

New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council

Meeting Agenda

March 28th, 12 noon – 2:30pm

12:00 noon – 12:10pm **Welcome, Introductions, Community Agreements**

12:10 – 12:15pm **Governance Committee** report - new members added and membership drive

12:15 – 12:30pm **NMFAPC Strategic Implementation** –
Setting the stage for our New Mexico Food Charter

12:30 – 2:00pm **Outcomes of the NM Legislative 2024 Session NMFAPC Priorities**

Next Steps – Panels Presentation and Round Table Discussion

Brief Q & A's will follow each presenter

- **Brief Overview of the NM Food & Ag Policy Council Priorities and Outcomes** – Food Initiative Programs, Legacy Fund, Water Legislation, Meat Inspection Program, and more
- **NM Department of Agriculture**, Overview and Perspective from the Jeff Witte, NM Secretary of Agriculture
- **Agriculture in New Mexico - A Census Brief**, Denise Miller & Alena Paisano, NM Farmers' Marketing Association
- **Double Up Food Bucks, Fresh Rx, the Approved Supplier Program Legislative Outcomes**, NM Farmers' Marketing Association
- **Legacy Fund Overview, Healthy Soils & Conservation Programs**, Perspective from the NMDA and Debbie Hughes, NM Association of Conservation Districts
- **Healthy Food Financing Program Progress**, Erin Ortigoza, Economic Development Department
- **Healthy Universal School Meals Program and the NM Grown Program for Schools** – Work to Set Up and Mobilize the Program
Michael Chavez, Diana Tarasiewicz, and Rosa Lopez, NM Public Education Department – Student Nutrition & Wellness Bureau
- **NM Grown Programs for Senior and Early Childcare Centers**
Denise King and Ophelia Steppe, NM Aging and Long-Term Services
Laura Spencer, Early Childhood Education and Care Departments
- **Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**
Veronica Griego, Department of Health
- **Meat Inspection Program**, Belinda Garland, NM Livestock
- **Pollinator Memorial**, Melanie Kirby, NM Beekeepers Association
- **NM Composting Program**,
Robb Hirsh, NM Healthy Soil Working Group
- **Legislators Perspective and Strategy Suggestions for 2024**

2:00 – 2:15pm **NMFAPC priorities FY2024-25 Strategy Discussion**

2:15 – 2:20pm **Water Committee Progress Report**

2:20 – 2:25pm **Farm Bill Updates and Outlook for 2024**

2:25 – 2:30pm **Next Steps & Announcements**

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