

## NEVADA STATE REPORT

2003

### WESTERN REGION AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

**Current Status.** Nevada has 20 secondary agricultural education programs and 24 teachers. Great Basin College in Elko, NV is in the early stages of opening a post secondary agriculture program. Mr. Gary Sundseth, agriculture teacher at Spring Creek High School near Elko is developing the program in addition to his regular teaching duties at the high school. He will be working at Great Basin College full-time next year.

**Standards Development.** The Career and Technical Education Team of the Nevada Department of Education took the initiative of joining the academic programs in the state in developing content and performance standards. Standards for Agricultural Mechanical Engineering Technology and Plant & Environmental Horticulture Science were developed and approved by the Nevada State Board of Education this past year. The Agriscience Standards developed last year were approved for use in obtaining academic credit in science. Additionally, Program Quality Criteria Standards were developed and approved by the State Board of Education. Writing teams are now working on standards for Agricultural Business and Animal Science/Vet Science.

**State FFA Convention on Campus.** The State FFA Convention was on the University of Nevada, Reno campus March 19-22, 2003. Most leadership and Career Development Events as well as delegate and general sessions were held on campus or in campus facilities. The College of Agriculture, Biotechnology, and Natural Resources sponsored a barbecue. The College of Education provided rooms for various leadership events as well as testing.