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My Fellow New Mexicans:

Ensuring that New Mexicans have access to nutritious, locally produced food is a top priority of my administration. New Mexico farmers and ranchers are raising and growing top-quality fresh produce, meat, and other NM-produced foods for our homes, schools, early childcare facilities, senior centers, and food banks using sound and current food safety practices.

Throughout this publication, you will read about many ways the New Mexico Department of Agriculture supported the industry to keep things moving forward in order to serve both New Mexico producers and consumers.

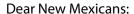
Despite relentless drought, agriculture remained one of the state's leading industries in 2022 with a total value of \$3.71 billion. New Mexico continues to lead the nation in chile production, and the Land of Enchantment is second in the nation in pecan production. Our farmers produce the majority of the nation's onions, and our cattle and dairy industries are leading economic drivers in our state as well.

New Mexico farms sold \$10.4 million in value-added products, according to the most recent Census of Agriculture, and we want to continue building on that success. With the New Mexico Department of Agriculture prioritizing domestic and international marketing efforts of our state's products, we look to expand the value-added market for our producers.

With their support and expertise of New Mexico farmers, we're helping to combat food insecurity across the state by leveraging additional funding for hunger initiatives and more resources for agricultural producers to grow more food for New Mexicans.

As we head into the next biennium, NMDA will continue to promote a fair marketplace, emphasize food protection, and enhance the marketing and economic development of our state's treasures, while supporting the beneficial use and conservation of natural resources.

Sincerely, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham



Our state is a special place because of the unique customs and cultures we embrace, enjoy, and represent every day. New Mexico agriculture is an important part of that!

Your New Mexico Department of Agriculture is proud of the role we play in consumer protection, natural resource enhancement, and the marketing and promotion of our great agricultural products. NMDA's programs touch every citizen every day – a responsibility we never take lightly. Consumer confidence in our fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, and other NM-produced foods, depends on our efficacy, and factors greatly in why our products are coveted not only at home but across the globe.

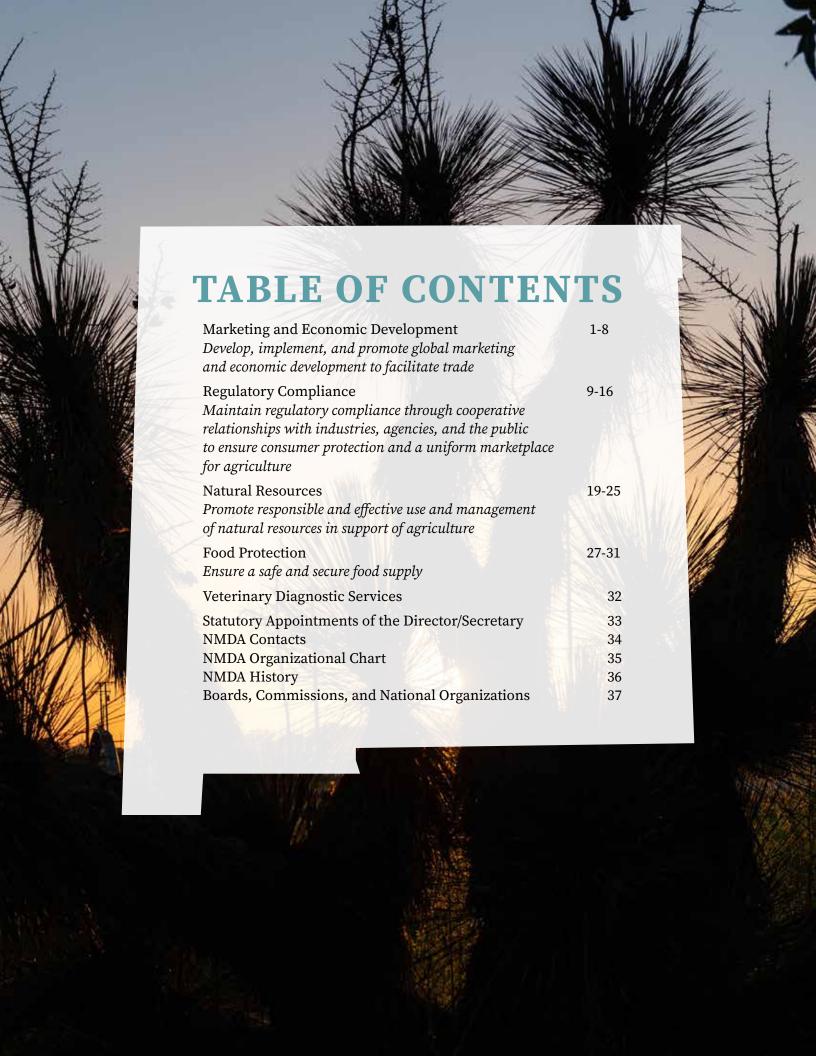
I am pleased to present this edition of the NMDA Biennial Report – a report that captures the activities of your NMDA and is a reminder of the broad responsibilities of this department. None of this work would be possible without the dedicated team who serves New Mexico as employees of NMDA. We are the "agency different" because of them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Jeff M. Witte, Director/Secretary









Marketplace and Economic Development

Expand domestic and global marketing opportunities and support affiliate industry groups that sustain agriculture through strategic advocacy, education, marketing, and economic development initiatives.

With approximately 20,000 farms statewide covering 40 million acres, agriculture makes significant contributions to all of New Mexico's 33 counties. In 2022, the value of the agricultural sector output totaled \$4.33 billion, up 24 percent from 2021. Revenues from farm-related income totaled almost \$630 million. Total indirect economic output was \$40.2 billion, generating over 247,000 jobs and \$11.5 billion in wages.

The Marketing and Development Division is dedicated to supporting New Mexico's agricultural commodities and the farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses that produce them. The division does this by executing a marketing plan consisting of a diverse portfolio of marketing activities and programs, including trade shows, trade missions, technical seminars, digital media campaigns, and culinary events. Some of the more notable, long-standing programs include the newly refreshed NEW MEXICO-Taste the Tradition®/Grown with Tradition® (NM-TTT®/NM-GWT®) Logo Program, the fresh green chile "Get Your Fix" promotional campaign, and the New Mexico State Fair Country Store.

The division also oversees several food and agriculture-related programs, including the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program, Organic Advisory Program, and Livestock Market News; and, in partnership with United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service, publishes the annual New Mexico Agricultural Statistics Bulletin.

The Marketing and Development Division is committed to developing the local agricultural economy. In cooperation with the Governor's Food Initiative, and in partnership with other food and agricultural organizations, the division administers funding for SNAP Double Up Food Bucks, New Mexico Grown Approved Supplier Program, and the New Mexico Vine Fund. The division also administers four USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) federal grants: the Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP), the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBGP), the Regional Farm-to-Food Bank or Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement, and the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program.

It is through these efforts that the Marketing and Development Division serves not only the state's agricultural community and its commodities but all New Mexicans.

DOMESTIC MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

The "Get Your Fix" green chile marketing campaign continues to expand its promotional reach for fresh market green chile through a series of hands-on technical seminars and training events at retail grocers across the country that is intended for suppliers/shippers to maximize profits by marketing and selling New Mexico fresh green chile peppers as a unique product. Technical seminars include an educational component on fresh green chile peppers, including marketing, merchandising and cross-merchandising tips, roasting services, and promotional events. A critical component of these seminars is hands-on instruction focused on the proper roasting and handling techniques necessary to successfully market this fresh product at stores across the nation. The division worked with new grocery locations in Colorado, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Ohio, Oregon, and Arizona, while also maintaining a presence at already established locations.







Alumni events make up a popular component of the green chile promotion. Connecting New Mexico-based alumni groups across the country with regional suppliers of New Mexico green chile (and roasting events) is beneficial for all. Retailers capture preorder sales from expatriates who live abroad and their friends and families. Alumni groups have a reliable and convenient annual source for New Mexico green chile. Social media has allowed NMDA to broadcast timely information on chile roasting events planned throughout the United States. As the number of New Mexico chile fanatics increases, they appreciate having a source for this information at their fingertips that is easy to share with others.

NMDA also executed a green chile social media campaign to target foodies by enlisting the help of six social media influencers with large followings in key regional markets. These influencers all committed to creating and sharing high-quality content featuring the use of New Mexico-grown chile and incorporating trends such as the use of instant pots and air fryers. The content was shared across all platforms and is also archived on the "Get Your Fix" web page. The return-on-investment figures from November 2022 listed below will continue to grow as the influencers' followers and re-shares grow:

- 5,717+ positive engagements
- 102,547 collective views
- 122,013 impressions (aka people who saw the content on their feed)
- 118,183+ consumers reached
- \$27,600+ in potential incremental sales
- Potential future reach of 97,424

Given the engagement between retailers, restaurants, influencers, and consumers across the U.S., the "Get Your Fix" green chile campaign continues to be the largest single commodity promotion in the history of NMDA.

In addition to the green chile social media campaign, NMDA partnered with the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) to create a digital and social media marketing campaign, which targeted upcoming and existing culinary professionals both domestically and abroad. NMDA utilized federal SCBGP funding to increase the awareness of and access to New Mexico chile, pecans, and other specialty crops. This initiative was two-fold, such that the division worked with CIA's consulting team to engage culinary students from their New York campus and selected a professional chef to curate new and innovative recipes. The results were six menu-ready sweet and savory pecan dishes and four culturally diverse chile dishes that were captured through high-quality digital content. The CIA published this content to their digital platforms and shared it within their network of culinary professionals, which has the potential to reach hundreds of thousands of chefs across the world.

NMDA's Marketing and Development Division staff once again coordinated the New Mexico Country Store and Agricultural Pavilion at the New Mexico State Fair in Albuquerque. The store showcased more than 600 New Mexico food products made by 80 local companies. The store enabled fairgoers to shop for local, familiar, and new ag-related food products. In 2023, sales totaled approximately \$26,000.











