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# HOME FEEDS NEVADA

**Home Feeds Nevada helps food-insecure families access fresh produce, protein and dairy items grown by Nevada farmers through food bank-supported pantries across the state.**

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Nevada Department of Agriculture uses a tiered pricing model that gives a premium rate to small local producers and processors to purchase locally produced products distributed to Nevada's food banks and into the hands of food insecure populations



**3.2 million pounds of food distributed statewide.**

Access to nutritious food is essential for preventing severe hunger, improving health and reducing the strain on our health care system from chronic diseases.



**21+ farmers enrolled in the program.  
\$3 million dollars paid to Nevada farmers**

In its first year, Home Feeds Nevada helped Nevada producers/processors sustain and grow their businesses by routing more than 1.5 million pounds of local product through Nevada's food banks.



**Feeding Nevada's food-insecure families directly.**

**A partnership of Nevada counties; University of Nevada, Reno; & the U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Support Nevada farmers growing for Nevada families

# NEVADA FAMILIES



- **1 IN 8 NEVADA FAMILIES FACE FOOD INSECURITY.**
- **32% OF FOOD-INSECURE RESIDENTS ARE CHILDREN.**
- **NEVADA IS 8TH MOST FOOD-INSECURE STATE.**
- Food Insecurity means little to no affordable food is available in your community.
- Food Insecurity often leads to expensive chronic diseases (i.e. obesity, diabetes) and mental health issues (i.e. depression/ anxiety).

## NEVADA AGRICULTURE

- Eating seasonal, locally grown food offers nutrient-dense, flavorful options that support a diverse diet while strengthening community ties.
- Local agricultural producers largely face obstacles in food distribution, addressed by Home Feeds Nevada.
- **HOME FEEDS NEVADA HAS BENEFITED PARTICIPATING FARMERS, ALLOWING THEM TO EXPAND OPERATIONS AND HIRE MORE STAFF.**
- Supporting local farms reduces environmental impact and decreases fuel costs from transporting food into our state.

## STRENGTHENING THE NEVADA ECONOMY

- Home Feeds Nevada bolsters Nevada's resilience to rising food prices while fostering a more self-sustaining food system within our own state.
- Nevada has been ranked as having the second-highest grocery store prices in the continental U.S.
- **HOME FEEDS NEVADA INJECTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DIRECTLY INTO OUR NEVADA FARMERS, MAINTAINING THESE FUNDS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.**
- Reducing reliance on importing food is vital to mitigate food insecurity during emergencies, such as interstate road shutdowns or global disruptions.

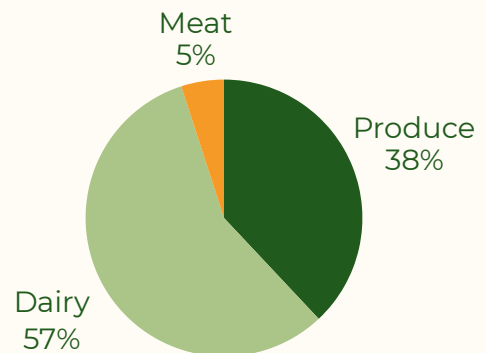
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## NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD BANKS

- High-quality, farm-fresh, nutritious items are often scarce at pantries due to reliance on donations and commodities.
- Home Feeds Nevada fills this need.

### LOCAL FARMERS PROVIDED FOOD-INSECURE NEVADANS:



**DISTRIBUTION OF QUALITY FRESH LOCAL FOOD TO FOOD BANKS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT HOME FEEDS NEVADA.**