



NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION  
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RURAL BUILDING COSTS  
MANUAL  
(CONTAINING ALTERNATE  
COSTS SECTION)

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The Rural Building Costs Manual is divided into two parts. These sections are intended to be an assessment tool to standardize and streamline improvement valuations for the types of properties identified in each part.

Real estate is defined in NRS 361.035, and includes land, houses, buildings, fences, ditches, structures, erections, railroads, other improvements, and property rights. Real property is further defined in NAC 361.11715 as land, fixtures, improvements; on-site enhancements; and any rights, interests, benefits and privileges belonging or attached to the land.

NAC 361.1127 defines a fixture as an item, other than a trade fixture, that was originally personal property which has been installed or attached to land or an improvement in a permanent manner. By reference, this incorporates Appendix E of the Personal Property Manual into this manual to determine whether fixtures are real or personal property.

Most costs contained in this manual are based on costs extracted from the Marshall and Swift Costing Service Manual. Nevada multipliers have not been added to these costs so the local multiplier for the appropriate area must be applied to the costs of the tables with that indication.

Based on current construction practices, all costs found in the Marshall and Swift Cost Manual are absent of any adjustments for unskilled farm labor. As such, assessors will not adjust values upward by 33 percent as authorized by NAC 361.128 paragraph 3(b). However, to account for the use of unskilled farm labor in the construction of improvements, assessors may make downward adjustments of 25 percent when appropriate.

All photos contained in this manual are to be used as a guide to help determine quality, class and style of buildings. Photos are not to be used as a method for determination of whether a building should be valued using this section.

If Sections A or B of this manual or the Marshall Swift Cost Manuals do not contain costs for a particular kind of structure or improvement, the county assessor may apply to the Executive Director for permission to use alternative recognized cost manuals, cost determinations or subscription services per NAC 361.128(4).

### **Section A – Rural Building Costs**

Section A is intended for use on rural properties and provides a broad listing of structures and improvements which are customarily found in such areas. It includes photos and descriptions which may be useful to assessors when classifying improvement quality or computing segregated costs.

There is an assumption that the installation of some yard improvements on a rural property would be in a much higher quantity than on a residential lot property; therefore, costs contained in this section include the maximum size adjustment allowed. If smaller quantities are being appraised, the appropriate costs from the Marshall and Swift Commercial or Residential Manuals should be used.

Concrete flatwork costs contained in this section are specific to concrete being poured as a concrete floor during construction of farm buildings or other farm improvements and should be used only when additional concrete flatwork was constructed at the same time (i.e., around feed troughs, horse

barns, etc.). For other concrete flatwork, please refer to the Marshall & Swift Commercial Manual (S66P2 – Yard Improvements) or the Marshall & Swift Residential Manual (C-5 – Yard Improvements) for more appropriate costs.

**Section B – Alternate Costs**

Section B provides improvement valuations for items more typically requested by the assessors because they cannot be found in the Marshall and Swift Costing Service Manuals. The costs provided have been researched and developed utilizing multiple sources.