NMDA's hallmark state fair promotions returned to the 2023 State Fair. These promotions included the Battle of the Salsas, Green Chile Cheeseburger Challenge, and New Mexico wine, beer, and beef happy hours. The NM-TTT® Chef Ambassadors facilitated favorable media attention to the products within the store, the fair, and NMDA. Hundreds of fairgoers sampled more than fifteen local salsas to decide the fate of the 2023 Battle of the Salsas. Fairgoers also witnessed the Green Chile Cheeseburger Challenge, during which nine New Mexico restaurants competed to win two distinctions: the Judges' Choice Award given by a panel of local celebrity judges and the People's Choice Award given by the public. Both awards were announced after several rounds of blind taste testing as a way to name the best green chile cheeseburger(s) in the state. NMDA, in collaboration with the New Mexico Wine & Grape Growers' Association and the New Mexico Beef Council, hosted four Happy Hours, during which small local breweries and wineries showcased popular beverages and New Mexico beef samples were served to fairgoers.

NMDA staff were also present at the Eastern New Mexico State Fair where they executed value-added food demonstrations and product sampling for attendees to learn how to "spice up" ordinary favorite foods with local products.

NMDA partnered with the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum to host HomeGrown: A New Mexico Food Show and Gift Market. This signature event brings loyal exhibitors, regional shoppers, foodies, chefs, and the media together for two days to highlight the sale of locally grown and made products and to kick off the holiday season. In 2023, over seventy local food and craft companies exhibited, attracting almost three thousand attendees.

The second edition of NMDA's digital Holiday Lookbook was also intended to boost sales of New Mexico products. The catalog featured recipes and a variety of New Mexico-made agricultural products perfect for holiday gift-giving. The lookbook carried the "Our Spirit Remains" theme and was promoted heavily on various digital platforms to encourage online shopping following the success of the first lookbook in 2022 (1.1M+ impressions alone). NMDA plans to publish similar lookbooks in the future.

In 2023, staff coordinated and executed the inaugural Ranch-to-Institutional Market Summit, a business-to-business (B2B) event with the purpose of connecting New Mexico ranchers and meat processors with buyer representatives from schools, senior services, childcare, and food banks. The purpose was to build business relationships between local meat producers and processors and interagency food procurement specialists to increase transactions and help supply healthy, fresh, and locally raised animal proteins to New Mexicans.

Marketing staff organized New Mexico pavilions at multiple national trade shows to increase awareness of New Mexico specialty crops and specialty crop value-added products, including:

Americas Food and Beverage (AFB) Trade Show. AFB is the largest show of its kind in the Western hemisphere, bringing together buyers, suppliers, and industry experts from the Americas and the Caribbean. The Taste of the States Pavilion is organized by the National Association of State Departments

of Agriculture (NASDA) and USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, in partnership with World Trade Center Miami. State departments of agriculture (including NMDA) and USDA actively facilitated foreign buyer team visits to the show, which included potential buyers from over fifty countries.

SIAL America. SIAL America, the first-of-its-kind cross-category food and beverage show, made its U.S. debut hosting domestic and international exhibitors, key importers, food service companies, distributors, retailers, wholesalers, and restaurateurs. New Mexico's pavilion featured pecans, chile, and beans. A New Mexico company won the SIAL Innovation Award with a freeze-dried Hatch chile product. SIAL America welcomed over 4,600 industry professionals to the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada, hailing from both the U.S. and 60 international countries.

National Restaurant Association's "America's Food Fair." The final New Mexico Pavilion was part of another NASDA-coordinated pavilion called "America's Food Fair" within the National Restaurant Association show in Chicago, Illinois; the largest gathering of foodservice professionals in the Western hemisphere with approximately 2,100 exhibitors, 900+ product categories, and over 50,000 attendees under one roof (covering 11 football fields of floor space). New Mexico had five exhibiting companies each year during the biennium.

NMDA successfully executed the relaunch of the NEW MEXICO-Taste the Tradition®/Grown with Tradition® Logo Program with refreshed logo art, new program guidelines and license agreements, and a virtual application and members' portal. The public-facing advertising campaign itself was also reimagined to include a new long-form commercial and several short-form commercial spots to be placed on TV and all major digital platforms. The campaign message focused on the resiliency of the New Mexico agriculture industry as well as its rich history and uniqueness via a new "Our Spirit Remains" theme. The main commercial spot won two awards during the biennium: a first-tier Silver Addy Award from the American Advertising Federation and a Bronze Telly Award in the Local TV category. Campaign impressions are in the millions and growing.

In 2022, NMDA selected and announced the second class of NEW MEXICO—Taste the Tradition® Chef Ambassadors to help elevate New Mexico agricultural products through various initiatives and events. Chef Jon Young and Chef Jordan Isaacson have since assisted with developing digital content, two digital lookbooks, and promotions at the state fair; connected New Mexico exhibitors with key buyers at trade shows; conducted demonstrations at farmers' markets and community events; and much more.

In the summer of 2023, NMDA partnered with local agritourism operators to coordinate and host an Agritourism Symposium. Topics discussed included fee structures and payments, no-cost/low-cost activities and trends, school tours, events, insurance, ways to extend the season, marketing techniques, retail sales, u-pick events, and organization of a statewide agritourism group. The event was well attended and there is potential to make this a recurring event.

MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AND COST-SHARE PROGRAMS

During the biennium, NMDA awarded 13 projects totaling nearly \$1.23 million through two USDA grant programs: Federal State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP) with one project and the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program with 12 projects. These included:





- Farm to Table (FSMIP)
- Protecting New Mexico Chile and Tomato Crops from Disease While Generating Electricity Through Agrivoltaics
- Genetic Dissection of Phytophthora Capsica Resistance in Chile Peppers Using Epigenomic and Transcriptomic Approaches
- Jujube Cultivar Selection Through Open-Pollinated Progenies
- Selecting Adapted Cultivars of Lavender for Northern New Mexico
- Expanding Statewide Value-Chain Coordination to Grow Specialty Crop Sales and Related Infrastructure
- Nursery and Greenhouse Training/Continuing Education and Plant Guide for New Mexico
- ISO 17025 Quality Manager for New Mexico State University Food Safety Laboratory
- Agriculture Center Demonstration Kitchen
- VetCorps Veteran Farmers Beekeeping and Extended Season Crops Program
- Phase 2: Increasing Access and Expanding Opportunities for the Success of New Mexico-Grown Specialty Cut Flowers
- New Mexico LandLink: Enhancing New Mexico's Specialty Crop Industry with Land Access, Technical Training, and Digital Marketplace Development
- Improving Access to Specialty Crops in Early Childhood on the Navajo Nation

These projects will help advance the specialty crop industry in New Mexico and expand market opportunities for local food products.

NMDA provided program support for Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham's Food Initiative (formerly Food, Farm and Hunger Initiative), overseeing \$7.3 million in funding. The Governor's Food Initiative projects include Double Up Food Bucks (\$1 million in appropriations), the New Mexico Grown Approved Supplier Program (\$200,000 in appropriations), and the New Mexico Regional Farm to Food Bank Program or Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement (\$6.3 million in federal appropriations). NMDA's Marketing and Development Division provides essential programmatic and fiscal oversight for these programs. In collaboration with New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association and New Mexico Association of Food Banks, local produce, nuts, legumes, and, most notably, beef, pork, and mutton have been purchased through the New Mexico Grown Approved Supplier Program and New Mexico Regional Farm to Food Bank Program to be distributed to New Mexican families in need. Purchasing and distribution will continue into the next biennium.

NMDA also provided \$88,197.53 in cost-share reimbursements for advertising expenses, lead-generating events (trade shows, B2B events, etc.), and labeling assistance to 50 New Mexico companies that are members of the NEW MEX-ICO—Taste the Tradition®/Grown with Tradition® (NM-TTT®/NM-GWT®) Logo Program. Providing these cost-share reimbursements helped advance businesses and improve labels and brand recognition.

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

During the biennium, NMDA's Marketing team focused on global markets in Mexico, Central America, Europe, and Korea. Asian markets were explored in collaboration with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). New Mexico food and agricultural exports include nuts, dairy and grain products, produce, livestock genetics, and consumer-ready food and beverage











products. Through the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA), U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. (USLGE), and a combination of USDA and industry grant funds, NMDA Marketing staff continued to facilitate the participation of New Mexico growers and processors in international trade shows, trade missions, and promotional activities.

Outbound trade missions (in which New Mexico suppliers travel to buyers) and inbound trade missions (in which buyers travel to New Mexico suppliers) are more product- and sector-specific in comparison to certain trade shows and promotional activities. Both types of missions are excellent means of connecting prequalified buyers through B2Bs, matchmaking sessions, farm and ranch tours, and educational or networking events and seminars. Other efforts included in-store retail promotions, menu promotions, technical seminars, and culinary school events. An added advantage of media exposure compounds the effectiveness of these marketing activities. All trade activities are tracked using key performance metrics, including buyer contacts, new-to-market educational outcomes, and export sales. Positive survey results indicate that New Mexico companies participating in these activities are benefiting from NMDA's international marketing programs.

Through various partnerships, NMDA's Marketing staff organized several trade activities in FY 21-22 and FY 22 23, including:

WUSATA:

- Five inbound trade missions: European Union and Canada Specialty Food Inbound Trade Mission
- ASEAN and Korea Dried Fruit and Nut Inbound Trade Missions, Mexico Food Service Inbound Trade Mission
- Three outbound trade missions: Mexico Food Service Outbound Trade Mission, Mexico and Central America Mega Mission, Canada Specialty Food Outbound Trade Mission

USLGE:

- Livestock Genetics Inbound Mission: NMDA conducted five livestock genetics inbound missions with delegations from Sonora and Chihuahua
- Livestock Genetics Outbound Mission to Expo Ganadera Chihuahua:
 NMDA conducted one livestock genetics outbound mission with Chihuahua delegates
- Livestock Genetics Trade Show: Confederación Nacional Ganadera Trade Show in Chihuahua, Mexico
- Online Livestock Genetics Promotion: Staff conducted a virtual promotion of New Mexico livestock genetics, which included advertisements in various livestock and agriculture magazines and social media advertisements

NMDA partnered with the New Mexico Economic Development Department to participate in the American Agricultural and Food Products Showcase in Taiwan. During the event, hosted by the American Institute of Taiwan, a state ag representative met retail buyers from Taiwan to promote New Mexico food products.

