	6,300	6,500	6,000	6,300
Lincoln	15,300	15,400	15,700	15,700	16,000	18,000
Mineral	4,000	4,100	3,900	3,400	3,000	4,000
Nye	33,100	32,100	31,000	32,000	32,000	30,000
Southern District	72,500	72,000	70,400	72,600	70,000	73,300
Nevada.	639,000	645,000	651,000	664,000	657,000	651,000

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CATTLE AND CALVES: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1967-75

Year	ATI	Calves Born	Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Cattle Jan. 1			Cattle	Calves		Cattle	Calves
Thousand Head								
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	285	46	175	125	3	14	20
1976	651							

SHEEP AND LAMBS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1967-75

Year	Sheep & Lambs	Lambs Saved	Inship-ments	Marketings		Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths	
	Jan. 1			Sheep	Lambs		Sheep	Lambs
Thousand Head								
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	110	192	9	252	3	17	19
1976	153							

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY, SUPPLY AND DISPOSITION, NEVADA, 1967-75

Year	Hogs & Pigs	Pig Crop				Inship-ments	Market-ings	Farm Slaugh-ter	Deaths
	Dec. 1	Dec. 1/	May	June - Nov.					
Number of Head									
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	7,000		6,500	100	13,000	800	800	
1976	9,000								

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CATTLE AND CALVES: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1967-75						
Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts 1/	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	-Thousand Pounds-		-Thousand Dollars-			
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	190,220	224,608	57,993	68,812	1,056	69,868
1976						

SHEEP AND LAMBS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1967-75						
Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts 1/	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	-Thousand Pounds-		-Thousand Dollars-			
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	10,666	23,171	4,322	9,169	91	9,260
1976						

HOGS AND PIGS: PRODUCTION AND INCOME, NEVADA, 1967-75						
Year	Production	Marketings	Value of Production	Cash Receipts 1/	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	-Thousand Pounds-		-Thousand Dollars-			
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	2,922	2,767	1,394	1,320	132	1,452
1976						

1/ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter

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CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1976 were estimated at 25,000 head -- 51 percent less than the record high 51,000 head on feed two years earlier. A total of 36,000 head was on feed for slaughter market on January 1, 1975.

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

Item	1974	1975	1976	1976 as % of 1975
	-- Thousand Head --			Percent
Number on feed for slaughter market. . . .	51	36	25	69

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION

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, 1974 and again in 1976.

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION - FIRST OF MONTH, NEVADA, 1961-1975

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	89	90	94	91
1976 :	82	72	75	68	68	69			

* Data not available prior to 1972

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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 1976 is estimated at a record low 1,224,000 pounds, grease basis. This is 3 percent below the 1975 production of 1,260,000 pounds. Sheep shorn and to be shorn during 1976, at 120,000 head, is 5 percent less than the number shorn last year. Fleece weight of 10.2 pounds per head is 0.2 pounds heavier than the previous year.

Wool prices fluctuated considerably during the past 6 years ranging from 18 cents a pound in 1971 to 84 cents in 1973. The season average for 1976 is not available at this time.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, NEVADA, 1967-76

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight Per Fleece	Wool Production	Price Per Pound	Value
	Thou. Head	Pounds	Thou. Lb.	Cents	Thou. Dol.
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	51	643
1976	120	10.2	1,224	N.A.	N.A.

SHEEP AND LAMBS ON FARMS AND RANCHES, BY COUNTIES, NEVADA, JANUARY 1, 1971-76

County	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
	Number of Head					
Carson City	7,400	6,000	5,300	4,300	3,400	3,000
Churchill	13,400	10,400	9,600	8,100	6,000	5,000
Douglas	5,700	5,800	5,500	5,100	5,200	6,000
Elko	64,700	64,200	58,000	57,300	54,000	51,000
Eureka	17,500	17,900	14,800	14,300	9,900	9,400
Humboldt	8,700	9,400	8,100	5,100	3,000	4,000
Lander	4,100	3,500	3,200	4,100	2,000	3,000
Lyon	15,500	14,200	14,300	15,100	13,000	14,000
Nye	5,500	5,300	5,300	5,500	5,000	4,600
Pershing	17,100	21,800	15,700	18,400	17,000	17,000
Washoe	8,800	6,000	4,700	5,100	3,000	4,500
White Pine	36,800	38,700	34,700	33,800	29,000	31,000
All Other	800	800	800	800	500	500
State Total	206,000	204,000	180,000	177,000	151,000	153,000

