

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Committee on
Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the purchase of local
agricultural products.

WHEREAS, Agriculture is one of Nevada's most important industries, providing a cornerstone for the economies of rural Nevada counties and the state as a whole, and employing a large number of workers in our state; and

WHEREAS, Farming and ranching are an inherent part of our Western culture and greatly enhance the aesthetics of life in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, With its vast mountains and rangelands providing grazing for livestock, Nevada's ranches rank third in the nation in size, with cattle and calves being the leading agricultural industry in this state; and

WHEREAS, Some of the other livestock enterprises that add to the agricultural industry are horses, sheep, lambs, hogs, pigs, rabbits, and ducks, geese and other poultry, as well as more exotic livestock such as emus and llamas; and

WHEREAS, Dairying and the manufacture of dairy products, as a part of the agricultural industry, is growing as well; and

WHEREAS, Despite Nevada's arid climate, with farms concentrated in valleys where land can be properly irrigated, excellent crops are produced such as potatoes, onions, garlic, melons, barley, wheat, corn, oats and, the leading cash crop of the state, alfalfa hay; and

WHEREAS, The costs of production for the agricultural industry are continually increasing, and there has been a sharp drop in net income from farming and ranching in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Purchasers in this state could greatly benefit the agricultural economy of this state by obtaining agricultural products from sources within this state, to the extent that their needs can be met by these products; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That institutions, wholesalers and retailers in this state are encouraged to purchase agricultural products that are grown, produced, packed, processed or raised in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That each regulatory agency of this state having the appropriate powers is directed to foster the purchase and use of agricultural products grown, produced, packed, processed or raised in this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to each regulatory agency of this state that is able to assist in carrying out the purposes of this resolution.