In partnership with the New Mexico Agriculture Leadership Program, NMDA Marketing staff organized the New Mexico Agriculture Innovation and International Trade Mission to United Kingdom and Scotland. Twenty-seven individuals attended the trade mission to learn about regenerative agriculture, agritourism, innovation, and trade.

NEW MEXICO-SONORA AND -CHIHUAHUA COMMISSIONS

Under the state's mandate to increase trade with Mexico, the New Mexico legislature established the New Mexico-Chihuahua Commission and the New Mexico-Sonora Commission. NMDA Marketing staff worked with their Mexican counterparts to develop bilateral projects that benefit agricultural industries on both sides of the border.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INSPECTION SERVICES

Through the New Mexico Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program – a self-supporting, fee-based program – more than 862 million pounds of produce were inspected for quality and grade. This included over 402 million pounds of imported onions from Mexico, over 92 million pounds of domestic onions (a record-breaking onion season), 15 million pounds of pecans, and an excess of 351 million pounds of peanuts from New Mexico and Texas. NMDA conducted inspections of pecans, peanuts, sweet potatoes, watermelons, pears, oranges, and onions as part of a cooperative agreement with the Fresh Products Branch of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Inspections separate from the peanut program and exported and imported onions and trade mitigation are voluntary and provided on a request basis for growers, shippers, and other interested parties that handle produce in New Mexico.

The Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program has been proactive in working with local produce and vegetable shippers by assisting them in meeting national food safety compliance standards. Staff are trained to conduct Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Handling Practices audits, leafy greens audits, and USDA Harmonized GAP Plus audits. Inspection certificates are vital to the industry and are utilized for the following purposes:

 As a marketing tool to certify specific grades requested by buyers/sellers

- As legal evidence to resolve disputes regarding quality
- For quality control certification by the shipper
- For quality certification and assurance for export
- As an enforcement tool reflecting the guidelines of the New Mexico Produce Marketing Act

ORGANIC ADVISORY PROGRAM

The Organic Advisory Program provides complimentary consultation services to state industry stakeholders requesting assistance in understanding and navigating the official certification process and successfully attaining and maintaining standards associated with the National Organic Program USDA Organic Certification. Agriculturists also benefit from marketing and promotion programs that enhance the local, national, and international market shares of organic, natural, and healthy food and agricultural products.

AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS BULLETIN

In cooperation with USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), NMDA publishes annually the Agricultural Statistics Bulletin. NMDA has a professional services contract with NASS to compile data on crops and livestock. This publication has greatly assisted the agribusiness sector by providing a base for statistical information specific to New Mexico agriculture.

FEDERAL-STATE MARKET NEWS

Federal-State Market News is an ongoing cooperative program between NMDA and USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News Division. Operations include gathering and reporting daily market information from New Mexico, as well as news and resources on national markets. Reports include the New Mexico Range & Feedlot Report, Cattleman's Livestock Auction in Belen, and the Clovis, Roswell, and Santa Teresa Livestock Auction Reports. The number of head of livestock reported was 204,532 for FY21-22 and 207,340 for FY 22-23.





Regulatory Compliance and Consumer Protection

Achieve regulatory compliance through cooperative relationships with industries, agencies, and the public to ensure consumer and environmental protection while supporting an equitable marketplace.

STANDARDS AND CONSUMER SERVICES (SCS) DIVISION

PETROLEUM STANDARDS

NMDA is responsible for the annual inspection and testing of all commercial petroleum measuring devices used in the state, as well as ensuring product quality for gasoline, diesel, kerosene, brake fluid, antifreeze, and lubricating oil. During this reporting period, NMDA inspected and tested 41,047 petroleum measuring devices and collected 2,594 samples. As a result of the inspection process, the Petroleum Standards Bureau placed 1,943 devices out of service; issued 4,411 notices of violations; and issued 50 stop-sale notices for fuel quality violations.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Routine activities under the Weights and Measures Law include inspection of commercial weighing and measuring devices, packaged commodities for correct net content and labeling, verification of pricing accuracy of retailers utilizing Universal Product Code scanners, and country-of-origin labeling (COOL). Livestock scales and farm milk tanks were inspected upon request. During this reporting period, NMDA tested 12,683 weighing and measuring devices; conducted 1,018 price verification inspections; completed 1,188 package inspections (with 98 stop sales); and conducted 19 COOL inspections.

EGG GRADING ACT

The Egg Grading Act establishes the grades and standards for shell eggs, provides for the collection of an inspection fee paid by the egg dealer or producer on all eggs sold to the retailer or consumer, and requires that any person or firm that buys eggs for the purpose of reselling them at wholesale be licensed as an egg dealer. NMDA conducted egg inspections at retail outlets. During the biennium, 395 inspections were completed and 40 stop-sale notices were issued. Sixty-seven firms were licensed as egg dealers.

CHILE ADVERTISING ACT

The Chile Advertising Act establishes the New Mexico Chile Labeling requirements for New Mexico chile and products offered for sale in New Mexico. During this period, NMDA performed 351 inspections, issued 2 stop sale notices for noncompliance, and issued 114 notices of violation.

WEIGHMASTER ACT

The Weighmaster Act requires that anyone who conducts public weighing and charges for services or issues a signed weight certificate as a third party must have a weighmaster license. There are 130 weighmasters licensed within the state.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES REGISTERED SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

There are 32 scale companies and 35 petroleum companies registered with NMDA. Under the authority granted by the Weights and Measures Law, prior to installing, servicing, repairing, or reconditioning any commercial weighing or measuring device in New Mexico, a service establishment and each service technician employed by or who is a part of the service establishment shall be registered with NMDA.









OPEN-DATE LABELING FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

SCS oversees the open dating requirements of dairy products in the marketplace. During this period, 90 open dating stop-sale notices were issued.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SERVICES (APS) DIVISION

FEED, SEED AND FERTILIZER (FSF)

NMDA's FSF Section oversees the regulation of animal feeds, fertilizers, soil conditioners, and seeds.

FSF compliance specialists have assisted many manufacturers with label creation, corrections, and reviews to ensure regulation compliance of feed, fertilizer, and soil conditioner manufacturers and an equal playing field for their products.

Each year, NMDA registers approximately 21,000 feed products and 7,500 fertilizer and soil conditioner products. The seed inspection program participates in the USDA Seed Regulatory Testing Branch's (SRTB) Trueness to Variety (TTV) program. Each year, the SRTB chooses seed products to inspect for its TTV program, including retail seed packets (corn, melons, greens, etc.) and agricultural seeds (alfalfa, corn, milo, etc.).

NMDA investigates complaints regarding sick or dead animals with possible feed implications, as well as damaged or nonproducing crops due to seed germination or improper fertilizer labeling.

During this period, NMDA staff conducted a death-loss investigation on animal feed found to be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum. The feed was manufactured outside of New Mexico, prompting NMDA to collaborate with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Louisiana and Texas departments of agriculture on the investigation. The multiagency investigation led to a nationwide recall.

NMDA staff continue to sample commodities at rail sidings, dairies, and feed mills for the NMDA State Chemist Laboratory to test for the presence of mycotoxins. These operations ensure animal health and a safe food supply. NMDA also continues to sample pet foods and finished feeds for label guarantees and adulteration concerns.

AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (AES) DIVISION

AES is staffed with 26 field and office personnel. The division is comprised of two related sections: Pesticide Compliance (PC) and Entomology and Nursery Industries (ENI). Primary activities of both sections are outlined by state statutes, federal agreements, and regulatory needs of the state's stakeholders and interested parties. The division's responsibilities encompass regulatory, consumer protection, outreach, and public service activities directed at safe use and registration of pesticides, competency testing of commercial pesticide applicators, investigations of consumer pesticiderelated complaints, pesticide product testing on behalf of consumer protection, oversight of hemp production and product testing, inspection services related to export of specific raw agricultural products and prevention of the establishment of new invasive plant pests through inspections of specific commodities, surveys, and mitigation efforts. During this period, AES conducted inspections in support of state and federal requirements,











reviewed applications and issued licenses and permits, registered thousands of pesticide products, facilitated exports of raw agricultural products, investigated public concerns related to pesticide use, removed noncompliant pesticide products and plants from sale, and presented at numerous conferences. Additionally, staff continued outreach efforts to help ensure New Mexico industries are aware of current and future changes in regulations.

As a technical-based division, AES staff continued to serve and maintain active memberships and associations in approximately fifteen state and national organizations. These memberships and associations help develop and maintain professional working relationships with industry, enhance staff's proficiency within their areas of expertise, contribute to staff's continuing education, and provide a platform to ensure New Mexico's regulatory and consumer protection concerns are represented at a national level.

In addition to state funding, AES staff were successful in obtaining supplementary program funding through grants from industry and federal partners, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA, and individual stakeholders.

ENTOMOLOGY AND NURSERY INDUSTRIES (ENI)

New Mexico's horticultural and floricultural businesses are heavily dependent on the importation of plants from other states and nations. The importation of plants significantly elevates the risk of establishing new economic plant pests within the state's natural and managed ecosystems. Introduction of new plant pests can result in profit loss for businesses (agriculture, golf courses), increased pesticide use, or reduction in the aesthetics of land-scapes and natural ecosystems (forests).

