

SURVEY

WATER AND WEEDS top Nevada agriculture issues

Water and weeds are top concerns for Nevada agriculture producers, according to a statewide survey conducted by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

“Agriculture producers have set the agenda for Cooperative Extension’s agriculture research and educational programs for the next few years,” said Lyon County extension educator and University professor Loretta Singletary, who conducted the survey and analyzed the results.

Top priorities in order of importance were:

1. Legal considerations for water rights protection (91%)
2. Impacts of water transfers within and outside basins (89%)
3. Impacts of water rights sales (87%)
4. Impacts of environmental regulations on water use (83%)
5. Noxious weed identification and control (83%)

The results of the 2006 Nevada Agriculture Producer Statewide Research and Education Needs Assessment are available free on the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension website at: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/publications/files/ag/2006/eb0602.pdf>.

Profile of Nevada Agricultural Producers

Age respondents	Percentage
25-34	1.4%
35-44	11.5%
45-54	26.0%
55-64	28.7%
65 plus	29%
Did not answer	3.4%

Educational Attainment	Percentage
Less than 12th grade	3.0%
12th grade	19.8%
Some College	30.4%
Technical/Associate	10.0%
College Degree	25.3%
Graduate Degree	10.3%
Did not answer	1.2%

Gender	Percentage
Male	80%
Female	18%
Did not answer	2.0%

Ethnicity	Percentage
White	91.3%
American Indian	2.6%
Hispanic	.02%
Asian/Pacific Islander	.02%
Multiethnic/Other	3.3%
Did not answer	2.4%

SOURCE: 2006 Nevada Agriculture Producer Statewide Research and Education Needs Assessment, conducted by Loretta Singletary, Ph.D., Professor and Lyon County Extension Educator, and Marilyn Smith, Professor and Area Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

Nevada’s capital gains

Total acres in operation including public land allotments	Percentage
1-20 acres	18.4%
21-160 acres	24.5%
161-1,000 acres	19.9%
1,001-60,000 acres	19.9%
60,001 or more	8.9%
Did not answer	8.4%

Current income from agriculture	Percentage
\$1,000-\$9,999	32.9%
\$10,000 to \$49,999	24.5%
\$50,000-\$249,999	21.7%
\$250,000 to \$499,999	5.6%
500,000 or more	8.4%
Did not answer	7.0%

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