



# Food Insecurity and Agriculture

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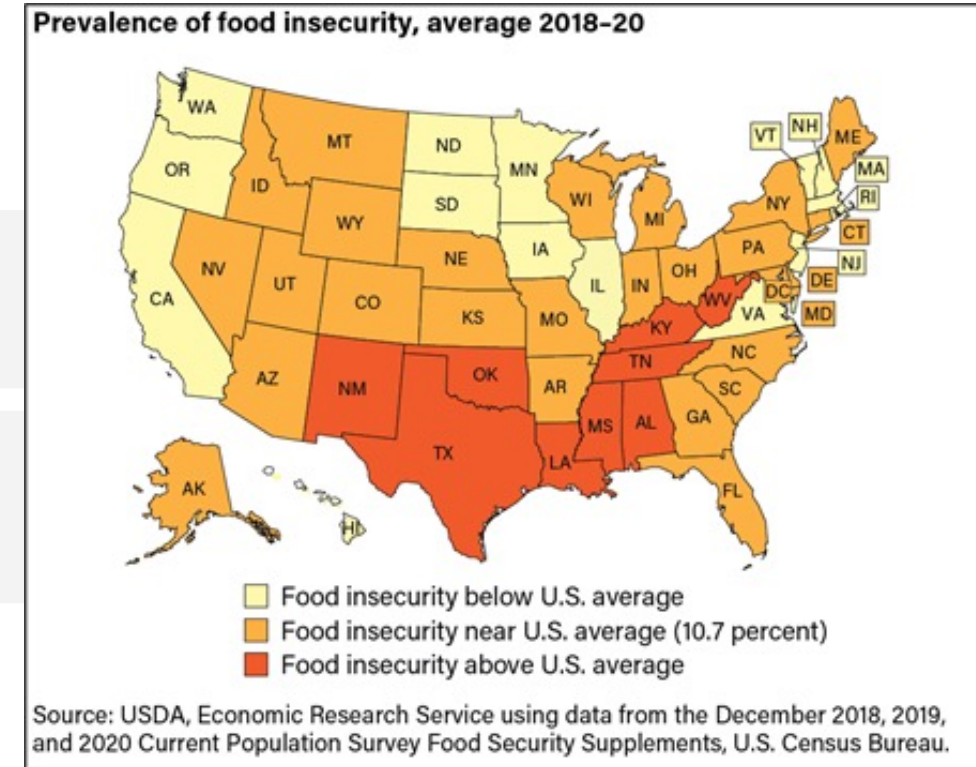
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# Food Insecurity

- Food insecurity—the lack of access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food
  - 17% of New Mexicans are food insecure
- Issue has been further exacerbated by the pandemic
  - Food scarcity
  - Farmers forced to plow under crop
- Inflation
  - Groceries and other foods prepared at home increased by 2.6%
    - Beef 14%
    - Pork 12.6%
    - Poultry 6.6%



