



# MSU Extension Education & Research Improving the Quality of Life

## In Fallon/Carter Counties

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**BQA Training** – Sixty five cattle producers have been Beef Quality Assurance certified during the past year. Trainings were offered over the local Interactive TV site, in a group setting in Carter County, and some producers have been certified on line. These producers represent over 20,000 head of feeder cattle. Research tells us that source verified cattle are worth \$3 to \$5 more per cwt. than non-source verified cattle.

**Noxious Weed Education** - The Fallon/Carter County Extension Office continues to work closely with the local weed districts to maintain programs to educate landowners about noxious weeds. Through assistance from the Fallon/Carter County Extension Office, area farmers and ranchers have received over \$120,000 in grants over the past 10 years to aid in weed control efforts.

**Baker Town and Country Day** – This program, hosted by the Extension Office every year in cooperation with Baker businesses, seeks to bring timely education to local extension clientele and bring together the rural people of the counties with the local business community. Business owners and ag producers have both commented that this event has narrowed the communication gap considerably between these two segments of the community.

**Fallon and Carter County 4-H Programs** – The 4-H programs in Fallon and Carter Counties continue to thrive. Throughout the year, 4-H youth participate in a variety of programs including shooting sports, livestock judging, and fashion review just to name a few. In addition, local 4-H clubs have been active in undertaking numerous community service projects. Research has shown that youth involved in 4-H are much less likely to participate in risky behaviors later in life.

**New Extension Agent** – Nico Cantalupo was hired as the new Fallon/Carter County Extension Agent in October. Nico brings with him a wealth of experience from being a county agent in Minnesota and Wyoming. Nico replaces Larry Brencé who became the Eastern Region Department Head for Extension.

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Fallon/Carter County Extension Office is located in the Courthouse in Baker

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