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

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 dropped 32 percent during 1975. Declines occurred throughout the year. Cattle accounted for 17.7 million pounds or 94 percent of the total compared with 96 percent 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, 1971-75

Species: and Year	Liveweight			Species: and Year	Liveweight		
	Head	Average	Total		Head	Average	Total
	No.	Pounds	Thou. Lb.		No.	Pounds	Thou. Lb.
Cattle				Sheep & Lambs			
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
1975.: 17,700	998	17,665		1975.	1,800	109	196
Calves				Hogs			
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
1975.: 600	387	232		1975.	3,400	230	782

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER BY MONTHS, NEVADA, 1975

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.	
January. . .	1,200	1,212	---	--	200	21	400	92	1,325
February. . .	1,000	1,010	100	42	---	--	200	46	1,098
March. . . .	1,500	1,503	---	--	---	--	200	46	1,549
April. . . .	1,400	1,372	---	--	100	13	300	69	1,454
May.	1,500	1,470	---	--	300	34	300	69	1,573
June	1,500	1,510	100	38	200	22	300	69	1,639
July	1,700	1,658	---	--	300	33	400	92	1,783
August . . .	1,600	1,600	100	38	200	22	300	69	1,729
September. .	1,600	1,600	100	38	200	21	200	46	1,705
October. . .	1,600	1,600	100	38	100	10	200	46	1,694
November. . .	1,600	1,600	100	38	100	10	300	69	1,717
December. . .	1,500	1,530	---	--	100	10	300	69	1,609
Total. . . .	17,700	17,665	600	232	1,800	196	3,400	782	18,875

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DAIRY SUMMARY

Milk produced on Nevada's farms and ranches during 1975 was estimated at 167 million pounds--about the same level as a year earlier.

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 \$14.4 million, up 3 percent from 1974. Producers received an average \$8.85 per cwt for fluid milk marketed in 1975 compared with \$8.65 in 1974.

Ice cream production in 1975 totaled 1,162,000 gallons--up 1 percent from a year earlier. Ice milk production at the 845,000 gallon level was up 3 percent, while sherbet at 70,000 gallons was more than 1 percent below the 1974 output.

MILK: PRODUCTION, FARM VALUE, UTILIZATION, AND MARKETING RECEIPTS
NEVADA, 1966-75

Year	M I L K					
	Production	Farm Value	Utilization	Marketing Receipts		
	of	of	Farm	Per Lb.	Cash	
	Production	Production	Uses	Sold 1/	Milk Fat	Receipts
	Million Pounds	Thousand Dollars		Million Pounds	Dollars	Thousand Dollars
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	14,046
1975	167	14,846	5	162	2.46	14,399

1/ Milk Equivalent of cream sold.

MILK: COWS MILKED, PRODUCTION PER COW, TOTAL PRODUCTION
NEVADA, BY QUARTERS, 1973-75

Quarter	Cows Milked 1/			Milk Per Cow 2/			Milk Production 2/		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	- - - Thousands - -			- - - Pounds - - -			- - Million Lbs - -		
Jan. - March . . .	13.8	14.0	14.0	2,420	2,760	2,880	33.4	38.4	40.3
Apr. - June . . .	13.8	14.0	14.0	2,710	3,190	3,140	37.4	44.7	44.0
July - Sept. . . .	13.8	14.0	14.0	2,680	3,210	3,100	37.0	44.9	43.4
Oct. - Dec	13.8	14.0	14.0	2,620	2,785	2,805	36.2	39.0	39.3
Annual	13.8	14.0	14.0	10,435	11,929	11,929	144.0	167.0	167.0

