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USDA Awards \$248,000 for Nevada Agriculture to Develop Risk Management Education and Outreach Initiatives

Davis, Calif., Nov. 30, 2011 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency (RMA), Davis Regional Office, today announced \$248,000 in a cooperative agreement award to help provide new ways for producers to manage agricultural risks. Targeted outreach and educational opportunities will help women, limited-resource, and other traditionally underserved farmers and ranchers.

One agreement was awarded in Nevada. **“New, Beginning, Socially Disadvantaged and Transitioning Farmers and Ranchers Livestock and Crop Insurance Program,”** submitted by the University of Nevada in Reno, will create and enhance the sustainability of socially disadvantaged, transitioning, and new/beginning farmers and ranchers through education, mentoring, and outreach to own, operate and sustain an agricultural operation.

Federal Crop Insurance and Risk Management Education and Outreach programs together provide a safety net to ensure that farmers and ranchers will survive the perils of nature and the marketplace and continue in business, thus ensuring the food supply. RMA administers these projects and the federal crop insurance program. For more information, please see the RMA Web site at: <http://www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements/>

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