As part of an early detection program, ENI staff horticulturists and ento-mologists conduct routine inspections of state wholesale and retail plant nursery and floral businesses for presence of plant pests and compliance with federal and state quarantine laws. During this period, approximately 1,300 plant-based businesses were licensed in the state annually to grow or sell nursery or floral plant material. Of these businesses, approximately 60 percent were inspected by ENI staff in accordance with state statutes and rules that govern the nursery and floral industries.

In addition to inspections of plant nurseries, ENI staff conduct surveys within agricultural and forested ecosystems to identify recent introductions of new plant pests as a result of normal trade or movement of pest-infested plant material into the state. During the reporting period, staff conducted surveys directed at numerous invasive plant pests, including Japanese beetle (Papilla japonica, landscape pest); European gypsy moth (Lymantria dispar, significant forest pest); red imported fire ant (Solenopsis invicta, urban pest); hickory shuck worm (Cydia caryana, significant pecan pest); pecan weevil (Curculio caryae, significant pecan pest); general invasive pine pests (economic and aesthetic importance); and pecan nut casebearer (Acrobasis nuxvorella neunzig, (significant pecan pest not found in Luna or Hidalgo counties).

ENI and PC staff work collaboratively with stakeholders on mitigation efforts directed at plant pests identified as being of significant economic or aesthetic importance to the state. During the reporting period, AES staff

continued efforts directed at slowing the spread of pecan weevil (introduced pecan pest to southeastern counties) from eastern counties to pecan growing areas to the west, including Doña Ana County, Arizona, far West Texas, California, and Northern Mexico territories. Efforts include outreach and education, enforcement of quarantine restrictions, surveys, inspections, and ongoing programs to suppress or eradicate established populations.

National and international requirements dictate that specific New Mexico raw agricultural products must undergo required treatment (freezing) or inspection to eliminate the risk of moving specific plant pests to other states or countries. Under ENI's Phytosanitary Program, staff ensure growers and exporters are up to date on export requirements, inspections, and have the proper documentation to ensure exports meet stated requirements. Principal international and domestic agricultural exports supported by the Phytosanitary Program included pecans, peanuts, nursery stock, peppers, onions, and sorghum for seed. Mexico, Asia, and the European Union are the main recipients of New Mexico-produced agricultural commodities. AES staff members are credentialed by USDA to conduct inspections and issue documents on its behalf.

During the reporting period, staff successfully pursued USDA-sponsored cooperative agreements of approximately \$430,000. These monies partially supported the state plant pest survey coordinator's position and supported several plant pest surveys of economic importance to the state. Staff also obtained funding to conduct invasive pest outreach and education activities to inform homeowners and growers of potentially invasive plant pest pathways and prevent pest movement into and within the state.

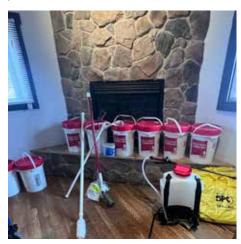
The addition of a full-time state entomologist within ENI significantly contributed to efforts in determining the current status of red imported fire ants in Doña Ana County. NMDA works in collaboration with USDA to determine if the red imported fire ant has been eradicated. Confirmation of eradication should result in the lifting of a current federal quarantine at the county level that negatively impacts specific businesses exporting plant nursery stock. During this period, the state entomologist coordinated numerous ant surveys within Doña Ana County and worked with taxonomists and molecular biologists in developing data to remove the county from federal quarantine. Additionally, the state entomologist provided taxonomic support for USDA's rangeland grasshopper surveys. The state entomologist helped ensure USDA grasshopper management decisions were directed at economically impactful species rather than non-economically impactful species.

PESTICIDE COMPLIANCE (PC)

PC is responsible for the review and registration of pesticides used in the state; investigation and penalty assessments involving pesticide misuse; inspections of licensed pesticide companies for compliance with state and federal regulations; testing, licensing, and continuing education related to pesticide applicator competency; support for the safe disposal of pesticides; and outreach directed at minimizing pesticide misuse.

PC staff reviewed and registered approximately 15,000 pesticide products annually during the reporting period, including products for industrial, agricultural, structural, public health, landscape and nursery, antimicrobials, and biological uses. Staff issued over 500 pesticide applicator licenses annually, performed over 800 annual inspections of commercial pesticide applicators and dealers, and completed approximately 50 annual public complaint investigations (including an herbicide drift issue that impacted over 40 private properties).





In collaboration with a pesticide disposal contractor and state pesticide dealers, PC staff continued to fund and manage a no-cost pesticide disposal program. At specific locations and dates, both industry and the general public were provided the opportunity to discard unwanted pesticide products at a location for disposal by a licensed disposal contractor. During the reporting period, a total of 130,305 pounds of pesticide waste was collected. The disposal program provides a free and easy method for the public to dispose of pesticides properly.

In collaboration with ENI, the PC staff continued collaborative efforts directed at pollinator awareness and enhancing the presence of pollinators in public spaces. Partners in these efforts included New Mexico Beekeepers Association (NMBKA) and Xerces Society. In May 2023, NMBKA planned and hosted a workshop in which NMDA AES staff participated. The two-day workshop provided the opportunity for attendees to increase their knowledge of beehive inspection procedures and identification of specific environmental stressors associated with bee mortality. AES staff also partnered with NMBKA to carry out survey activities aimed at identifying stressors for New Mexico's urban honeybees. AES staff and regional Xerces Society representatives continue discussions related to cooperative projects, which could lead to the creation of new educational pollinator habitats in New Mexico's public spaces.

PC staff continued the funding and management of DriftWatch, an online registry for industry and the public to identify areas considered to be sensitive to pesticides. Identified areas may include apiaries, certified organic crops, pollinator gardens, and so forth. The DriftWatch program was introduced to New Mexico citizens in 2014 to promote effective communication among apiaries, agricultural producers, individuals with chemical sensitivity, and the pesticide application industry. Staff promoted the program at numerous meetings, including the New Mexico Beekeepers Association and pesticide applicator continuing education workshops.

NMDA staff continued participation in the EPA Cooperative Pesticide Agreement Grant program. Approximately \$1 million in funding was awarded this biennium, which supported pesticide-related inspections, investigations of alleged pesticide misuse incidents, industry support of compliance assistance programs, and enforcement of state and federal pesticide laws and regulations. Funding also supported pesticide applicator certification and training programs, which ensure applicators stay up to date on their knowledge of proper pesticide use, safety, disposal, environmental protection, worker safety, water protection, and endangered species protection activities.

Due to the federal status of cannabis, EPA is precluded from registering pesticides for use in cannabis production. In order to provide state-licensed cannabis growers a minimal number of pesticide options, PC staff periodically reviewed pesticide products for registration for cannabis production in New Mexico. Products were found to be federally registered for use in hemp production and considered by staff to be acceptable with respect to human and environmental concerns.

With EPA's support, NMDA's PC staff added a position to monitor surface water for the presence of pesticide residues. During the reporting period, primary bodies of water in the state were sampled and pesticide residue screening was conducted.











LABORATORY DIVISION

The NMDA Laboratory Division consists of the Metrology Laboratory, Petroleum Standards Laboratory, State Seed Laboratory, and State Chemist Laboratory. The Division employs 11 full-time staff and four students. The Laboratory Division's Laboratory Renovation and New Building Project, funded in 2019 and 2020 by the New Mexico Legislature, received a temporary certificate of occupancy at the end of May 2023. During the biennium, Laboratory Division staff continued to work with builders to guide the building process, move forward to project completion, and schedule the placement of specialty equipment. All laboratory operations ceased the second week of May and each laboratory transitioned to the new building through the end of the biennium.

The Metrology Laboratory supports the work of SCS by maintaining custody of official state standards for mass and volume. This laboratory calibrates weights and measures used in department regulatory activities and performs calibration services on a fee basis for industry.

The Metrology Laboratory accomplished the following during this reporting period:

- Calibrated 11,951 artifacts.
- Received a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Certificate of Metrological Traceability, which includes 5-gallon to 500-gallon volumetric transfers II, and 25-gallon to 100-gallon volumetric transfers for Liquid Petroleum Gas, in addition to Mass Echelon II and Mass Echelon III weights.
- Received a NIST Certificate of Metrological Traceability for Mass Echelon I calibrations. This recognition allows for calibration of Class O and Class I precision weights.
- Received national accreditation from the National Voluntary Laboratory
 Accreditation Program for ISO/IEC 17025:2017. In addition, the laboratory
 increased the scope of accreditation to include Mass Echelon III weights.
 NMDA's Metrology Laboratory is one of approximately six to eight state
 laboratories in the country to include this scope of accreditation.
- The Metrology Laboratory purchased 100-gallon and 50-gallon slicker plate provers to replace the aged ones.

The Petroleum Standards Laboratory analyzes official samples for SCS to enforce petroleum product quality standards and specifications and performs sample analysis services on a fee basis for industry.

The Petroleum Standards Laboratory accomplished the following during this reporting period:

- Received 2,594 official samples, which required performing 10,361 analytical tests.
- Purchased a new sulfur analyzer, method ASTM D-7039, to test all types of fuels to replace aging instruments.
- Purchased a new near-infrared spectrometer, ASTM D-6122, for analysis of gasoline.
- Purchased a new High Speed FTIR Fuel Analyzer to rapidly analyze for multiple fuel parameters.

The State Seed Laboratory supports the work of APS by analyzing official samples collected by FSF inspectors. The laboratory analyzes samples submitted by the public, other state and federal agencies, and the seed industry on a fee basis.

The State Seed Laboratory accomplished the following during this reporting period:

- Completed 130 regulatory samples and 6,012 service samples.
- Transitioned quickly to the new laboratory and resumed testing in June 2023.