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, 1973-75

Month	All Milk Price			Value of 100 Pounds of Concentrate Rations Fed			Milk Feed Price Ratios		
	Per Cwt.			Dollars			Numbers		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
January	6.40	8.95	8.80	3.95	5.60	6.70	1.62	1.60	1.31
February	6.35	9.10	8.50	*	*	*	*	*	*
March	6.40	9.05	8.60	*	*	*	*	*	*
April	6.30	9.00	8.50	4.10	6.20	6.70	1.54	1.45	1.27
May	6.45	8.55	8.40	*	*	*	*	*	*
June	6.60	8.15	8.45	*	*	*	*	*	*
July	6.65	7.90	8.50	4.21	5.90	5.90	1.58	1.34	1.44
August	7.15	8.20	8.70	*	*	*	*	*	*
September	7.50	8.70	9.10	*	*	*	*	*	*
October	7.60	8.85	9.40	5.20	6.30	6.40	1.46	1.40	1.47
November	7.95	8.95	9.70	*	*	*	*	*	*
December	8.80	8.95	9.95	*	*	*	*	*	*
Annual	7.05	8.65	8.85	*	*	*	*	*	*

* Not available

AVERAGE FAT TEST OF MILK SOLD BY FARMERS AND QUANTITIES OF DAIRY PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, NEVADA BY MONTHS, 1973-75

Month	Fat Test of Milk Sold			Dairy Products Manufactured 1/					
	Percent			Ice Cream 2/			Ice Milk 2/		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
January	3.81	3.78	3.79	82	84	92	37	34	62
February	3.73	3.72	3.70	70	78	84	45	38	54
March	3.66	3.58	3.66	96	93	102	58	55	74
April	3.55	3.52	3.60	86	93	92	62	54	78
May	3.46	3.42	3.47	101	106	101	72	65	79
June	3.42	3.37	3.44	98	101	104	87	73	74
July	3.45	3.36	3.42	110	119	117	87	93	81
August	3.50	3.43	3.45	110	116	111	97	109	75
September	3.60	3.56	3.57	86	95	101	61	96	89
October	3.68	3.64	3.71	91	100	97	54	77	68
November	3.72	3.76	3.79	81	87	77	46	70	52
December	3.78	3.80	3.79	76	81	84	46	59	59
Annual	3.61	3.57	3.61	1087	1153	1162	752	823	845

1/ Sherbet production on annual basis: 1973-70,000 gallons; 1974-71,000 gallons; 1975-70,000 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 1972-75

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	10,700	38.5
Clark.	4,300	11,200	48.2	4,400	11,100	48.8
Douglas.	1,900	12,000	22.8	1,700	12,200	20.7
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	8,100	17.0
State Total :	13,800	10,362	143.0	13,800	10,435	144.0

County	1974			1975		
	Milk Cows	Milk per Cow	Milk Production	Milk Cows	Milk per Cow	Milk Production
	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.	No.	Lb.	Million Lb.
Churchill.	3,600	12,200	43.9	4,000	12,000	48.0
Clark.	4,600	12,700	58.4	5,200	12,400	64.5
Douglas.	1,800	13,500	24.3	1,800	13,200	23.8
Lyon	1,200	11,500	13.8	1,300	11,200	14.6
Washoe	900	10,100	9.1	900	9,800	8.8
All Others	1,900	9,200	17.5	800	9,100	7.3
State Total :	14,000	11,929	167.0	14,000	11,929	167.0

HONEY BEE COLONIES, HONEY & BEESWAX PRODUCTION
VALUE OF PRODUCTION, NEVADA, 1967-75

Year	Colonies Thou.	Pounds Honey Produced		Beeswax Thou. Pound	Value of Production				
		Per Colony	Total Thou. Pound		Honey		Beeswax		
		Per Colony	Total Thou. Pound		Dollars per Pound	Total Thou. Dollars	Dollars Per Pound	Total Thou. Dollars	
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
1974	7	100	700	12	.502	351	1.23	15	35
1975	8	55	440	6	.580	255	1.10	7	132

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CHICKENS AND EGGS

Total chickens on Nevada farms and ranches were estimated at 24,000 birds on December 1, 1975. This was a decrease of 11 percent or 3,000 chickens from a year earlier and 8 percent or 2,000 less than were reported on hand on December 1, 1973. Of the total chickens, 21,000 birds were of laying age on December 1, 1975.

Total value of chickens in Nevada on December 1, 1975 came to \$47,000 which was 11 percent less than a year earlier. Value per bird, at \$1.95, was unchanged from a year earlier.

CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1973-75 1/

Species	Nevada				United States			
	1973	1974	1975	75 as % of 74	1973	1974	1975	75 as % of 74
	Thousand Head				Thousand Head			
Total chickens	26	27	24	89	412,503	383,579	379,192	99
Laying age	22	24	21	88	296,462	285,029	279,755	98
Hens	13	18	16	89	127,488	121,205	121,626	100
Pullets	9	6	5	83	168,974	163,824	158,129	97
All others	4	3	3	100	116,041	98,550	99,437	101

VALUE OF CHICKENS ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, 1973-75 1/

Value	Nevada			United States		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
Per head	1.90	1.95	1.95	1.62	1.71	1.74
Total thou. dol.	49	53	47	669,564	654,106	659,988

1/ Excludes commercial broilers.

EGG PRODUCTION: NUMBER OF LAYERS, EGGS PER LAYER AND TOTAL PRODUCTION, BY QUARTERS, 1973-75

Quarter	Layers			Eggs per 100 Layers 1/			Total Production		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	Thousands			Number			Thousands		
Dec 2/ - Feb.	18.0	25.0	25.0	3,555	3,645	4,185	640	911	1,046
March - May	19.0	30.0	25.0	5,262	4,628	4,922	1,000	1,388	1,231
June - Aug.	21.0	29.0	24.0	5,354	4,821	4,876	1,124	1,398	1,170
Sept - Nov.	22.0	26.0	22.0	4,914	4,186	3,904	1,081	1,088	859
Total 3/	20.0	27.5	24.0	192	174	179	3,845	4,785	4,306

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 1973-75

Year	Eggs Produced	Home Consumption	Eggs Sold	Price Per Dozen	Cash Receipts	Value of Home Consumption	Gross Income
	Million Eggs			Cents		Thousand Dollars	
1973	3.8	.7	3.1	53.7	139	31	170
1974	4.8	.7	4.1	49.7	170	29	199
1975	4.3	.7	3.6	45.8	137	27	164

FARM LABOR

Nevada's farm and ranch labor force averaged 5,100 workers during 1975. This is an increase of 4 percent from the 4,900 workers average for 1974. The labor force was at the lowest level during the winter months when about 4,600 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 6,100 during the peak hay and grain harvest period.

Family workers averaged 2,800, up slightly from recent years. July was also the peak with 3,800 family workers while January had 2,300 for the lowest number. The average number of hired workers was 2,300 which is down sharply from 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 QUARTERS, 1973-75

Month	Family Workers			Hired Workers			Total Workers		
	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975	1973	1974	1975
	-----Thousands-----								
January.	2.1	2.2	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.3	3.7	4.2	4.6
April.	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.4	4.5	4.8	5.0
July	3.2	3.1	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.3	6.3	5.7	6.1
October.	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	4.8	4.8	4.9
Annual Average:	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.2	2.3	2.3	4.7	4.9	5.1

FARM WAGE RATES, 1974-75

Item	Nevada		United States	
	1974	1975	1974	1975
	-----Dollars-----			
Method of Pay				
All hired farm workers.	\$1.80	2.33	2.25	2.43
Paid by piece-rate.	4/	4/	2.58	2.96
Other than piece-rate	1.80	2.32	2.21	2.38
Paid by hour only 1/.	2.50	2.56	2.23	2.39
Paid cash wages only 2/	2.56	2.80	2.43	2.60
Paid hour cash wages only 3/	2.44	2.71	2.32	2.45

1/ May include perquisites such as room and board, includes only those paid by the hour.
 2/ Does not include perquisites, includes all methods of pay. 3/ Does not include perquisites, includes only those paid by the hour. 4/ Insufficient data.

NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1972-75
(Dollars)

Com- modity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. 1
Wheat	:Cwt	1972	2.50	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.58	2.67	2.67	2.92	3.25	2.83
	:Cwt.	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	6.33
	:Bu.	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
	:Bu.	1975	3.85	3.60	3.35	3.35	3.20	3.20	3.45	3.50	3.50	3.55	3.40	3.30	3.40
Barley	:Cwt	1972	2.71	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.71	2.71	2.81	2.81	2.92	3.13	2.90
	:Cwt.	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	5.00
	:Bu.	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
	:Bu.	1975	3.05	2.70	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.65	2.65	2.50	2.60	2.55
Alfalfa seed	:Cwt	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
	:	1975	96.00	96.00	90.00	85.00	80.00	-	-	-	79.00	78.00	77.00	77.00	77.00
Alfalfa hay	:Ton	1972	32.50	32.50	32.00	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	42.00	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.
	:	1975	59.50	56.00	55.00	55.50	59.00	62.00	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	60.50	61.00	N.A.
Other hay	:Ton	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.
	:	1975	49.50	46.00	45.00	46.00	49.50	52.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	51.00	51.50	N.A.
All hay	:Ton	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
	:	1975	56.50	53.00	52.00	52.50	56.00	59.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	57.50	58.00	59.50
Milk cows	:Head	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.
	:	1975	470.	470.	470.	450.	450.	450.	420.	410.	410.	410.	410.	410.	436.
Milk fluid	:Cwt	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
	:	1975	8.80	8.50	8.60	8.50	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.70	9.10	9.40	9.70	9.95	8.85

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NEVADA MID-MONTH PRICES RECEIVED, 1972-75, Continued

Commodity	Unit	Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Wtd. Av. 1/
Beef cattle	:Cwt	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
		1975	26.50	26.70	27.30	31.00	34.30	35.10	33.50	30.60	31.80	31.30	32.10	34.90	31.20
Steers & heifers	:Cwt	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
		1975	29.00	29.00	29.50	34.00	37.50	38.50	36.00	33.00	34.00	34.00	35.00	38.50	33.90
Cows	:Cwt	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
		1975	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.00	18.50	18.50	19.50	18.00	20.50	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.30
Calves	:Cwt	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
		1975	25.80	24.80	25.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	26.00	24.50	27.00	29.00	31.00	32.50	28.70
Sheep	:Cwt	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
		1975	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Lambs	:Cwt	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
		1975	38.00	35.00	38.00	40.00	45.00	44.00	43.00	40.00	38.00	41.00	43.00	44.00	40.80
Eggs	:Doz	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
		1975	.55	.53	.55	.50	.42	.40	.36	.37	.44	.50	.44	.50	.458
Wool	:Lb.	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
		1975	.35	-	.39	.46	.50	.53	.55	.51	.44	.58	-	.63	.51

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

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, 1973-75			
Kind of Fertilizer	: 1973	: 1974	: 1975
	Tons		
Anhydrous ammonia	1,180	990	1,134
Ammonium nitrate	902	1,464	390
Ammonium sulphate	3,137	1,730	4,285
Nitrogen solution	1,067	2,623	537
Urea	323	109	214
Other nitrogen materials	37	20	20
Ammonium phosphates	4,773	3,012	3,048
Superphosphate	1,238	1,037	630
Other phosphates	2	5	2
Potash materials	8	1	7
Gypsum	4,160	4,092	2,614
Other secondary and micronutrients	390	489	471
Natural organics	1,443	1,290	1,396
Total direct-application material	18,660	16,862	14,748
Total commercial mixtures	6,059	8,083	6,536
Total all kinds of fertilizer	24,719	24,945	21,284

AVERAGE PRICES PAID BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS FOR FEED AND FERTILIZER, NEVADA, 1973-75								
Commodity	:Unit:	1973	: 1974	: 1975	Commodity	:Unit:	1973 : 1974 : 1975	
		Dollars					Dollars	
Feed:					Fertilizer :			
Dairy feed, 14%	:Ton :	95.70	138.00	160.00	11-48-0.	:Ton :	125.00	193.00 213.00
Dairy feed, 16%	:Ton :	116.00	165.00	188.00	16-20-0.	:Ton :	97.00	183.00 205.00
Laying feed	:Ton :	158.00	195.00	198.00	Ammonium			
Bran.	:Cwt.:	6.19	8.29	8.80	sulphate	:Ton :	70.50	150.00 153.00
Cottonseed					Anhydrous			
meal, 41%	:Cwt.:	12.40	12.90	10.90	ammonium	:Ton :	90.50	225.00 230.00
Stock salt.	:Cwt.:	2.57	2.82	3.35	Urea	:Ton :	99.00	230.00 260.00
Alfalfa hay,					Superphos-			
baled	:Ton :	56.40	71.40	72.30	phate, 45%	:Ton :	98.00	--- ---
					Gypsum	:Ton :	16.50	21.00 35.00

CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARM MARKETINGS BY COMMODITIES, NEVADA, 1973-75							
Item	: 1973		: 1974		: 1975		
	: Thou.	: % of:	: Thou.	: % of:	: Thou.	: % of	
	: dol.	: Total:	: dol.	: Total:	: dol.	: Total:	
Cattle & Calves	99,775	68.6	78,880	57.6	68,812	52.1	
Dairy products	9,826	6.8	14,046	10.2	14,399	10.9	
Sheep & Lambs(Including Wool)	6,243	4.3	6,590	4.8	9,812	7.4	
All Other Livestock & Products	1,821	1.2	1,628	1.2	1,945	1.5	
Total Livestock & Products	117,665	80.9	101,144	73.8	94,968	71.9	
All Hay	11,411	7.8	13,913	10.2	15,697	11.9	
Alfalfa Seed	6,605	4.5	8,310	6.1	4,452	3.4	
Potatoes	4,624	3.2	7,152	5.2	9,455	7.1	
Food & Feed Grains	2,747	1.9	3,741	2.7	3,891	2.9	
Vegetables	1,367	.9	1,794	1.3	2,624	2.0	
Cotton, Lint & Seed	758	.5	575	.4	613	.5	
All Other Crops	353	.3	369	.3	370	.3	
Total Crops	27,865	19.1	35,854	26.2	37,102	28.1	
Total All Commodities	145,530	100.0	136,998	100.0	132,070	100.0	

NEVADA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS 1975

PRODUCTION EXPENSES OF NEVADA FARMERS AND RANCHERS, 1973-75 1/

Item	: 1973	: 1974	: 1975
- - - Million Dollars - - -			
Feed	19.7	20.7	17.3
Livestock.	16.3	12.3	16.0
Seed5	.6	.5
Fertilizer and lime.	1.9	3.0	3.3
Repair and operation of capital items.	9.8	12.4	13.0
Hired labor.	15.9	18.2	19.6
Miscellaneous.	17.4	20.3	21.8
Total current farm operating expenses	<u>81.4</u>	<u>87.5</u>	<u>91.6</u>
Depreciation and other consumption of farm capital.	14.5	17.5	19.7
Taxes on farm property.	5.6	6.3	6.4
Interest on farm mortgage debt	6.4	7.7	9.2
Net rent to nonfarm landlords9	.9	.6
Total Production Expense	<u>108.9</u>	<u>119.9</u>	<u>127.5</u>

FARM INCOME DROPS IN 1975

Total net income per Nevada farm (ranch) averaged only \$9847 in 1975--one third less than the 1974 net of \$14,636. This compares with the record high net of \$27,070 obtained in 1973. Cash receipts from farm marketing were down sharply while production expenses showed a marked increase. Realized gross income dropped to \$73,731 in 1975 from \$75,835 in 1974 and \$79,866 in 1973.

FARM INCOME, NEVADA, 1973-75 1/

Item	: 1973	: 1974	: 1975
- - - Million Dollars - - -			
Realized gross farm income			
Cash receipts from farm marketings	145.5	137.0	132.1
Government payments.	1.7	.3	.8
Nonmoney income.	10.8	12.5	12.5
Other farm income.	1.7	1.9	2.1
Total gross farm income.	<u>159.7</u>	<u>151.7</u>	<u>147.5</u>
Farm production expenses	108.9	119.9	127.5
Realized net farm income	50.8	31.7	20.0
Net change in farm inventories	3.3	-2.5	-.3
Total net farm income.	<u>54.1</u>	<u>29.3</u>	<u>19.7</u>
Farm income per farm	- - - - - Dollars - - - - -		
Realized gross income per farm	79,866	75,835	73,731
Realized net income per farm	25,414	15,782	9,991
Total net farm income per farm	27,070	14,636	9,847

1/ Details may not add to totals due to rounding

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