

Annual NACO
Conference - NDA
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Department of Agriculture

- Consists of 5 divisions
 - Administration
 - Animal Industry
 - Food and Nutrition
 - Measurement Standards
 - Plant Health and Compliance



•Our agency priorities are customer service, food and public safety, and ensuring Nevada's continuity of commerce





SB 466 – Transfer of Authority

- State-level authority to inspect food establishments transferred from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA)
- Expanded NDA's existing food safety responsibilities:
 - Dairy / Eggs / Produce / Acidified Foods
 - Supports a more resilient food system by providing additional staff for the State Meat and Poultry Inspection Program
- Nevadans benefit by having one state authority for food safety



Streamlining Food Regulation

- •Food establishments, farm-to-fork events, cottage food operations are now regulated in one place: NDA
- NDA now oversees the full food journey:
 - From farm → to processor → to grocery store or restaurant
- Simplifies compliance for producers and vendors



Impact to Counties

- NDA provides food establishment inspections in counties without health districts or when assistance is requested
- No assessments are imposed unless NDA provides services
- Ensures counties are only charged for services rendered
- SB 466 also requires NDA to review assessments to ensure financial solvency of the food inspection program



Regulatory Transition

- NDA will adhere to Chapter 446 of the Nevada Administrative Code, originally adopted by the State Board of Health
 - Formal adoption required by Nevada Board of Agriculture
- Ensures continuity in food safety standards
- NDA assisting Nevada Health Authority (NHA) with training and inspection/enforcement activities as NHA builds up its capacity



Nevada State Fair Returns in 2026

- Assembly Bill 333 reestablished NDA's authority over the Nevada State Fairgrounds
- The NDA is sole authority that can establish the official Nevada State Fair
- State Fair will return in June of 2026
- Great opportunity for counties to get involved

Interested in participating?

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