The State Chemist Laboratory performs a wide variety of tests on feeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. This includes protein, fat, fiber, moisture, ash, and aflatoxin content for animal feeds; available nitrogen, potash, and phosphoric acid content for fertilizers; and identification and formula verification for pesticides. All these tests can be requested on a fee basis by private citizens and industry.

The State Chemist Laboratory accomplished the following during this reporting period:

- A total of 1,092 feed samples were received, requiring performance of a total of 12,278 analytical tests.
- A total of 192 fertilizer samples were received, requiring performance of a total of 1,555 analytical tests.
- Method development and validation to analyze pesticides continued to progress following the laboratory quality management system.
- Received and maintained national accreditation from the Perry Johnson Laboratory Accreditation Program for ISO/IEC 17025:2017, with a scope including chemical and biological testing of animal feeds. Expanded its scope of accreditation to analyze fertilizers and minerals in both animal feeds and fertilizers.
- Purchased a new furnace for analyzing ash content and upgraded to a new LC-MS/MS instrument to increase capacity to develop pesticide methods.





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The Marketing and Development Division is dedicated to supporting New Mexico's agricultural commodities and the farmers, ranchers, and agribusinesses that produce them. The division does this by executing a marketing plan consisting of a diverse portfolio of marketing activities and programs, including trade shows, trade missions, technical seminars, digital media campaigns, and culinary events.

Through the New Mexico Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program – a self-supporting, fee-based program – more than 862 million pounds of produce were inspected for quality and grade.





NMDA is responsible for the annual inspection and testing of all commercial petroleum measuring devices used in the state, as well as ensuring product quality for gasoline, diesel, kerosene, brake fluid, antifreeze, and lubricating oil.

NMDA investigates complaints regarding sick or dead animals with possible feed implications, as well as damaged or nonproducing crops due to seed germination or improper fertilizer labeling.

NMDA monitors, investigates, analyzes, and disseminates information to influence policy decisions affecting the viability of agriculture and the sustainability of New Mexico's natural resources.

NMDA's FSF Section oversees the regulation of animal feeds, fertilizers, soil conditioners, and seeds.

PC staff reviewed and registered approximately 15,000 pesticide products annually during the reporting period, including products for industrial, agricultural, structural, public health, landscape and nursery, antimicrobials, and biological uses.

As part of an early detection program, ENI staff horticulturists and entomologists conduct routine inspections of state wholesale and retail plant nursery and floral businesses for presence of plant pests and compliance with federal and state quarantine laws.





NMDA's Healthy Soil Program (HSP) was created when the Healthy Soil Act was signed into law in 2019. The purpose of the program is "to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state."

Training and exercises are mainstays of NMDA's efforts in food defense. Social science research shows humans respond in a crisis as they have been trained. NMDA works very closely with the local, tribal, state, and federal partners to create and deliver training that prepares responders in New Mexico, nationally, and around the world.

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Since 1979, the primary function of NMDA's VDS Division has been to provide efficient and accurate diagnoses of diseases in New Mexico livestock, companion animals, exotic animals, and wildlife.









Natural Resources Stewardship

Promote agricultural resilience through responsible use, management, and conservation of natural resources.

Agricultural producers and consumers seek solutions to balance the needs of agriculture, economic development, and environmental health. NMDA monitors, investigates, analyzes, and disseminates information to influence policy decisions affecting the viability of agriculture and the sustainability of New Mexico's natural resources. NMDA engages in many important activities, including the regulation of pesticides to ensure protection of groundwater quality and endangered species habitats.

During the biennium, NMDA staff were instrumental in alerting the agricultural community and constituents to various state and federal initiatives with potential implications to agriculture. Staff developed and gave presentations to associations, agencies, regulated industry, and others on programs and opportunities for constituents related to natural resources and the viability of agriculture.

WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

According to 2020 Census estimates, New Mexico's population of 2,117,522 has grown by 2.8 percent since 2010 (estimate 2,059,179). The increase in population and development, coupled with ongoing drought, puts the state's water and natural resources under enormous strain. NMDA has continued to play a vital role in maintaining and protecting the state's natural resources (including watersheds, rangeland, and forests), which influence the state's economic and fiscal health. As water becomes scarcer, the actions of NMDA become even more critical to the viability of agriculture. In the biennium, New Mexico participated in major state initiatives related to climate change action and conservation. NMDA served on the Governor's Climate Task Force, working closely with other agencies on the Natural and Working Lands Climate Action Team. NMDA also participated on the New Mexico 30 by 30 Advisory Committee, contributing to the development of a framework for tracking the state's conservation goals.

NMDA staff maintain a seat on the Water Trust Board, which annually funds water infrastructure, conservation, endangered species, watershed restoration, flood prevention, and acequia projects from communities across the state. Projects range in size from the Ute Pipeline to the Navajo-Gallup Pipeline to Canadian River Riparian Restoration.

NMDA participates in water-related efforts, such as state water planning sessions, EPA Clean Water Act webinars, Elephant Butte Irrigation District board meetings, the New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute's annual Water Research Symposium, New Mexico water law conferences, U.S. International Boundary and Water Commission Rio Grande Citizens' forums and the South-Central New Mexico Stormwater Management Coalition. In 2022, NMDA participated on the New Mexico Water Policy and Infrastructure Task Force, contributing to policy recommendations beneficial to irrigated agriculture. NMDA stays informed on current issues and provides input and feedback to other water professionals in New Mexico, which helps inform policy decisions.









NMDA also provides support to a number of collaborative processes with partners such as USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, the Quivira Coalition, New Mexico Coalition for the Enhancement of Working Lands, NM Healthy Soil Working Group, New Mexico Prescribed Fire Council, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, the Southwest Drought Learning Network, and others. These efforts provide education and outreach through soil health training, workshops, and funding to land managers in support of agricultural resilience.

WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

NMDA, by statute, maintains a voting seat on the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). WQCC provides mandated oversight of water quality management through the state Water Quality Act and serves as the water pollution control agency for the state for all purposes of the federal Clean Water Act and the Wellhead Protection and Sole Source Aguifer programs of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The duties and powers of the commission include the adoption of a comprehensive water quality management program, the development of a continuing planning process, the administration of loans and grants from the federal government, the adoption of water quality standards, and the adoption of regulations "to prevent or abate water pollution in the state or in any specific geographic area or watershed of the state ... or for any class of waters." Under the Water Quality Act, water is defined as all water, including water situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the state, whether surface or subsurface, public or private, except private waters that do not combine with other surface or subsurface water. The WQCC is also vested with the enforcement of the New Mexico Utility Operator Certification Act, including the adoption of regulations and the conducting of hearings on compliance orders. NMDA's participation brings representation regarding decisions that affect water quality regulations and, ultimately, affect the agricultural economy.

NMDA assisted the agricultural industry with disaster and drought-related issues encountered during the biennium. This was accomplished through close monitoring of needs, data development, and coordination with state and federal agencies to facilitate the release of federal funding and programs designed to aid agricultural producers. NMDA, as the designee for Emergency Support Function 11 (ESF 11), responded to various agriculture and natural resource emergencies throughout the biennium, leading response and recovery efforts across the state.

NMDA maintained an active role in the Governor's Drought Task Force, emphasizing the impact to agriculture to gain leverage with other state agencies. Staff also served on the Drought Monitoring Working Group established to evaluate the impact of drought to various sectors in the state, unify response efforts, and identify proposed actions by agencies. This information served as one component of the state Drought Plan. NMDA also participated in the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management's (NMDHSEM) Historic Drought Tabletop Exercise and the National Drought Information System Southwest Drought Forum during the biennium.

HEALTHY SOIL PROGRAM

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program (HSP) was created when the Healthy Soil Act was signed into law in 2019. The purpose of the program is "to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state." This purpose is achieved by funding projects aimed at improving soil health, as well as related education and outreach efforts. Now in its fifth year, HSP funds grants through a competitive process. A technical review panel assists NMDA in the selection of projects for its annual grant process. To see the number of projects and amount of funding awarded per year, please see the table below:

Fiscal Year	Grant Application for On-the-Ground Projects		Approx. Dollars (in thousands)	
	Received	Selected	Requested	Awarded
2020 (pilot)	84	19	\$1,370.0	\$178.0
2021	49	26	\$513.0	\$237.0
2022	49	17	\$404.0	\$185.0
2023	77	50	\$1,405.5	\$1,092.8
2024	67	46	\$1,283.0	\$754.8

Using HSP funding, NMDA's Agricultural Programs and Resources Division is collaborating on a project with the Interstate Stream Commission and NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) related to groundwater conservation and soil health. During the biennium, NMDA also funded demonstration plots for soil health practices at two NMSU Agricultural Experiment Stations and supported soil health research related to biochar usage, transitioning from irrigated to dryland farming, and multispecies grazing systems on public lands.

AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

NMDA's Agricultural Workforce Development (AWD) Program offers incentives to the state's agricultural businesses to hire interns. The AWD Program's intent is to provide hands-on educational opportunities for students seeking careers in agriculture, as well as young or beginning farmers and ranchers. The program, created in 2019, is the result of the Agricultural Workforce Development Program Act.

ACEQUIA AND COMMUNITY DITCH FUND

The Acequia and Community Ditch Fund (ACDF) grants monies for the purpose of overseeing water rights. NMDA chaired the ACDF committee, which allocates and oversees \$830,000 per year appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature.

FARM AND RANGE IMPROVEMENT FUND ACTIVITIES

The Farm and Range Improvement Fund (FRIF) Act directs NMDA to work with county commissioners to expend funds returned from the state's share of Taylor Grazing Act fees paid to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). NMDA serves as liaison between the Director/Secretary and the county commissioners with an annual accounting of expenditures ranging from \$1,036,424 and \$1,026,839 for FY22 and FY23, respectively.

