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The Nevada Farm Bureau Federation supports the use of the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Stations as a research and teaching laboratories of critical importance to the future of Nevada's agricultural industry.

We believe that the Experiment Station system should be maintained under the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. We oppose the conversion of any Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station properties to urban use.

We believe that the Nevada Agricultural Experiment Station should engage in more applied research as opposed to basic research with input from Nevada farmers and ranchers.

Economic Research:

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Government agencies should recognize that personal income of a small business does not reflect the real economic impact on a community. We believe that it is important to work towards ascertaining the full economic impact (including multiplier effect) of small business, including farms and ranches, and specialty farms, on the community, and the state of Nevada as a whole.

Farm Bureau encourages county commissioners to adopt land use plans that will protect their county's customs, culture and economic stability. We also urge counties to make an economic study of their counties' resources.

County Farm Bureaus are encouraged to become members of local economic development agencies.

Nevada Farm Bureau supports local communities in their request for environmental, economic and social impact studies addressing the cumulative impacts on the entire community by Federal Government regulation and legislative actions.

Nevada Farm Bureau supports the Economic Assessment project that Extension and the University of Nevada, Reno are doing to assist in the development of an economic database to assist with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for economic analysis.

Extension – Research:

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We maintain that agricultural funding for agricultural research, Cooperative Extension and the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources should be maximized. Educational programs relating to Nevada agricultural needs should not be diluted.

We support the efforts of Cooperative Extension to gain additional funding from the Legislature to establish/maintain a core of experts to cover key areas facing Nevada agriculture: agronomy/forage production, alternative crops and traditional agricultural enterprises, rangeland management, noxious weed control, apiculture, and water management. We urge additional research on control measures for pests on private and federally-managed lands.

Cooperative Extension should enhance its liaison between researchers and producers. This includes bringing not only new knowledge from the researcher/specialists to the producer but also identifying needs of producers to help guide new research. Extension should play a role in educating the nonagricultural community regarding the issues facing people in agriculture today.

Local Extension personnel's role needs to be strengthened in developing and carrying out applied research for the benefit of production agriculture.

We recommend a cooperative working relationship between the federal government; Cooperative Extension; the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources; and the Agricultural Research Service.

Nevada Farm Bureau supports UNR Extension's efforts to fund and construct an "urban agriculture" center in Las Vegas, NV for education, research and demonstration purposes.

Food Waste: 113
We support research to develop ways to reduce the waste of food and support the beneficial use of food scraps.

**Main Station Farm And All Other Agricultural Properties
Owned By the Nevada System of Higher Education:** 114
Nevada Farm Bureau strongly urges the Board of Regents of the Nevada System of Higher Education System (NSHE) to retain all NSHE agricultural properties to meet the needs of production agriculture research and education.

Farm Bureau opposes selling all or any part of the Main Station Farm or any other agricultural properties for development or exchange for uses not consistent with above purposes.

Nevada Farm Bureau insists that all funds acquired from the sale or lease of Agricultural Research assets be used to establish endowments to pay for hiring researchers and to carry out research that matters to Nevada agriculture.

Use of Animals in Research: 115
We feel that the humane use of animals in various kinds of research projects is necessary for the health and welfare of humanity and animal life.