Year	Funding Amount	
FY22	\$125,000.00	
FY23	\$375,000.0	



WILDLIFE SERVICES' COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Wildlife Services program in New Mexico is cooperatively funded and provides state and federal leadership and expertise to resolve wildlife conflicts that threaten agriculture, human health and safety, and property. Cooperative funding includes federal, state, and local monies from cooperative service agreements in participating counties. Local funding includes county general funds, livestock associations, FRIF funds, and livestock head tax monies

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS (SWCDs)

NMDA provided support for all SWCDs and watershed districts by:

- Providing one-on-one training at each local district.
- Providing statewide operations training and statewide District Supervisor
 Certification training for new employees and newly elected supervisors
 (operations training with presentations from the New Mexico Department
 of Finance and Administration, Office of the State Auditor, and Office of
 the Attorney General).
- Helping districts build capacity by locating possible resources (financial, technical, or otherwise).
- Providing statewide trainings on the Water Quality and Conservation Grant.
- Urging district supervisors to stay informed by providing a monthly report on current issues and funding opportunities.
- Promoting the Agricultural Workforce Development Program and Healthy Soil Program to districts.
- Attending monthly SWCD meetings and SWCD special meetings.

NMDA helps coordinate collaborative efforts between SWCDs and other agencies in order to get conservation efforts on the ground.

During this biennium, NMDA worked on ongoing compliance assistance related to audit and budget reporting requirements; the Open Meetings Act; the Soil and Water Conservation District Act; and the Watershed District Act. NMDA has collaborated with other state agencies that interact with SWCDs in an effort to coordinate oversight of and interactions with the districts.

NMDA facilitated the establishment of partnerships to promote the responsible use of natural resources. These partnerships were effective in accomplishing on-the-ground natural resource projects related to riparian restoration, noxious weed management, endangered species management, and landuse planning.

NMDA staff supported individual districts by assisting with district boundary modifications and establishing mill levy authority to stabilize funding. NMDA also provided administrative services to the Soil and Water Conservation Commission, which administered the Water Quality and Conservation Grant, point-system funding, and \$3 million in one-time funding from the state legislature in 2022-2025 for SWCDs' on-the-ground projects benefiting farmers and ranchers to the public's health and safety.









The following table shows funds received by NMDA to benefit SWCDs with technical assistance and on-the-ground natural resource conservation during the biennium from various programs, including the Technical Service Provider program (TSP):

	Operations (SWCD)	Capital Outlay/ Special Projects	TSP/HSP State	TSP/HSP Federal (NRCS
		(SWCD)		Agreement)
FY21	\$819,410.00	\$880,503.00	\$639,755.00	\$639,755.00
FY22	\$819,410.00	\$1,447,500.00	\$603,867.00	\$603,867.00
FY23	\$819,410.00	\$3,014,103.00	\$503,867.00	\$503,867.00
FY24	\$2,458,230.00	\$5,342,106.00	\$1,747,489.00	\$1,747,489.00

FEDERAL RANGELANDS AND FORESTS

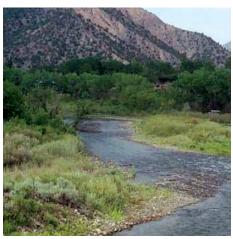
Range and forest lands constitute a significant portion of New Mexico's 78-million-acre land base. Federal agencies manage and control approximately 34 percent of the landmass of New Mexico. Federal lands are intermingled with tribal land (10 percent), state trust land (12 percent), private land (44 percent), and miscellaneous lands (34 percent) withdrawn as military installations, national parks, monuments, and wildlife refuges. The resulting checkerboard land ownership pattern and the predominance of non-private grazing lands present unique challenges to New Mexico's livestock industry.

In accordance with NMDA responsibilities, staff members maintain close contact with federal and state land management and conservation organizations, other state agencies, and auxiliary organizations. On behalf of NMDA's Director/Secretary, staff attended numerous meetings and provided analyses, comments, and briefing documents exemplified by:

- Participating in the state Forest and Watershed Health Coordinating Group, whose purpose is to initiate implementation of the Forest and Watershed Health Plan and coordinate long-term ecological restoration efforts throughout New Mexico.
- 2. Participating in meetings of the Otero County Grazing Advisory Board, which deals with issues affecting both public and private grazing lands in Otero County.
- 3. Working with agencies and industry groups to mitigate the impacts of large wildfires on affected range livestock operations.
- 4. Cooperating with producers and federal agencies to address range management and other natural resource-related challenges on federal grazing allotments.
- 5. Participating in federal land management planning efforts at the project and programmatic levels to ensure impacts to and benefits from production agriculture are considered. NMDA is a cooperating agency for the BLM Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument resource management plan and the Cibola, Carson, Santa Fe, Gila, and Lincoln national forest plan revisions. NMDA also worked as a cooperating agency on the BLM's Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Revision of Grazing Regulations for Public Lands.
- Participating in federal land management planning revisions and amendments for the Carson, Cibola, Gila, Lincoln, and Santa Fe national forests.

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- 7. Working with policy staff from other Western states to address common issues related to federal land management.
- 8. Analyzing and commenting on multiple documents concerning agriculture and natural resource management.

ENDANGERED SPECIES AND WILDLIFE

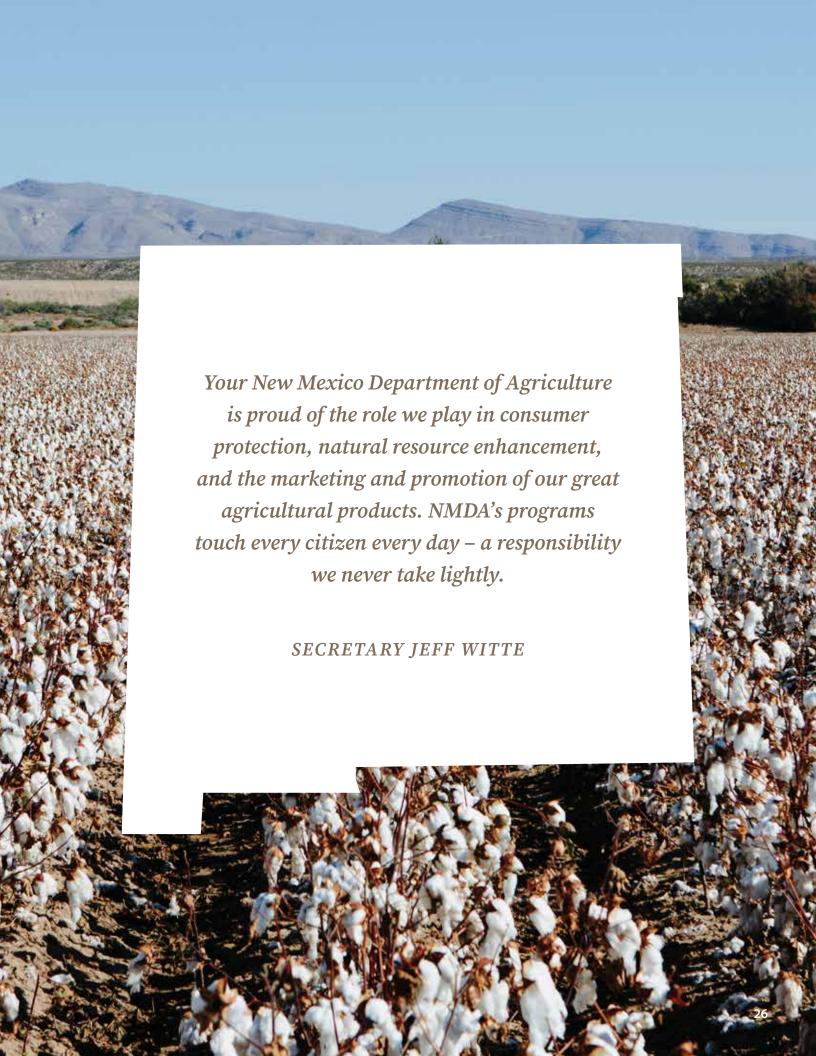
The federal Endangered Species Act has the potential for widespread impact on agricultural land uses. NMDA worked to identify ways to make species protection and recovery activities compatible with agricultural production and protection of water rights. To accomplish this, NMDA:

- Helped organize the New Mexico County Livestock Loss Authority (CLLA) to provide funding for depredation compensation and prevention to ranchers impacted by Mexican wolves through an efficient and locally led organization. NMDA continues to serve as an ex-officio member on the CLLA and to provide advice to the board, which includes representatives from Catron, Socorro, and Sierra counties; a representative from the ranching community; and a representative from a related nongovernmental organization.
- 2. Successfully applied for United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) grant monies for Mexican wolf depredation compensation and non-lethal mitigation measures. Grant monies were paired with nonfederal match and paid to New Mexico livestock producers impacted by Mexican wolves.
- Provided comments to USFWS regarding proposed policy changes, listing determinations, critical habitat designations, and recovery plans for the Mexican wolf, gray wolf, lesser prairie-chicken, New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, Texas hornshell, Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly, and silverspot butterfly.
- 4. Participated in meetings with the United States Forest Service and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMGF) regarding issues surrounding impacts from elk on forest habitat in New Mexico.

NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT

The Noxious Weed Management Act directs NMDA to maintain the state's noxious weed list, to identify methods of control for designated species, and to develop and publish methods of educating the public about noxious weeds. In addition, NMDA coordinates weed management efforts among local, state, and federal land managers and private landowners. During the biennium, NMDA coordinated the printing and distribution of updated Noxious and Troublesome Weeds of New Mexico booklets, which serve as field guides for SWCDs and the public.

Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs) are local organizations that integrate noxious weed management resources across federal, state, and local governmental jurisdictional boundaries. In the last two years, the number of CWMAs in the state has remained at 15. The success of New Mexico's CWMAs comes from their ability to build working relationships among governmental agencies and the general public. These relationships allow local CWMAs to overcome jurisdictional obstacles, combine resources, eliminate duplication of effort, and effectively achieve on-the-ground results.





Food Safety and Food Protection

Ensure a safe and secure food supply.

FOOD PROTECTION

NMDA and the Southwest Border Food Protection and Emergency Preparedness Center (Center) work diligently to prepare for all hazards through planning, training, and exercises to be able to respond effectively to agricultural emergencies. NMDA honors a three-prong approach to food protection: Food Safety, Food Defense, and Food Security. This approach protects New Mexico agriculture's critical infrastructure and ensures a safe and secure food supply.

Food Safety – Protecting against unintentional incidents
Food Defense – Protecting against intentional incidents
Food Security – Promoting a wholesome, nutritious, and available food
supply for all residents of the state

FOOD SAFETY

The Center helps train and educate thousands of people each year on food safety issues. Such issues may include something as simple as proper cooking and refrigeration temperatures to something as complex as handling biologic agents safely. The Center is a unique partnership between NMDA and NMSU ACES.

Through inspections, sampling, and testing equipment, the NMDA Dairy Bureau ensures safe milk and milk products are provided to the consumer.

NMDA staff conducts contract inspections under FDA authority at feed mills, feedlots, and feed distributors across the state for compliance with Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 589.2000 and 21 CFR Part 589.2001, the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) rules; 21 CFR 507, Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMP); and 21 CFR 558.6(c)(5), the Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD). NMDA inspects mills, manufacturers, mixers, and transporters of livestock feeds to ensure good manufacturing practices are followed, and maintains surveillance for potential BSE problems in bovine feeds. Staff meet annually with FDA's Denver District Office staff to plan the yearly inspections and discuss programmatic issues. During the biennium, staff conducted seven BSE inspections, ten CGMP inspections, and five VFD inspections per year.

The FSF Program underwent FDA's interval 4 audit to determine the status of NMDA's Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standard (feed standards). Upon completion of the audit, FSF was found to be fully implemented. New Mexico was the fifth state to complete the interval 4 audit out of 23 enrollees.

The feed standards are part of a voluntary cooperative agreement with FDA that establishes a uniform foundation for the design and management of state programs responsible for the regulation of animal food. Through implementing the feed standards, a state's program will be better able to achieve and maintain programmatic improvements that enhance the protection of the nation's animal feed supply through uniform and equitable statutes, regulations, and standards.

The feed standards are composed of 11 standards that serve as an objective framework to evaluate and improve components of a state program. The standards cover the state program's regulatory foundation, training, inspection program, auditing, feed-related illness or death and emergency













response, enforcement program, outreach activities, budget and planning, laboratory services, sampling program, and assessment and improvement of standard implementation.

The NMDA Produce Safety Section oversees the federal minimum standards set forth by FDA related to the production of produce bound for the fresh market. The FDA's Produce Rule is part of a larger reform to the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Foreign and Domestic Food Supply Chain. The FSMA is the largest overhaul to the nation's food safety system in 70 years. This act is comprised of seven foundational rules, the Produce Rule being one of them. NMDA's Produce Safety Section has conducted 40 inspections on large, small, and very small farms in New Mexico since 2019. Post-harvest water rule compliance began with large farms in 2023, and preharvest water requirements are still under deliberation at the FDA level.

FOOD DEFENSE

As a result of being located on the U.S.–Mexico border, NMDA recognizes the potential for those who wish to cause harm through the human food supply or animal feed supply. Food often transfers through several countries before being consumed. That is why NMDA frequently coordinates and participates in face-to-face meetings, trainings, and exercises with local, state, federal, tribal, and international partners.

Training and exercises are mainstays of NMDA's efforts in food defense. Social science research shows humans respond in a crisis as they have been trained. NMDA works very closely with the local, tribal, state, and federal partners to create and deliver training that prepares responders in New Mexico, nationally, and around the world. NMDA pursues opportunities to plan, train, organize, and equip responders for agriculture-related emergencies. One program NMDA routinely engages in is the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program, which is funded by USDA's APHIS and focuses on projects aimed at preventing animal pests and diseases from entering the U.S. and reducing the spread and impact of potential disease incursions.

NMDA is the coordinating entity for the state ESF 11, which encompasses the agricultural component in all-hazards events. Staff works closely with the NMDHSEM to respond to the state emergency operations center to mitigate emergency events.

Through the Center, NMDA also maintains the New Mexico Agriculture and Livestock Incident Response Team (NM-ALIRT). The NM-ALIRT program is designed to equip and train a network of veterinary practitioners located geographically around New Mexico who will be able to respond to a large or suspicious livestock loss anywhere in the state. These veterinarians are an extension of Veterinary Diagnostic Services (VDS) and are trained to collect, prepare, and ship appropriate diagnostic specimens so a rapid and accurate diagnosis can be made.

The program has enabled the training and provision of field diagnostic equipment to 23 large-animal veterinarians who are geographically and strategically located across the state. These participants have not only attended foreign animal disease training and field training but have also been involved in actual field diagnostic incidents on several occasions. The geographic location of these veterinarians across the state enables a rapid response and is cost-effective for the regulatory agencies involved.

FOOD SECURITY

Maintaining an abundant supply of affordable, nutritious food is of critical importance to the region's overall well-being. To address this, NMDA works diligently with partners to address food security challenges such as supply chain disruptions, cybersecurity in agriculture, and protecting critical infrastructure. One example of this work is a project to assess and characterize New Mexico agriculture's cybersecurity posture. This project has been undertaken in partnership with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and will yield valuable lessons for future food security efforts.

PARTNERSHIPS

The New Mexico Food Protection Alliance conducts annual conferences featuring training in food protection. The conference is held over two days with training preceding the conference, and it sometimes incorporates a tabletop exercise. In addition, local food protection alliances have been created to help distribute food-related information when necessary. NMDA also partners with other state and federal agencies to collaborate on food and feed safety issues.

NMDA worked routinely with FDA, USDA, and NMDHSEM on initiatives related to food safety and food defense. Continuous monitoring of recall notices provides a mechanism to inform consumers in New Mexico to avoid or minimize public health ramifications. An ongoing dialogue with industry allows for minimizing economic losses at the production and processing levels.

NMDA's Produce Safety cooperative agreement with FDA has two core components: (1) education and outreach and (2) compliance. Through outreach efforts, NMDA reaches stakeholders throughout the state to inform them of these new food safety laws. These outreach efforts create awareness not only to those who will be required to comply with the regulation but also to consumers and buyers of regulated produce. In the space of education, NMDA relies heavily on its long-established and strong relationships with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service to deliver the required educational component of the FSMA Produce Rule.

The Produce Safety Remote Grower Training helps reach producers who cannot attend in person. Like the face to-face course, it is taught by a team of instructors who provide in-depth coverage of the details and requirements of the Produce Rule and potential microbiological hazards associated with growing, harvesting, packing, and holding of raw produce. The online training has helped reach many producers and has significantly increased the number of those trained.

NMDA offers On-Farm Readiness Reviews at the request of any New Mexico producer. This federally funded program allows educators, regulators, and producers the opportunity to meet on a farming operation in a nonregulatory visit to provide guidance, solutions, and information to the producers to ensure they are meeting compliance requirements prior to any regulatory inspection being conducted. This aligns with FDA's mantra, "educate before and while we regulate."







DAIRY REGULATION

As part of NMDA's APS Division, the Dairy Bureau regulates the production of milk and milk products within New Mexico. The bureau oversees dairy farms, milk processing plants, hauler/samplers, and milk hauling tankers to ensure the public is consuming safe milk and milk products (including cheeses, dried milk, dried whey, and whey protein concentrates). When compared nationally, New Mexico ranks sixth in milk production per cow, first for cows per farm, fourth in total cheese production, and ninth in the nation for total milk production. However, the industry in New Mexico is shrinking at a rapid pace.

NMDA has adopted the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO), which is recognized by all 50 states and the FDA. The PMO provides uniform inspection, sampling, and analysis programs, allowing for uninterrupted movement of milk and milk products. During the biennium, the Dairy Bureau regulated over 14.7 billion pounds (14,778,796,000) of Grade A milk for human consumption. NMDA enforces the Drug Residue Testing and Surveillance program, which safeguards the public from consuming milk containing antibiotics. This program requires every tanker load of milk to be tested and found negative for traces of antibiotics before it is offloaded for further production.

During the past two years, nearly 388,130 tanker loads of milk have been screened, resulting in only 22 loads (a mere 0.00005669 percent) confirmed as positive for antibiotics. These positive loads were excluded from food production.

During this reporting period, the Dairy Bureau routinely collected 3,000 raw milk samples from every permitted dairy farm, 800 samples of finished products, and 600 water samples from dairy farms and processing plants. Additionally, NMDA performed 2,000 on-site farm and production facility inspections, including inspections of haulers/samplers and milk tankers.

Protecting milk during transportation from farms to processing plants is vital. Therefore, NMDA staff also educates hauler/samplers through a "Milk Hauler" course in the field. This course covers proper sanitation, sampling of milk, and sealing the milk tanker. After the drivers have completed the course and passed a written examination, they are issued a milk hauler permit card displaying their photograph and identification. This means processing plants can easily identify credentialed haulers.

New Mexico also exported numerous products within the U.S. and globally. Approximately 1,000 export documents were issued during this reporting period. Raw milk and cream are exported to Mexico; and dried milk products and cheese are shipped as far away as Europe, Asia, and South America. The Dairy Bureau is an active member in the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments (NCIMS). This conference has delegates from all 50 states and Puerto Rico collaborating to develop or change regulations that ensure a safe national milk supply.

The APS division director is the voting delegate, serves on Council I, and serves on the NCIMS Executive Board of Directors. This delegate also participates on the Technical Equipment Committee, serves as the Vice Chair of the Liaison Committee, and also serves as the President-Elect for the National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials.





VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES (VDS)

Since 1979, the primary function of NMDA's VDS Division has been to provide efficient and accurate diagnoses of diseases in New Mexico livestock, companion animals, exotic animals, and wildlife. Several dedicated staff achieved this function throughout the biennium. An average of 36,000 cases were submitted per year to VDS. Most of the diagnostic submissions continue to be from veterinarians within New Mexico and those along the state lines of Arizona, Colorado, and Texas. VDS is fortunate to continue diagnostic partnerships with NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service, New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB), NMGF, the New Mexico Department of Health (NMDOH), the New Mexico Racing Commission, USDA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Albuquerque BioPark, Navajo Nation, Bernalillo County Animal Control, Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, and several other animal welfare departments throughout the state.

During the biennium, VDS maintained its status as a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) Tier 2 laboratory and ISO/IED 170245: 2017 accredited laboratory. As an NAHLN-certified laboratory, VDS is better able to serve the public by providing diagnostics for diseases such as highly pathogenic avian influenza, foot and mouth disease, virulent Newcastle disease, classical swine fever, African swine fever, equine piroplasmosis, vesicular stomatitis virus, chronic wasting disease, and scrapie. As a Tier 2 NAHLN lab, VDS has proven capabilities in providing Health Level-7 messaging of several high-consequence diseases, which requires sharing diagnostic results with the National Veterinary Services Lab in a near-real-time fashion.

In support of New Mexico poultry producers, VDS maintained its certification as a National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) laboratory. NPIP certification requires the successful completion of multiple diagnostic proficiencies.

During the biennium, staff served on several committees, such as the Central New Mexico Community College Veterinary Technology advisory committee and several United States Animal Health Association and American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians (AAVLD) committees. VDS staff presented papers at the annual AAVLD conferences. Also, through participation in the College of American Pathologists' proficiency testing, VDS maintained its status as a veterinary sentinel lab for select agents in the U.S.

Providing continuing education remained a central theme for VDS during the biennium. VDS continued its relationship with Central New Mexico Community College by providing laboratory experience in the form of externships for the school's veterinary technology students and tours. VDS hosted a quarterly animal health update meeting during which representatives from agencies such as NMSU Cooperative Extension Service, United States Customs and Border Protection, USDA, NMLB, NMGF, Navajo Nation, FBI, NMDOH, and NMDHSEM, gave reports pertinent to the livestock industries. VDS also participated in New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association meetings and provided multiple tours of the laboratory.

VDS maintained its leadership role with NM-ALIRT. During the biennium, NM-ALIRT organized and participated in trainings available at conferences. The trainings included multiple local, county, state, and federal agencies.





NMDA STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

Acequia and Community Ditch Fund
• Acequia and Community Ditch Fund Act, 73-2A-3

Executive Cabinet
• Creation of Department of Agriculture, 76-1-3

New Mexico Beef Council
• New Mexico Beef Council Act, 77-2A-3

New Mexico Chile Commission
• Agriculture Commodity Commission Act, 76-21-10

New Mexico Peanut Research Board
• Agriculture Commodity Commission Act, 76-21-10

New Mexico Dry Onion Commission
• Agriculture Commodity Commission Act, 76-21-10

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Board
• Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum Act, 18-11-5

New Mexico Seed Certification Agency Committee
• New Mexico Seed Law, 76-12-17

New Mexico Sheep and Goat Council
• New Mexico Sheep and Goat Act, 77-8A-3

Water Quality Control Commission
• Water Quality Act, 74-6-1

Water Trust Board
• Water Project









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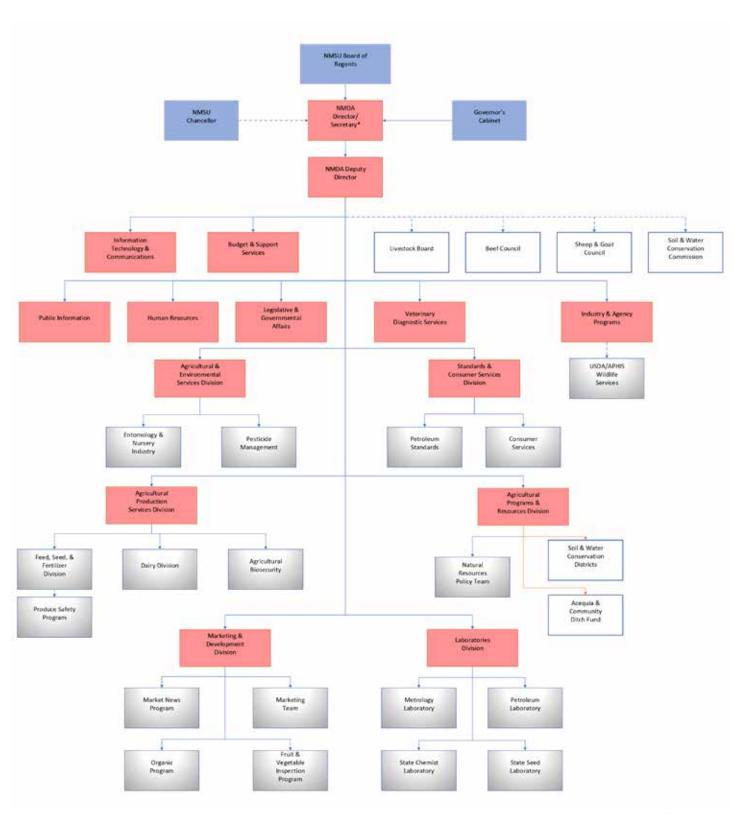
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NMDA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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NMDA HISTORY

"There shall be a department of agriculture which shall be under the control of the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University---State Department of Agriculture."

New Mexico Constitution, Article XV, Agriculture and Conservation, Section 1. [Department of Agriculture]

The original New Mexico Constitution, ratified in 1911 and the basis for statehood in 1912, created the state department of agriculture. In 1955 NMSU Board of Regents unified a number of regulatory services and the individuals responsible for them under a single administrative organization; the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Since March 1978, the director of NMDA has served as the secretary of agriculture on the Governor's Cabinet. As such, the director/secretary is the agricultural industry's official representative to state and federal government. In addition, the director/secretary serves on NMSU's Executive Committee and Administrative Council.

NMDA is a producer-consumer service and regulatory department and is responsible for certain statutes legislated over the last half century. NMDA's mandate has changed over the years since its creation by the State Constitution. Services have expanded in reaction to changes in population, needs of agribusiness, and dynamic economic conditions.

Dallas Rierson, the first director of NMDA, served from 1955-1971. Charlie Whigam served as acting director from June 1971 until January 1972 when NMSU President Gerald Thomas appointed Dr. William P. Stephens. In February 1988, Frank A. DuBois was named and served in this capacity until his retirement in June 2003. Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez was appointed in July 2003 and served until his retirement in December 2010. Thomas J. Bagwell served as acting director/secretary from January 2011 until May 2011. The NMSU Board of Regents appointed Jeff M. Witte in May 2011.







COLLABORATION WITH BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Academy of Veterinary Consultants

Accredited Certifiers Association

American College of Veterinary Pathologists

American Culinary Federation

Association of American Pesticide Control Officials

Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials

American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians

Association of American Feed Control Officials

Association of American Plant Food Control Officials

Association of American Seed Control Officials

Association of Official Seed Analysts

American Society for Testing and Materials International

American Veterinary Medical Association

Border Governors

Bureau of Land Management

Central New Mexico Community College-

Culinary Programs Advisory Board

Communications Officers of State Departments of Agriculture

Dairy Producers of New Mexico

Entomological Society of America

Farm to Table New Mexico

International Organic Inspection Association

Mexican Wolf Interagency Management Advisory Group

Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Act Collaborative Pro-

gram and Steering Committee

National Agricultural Statistics Service

National Animal Health Laboratory Network

National Association of Dairy Regulatory Officials

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

National Conference of Interstate Milk Shipments National Conference on Weights and Measures

National Farm to School Network

National Grocers Association

National Society for Histotechnology

National Organic Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service

National Restaurant Association

National School Nutrition Association

New Mexico Agricultural Aviation Association

New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts

New Mexico Beef Council

New Mexico Brewers' Guild

New Mexico Cattle Growers' Association

New Mexico Chile Association

New Mexico Chile Commission

New Mexico Coalition of Conservation Districts

New Mexico CowBelles

New Mexico Crop Production Association

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

New Mexico Department of Health

New Mexico Dry Onion Commission

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Board

New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council

New Mexico Hops Growers Association

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

New Mexico Environment Department

New Mexico Hay Association

New Mexico Livestock Board

New Mexico Pro Start

New Mexico Natural Lands Protection Committee

New Mexico Racing Commission

New Mexico Restaurant Association

New Mexico School Nutrition Association

New Mexico Sheep and Goat Council

New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association

New Mexico Wine and Grape Growers Association

New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc.

NMSU College of Agricultural, Consumer

and Environmental Sciences

NMSU Cooperative Extension Service

NMSU Range Improvement Task Force

North American Agricultural Marketing Officials

North American Farm Direct Marketing Association

Northern New Mexico Stockmen's Association

Paso del Norte Watershed Council

Peanut Research Board

Produce Marketing Association

Resource Advisory Council

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

Southwest Border Food Protection and Emergency

Preparedness Center

Texas Regional Exchange Group

Texas Restaurant Association

The Joint Pathology Center

Tri-National Agricultural Accord

United States Animal Health Association

United States Department of Agriculture

United States Environmental Protection Agency

United States Food and Drug Administration

United States Livestock Genetic Export

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services

U.S. Pecans

Water Quality Control Commission

Water Trust Board

Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture

Western Governors' Association

Western Horticultural Inspection Society

Western Plant Board

Western States Livestock Health Association

Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education

Western United States Agricultural Trade Association

Western Weed Coordinating Committee Western Weights and Measures Association

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