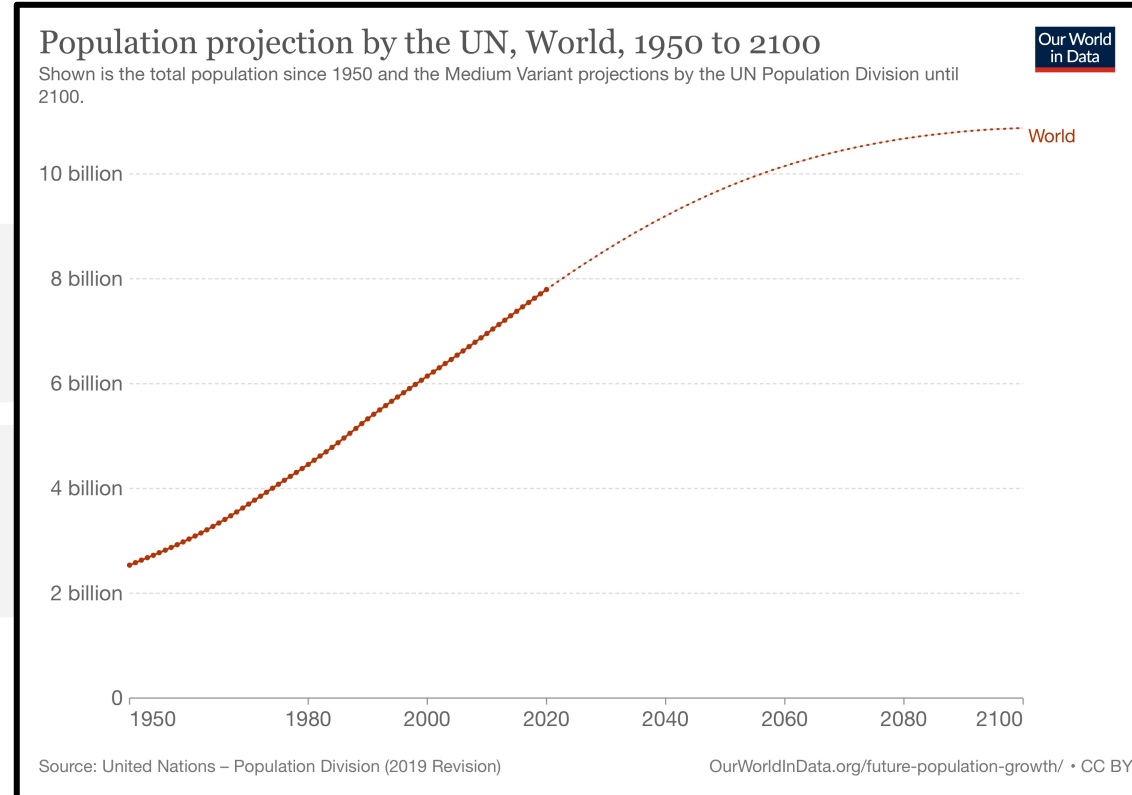
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# Future Global Needs

- Growing populations
- Need to be able to produce more with less
- Technology will play a huge role
- Strong support for Agriculture





# Agriculture and Food Security

- Agriculture plays a direct role in decreasing food insecurity
- Agriculture is an essential piece of our national security and infrastructure portfolios
- Strong Agriculture Sector = Secure food Supply = Healthy People
- Strong agriculture sector
  - Infrastructure
  - Biodefense
  - Resource strategy
  - Agricultural Research
  - Trade policy



# NM Agriculture Part of the Solution

- 24,800 Farms statewide
  - 95% are family owned and operated
- Top Commodities Include
  - Dairy Products
  - Livestock
  - Nuts
  - Vegetables (Onions and chile)
- Producers work with organizations to serve those in need
  - Charitable organizations
  - Religious groups



# Farms and Ranches by County

Census Number of Farms & Ranches by County — New Mexico: 2007, 2012, 2017							
District & County	2007	2012	2017	District & County	2007	2012	2017
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Bernalillo .....	635	1,006	1,248	Torrance .....	561	589	716
Cibola .....	317	522	640	Union .....	380	353	369
Los Alamos .....	7	9	2	<b>Northeast</b>			
McKinley .....	2,624	2,297	2,441	Catron .....	259	351	341
Rio Arriba .....	1,312	1,892	1,439	Grant .....	327	407	404
Sandoval .....	652	1,029	1,007	Hidalgo .....	162	171	151
San Juan .....	1,897	2,628	2,965	Luna .....	206	190	211
Santa Fe .....	489	715	639	Sierra .....	265	256	257
Taos .....	637	983	824	Socorro .....	536	704	658
Valencia .....	901	1,607	1,360	<b>Southwest</b>			
<b>Northwest</b>				Chaves .....	584	595	560
Colfax .....	302	290	304	Doña Ana .....	1,762	2,184	1,946
Curry .....	681	600	641	Eddy .....	543	551	507
De Baca .....	173	203	226	Lea .....	572	460	555
Guadalupe .....	258	372	297	Lincoln .....	361	362	454
Harding .....	168	202	184	Otero .....	493	486	473
Mora .....	589	597	700	<b>Southeast</b>			
Quay .....	636	553	613				
Roosevelt .....	876	680	742				
San Miguel .....	765	877	1,170	New Mexico .....	20,930	24,721	25,044



# Challenges

- Risk
- Regulations
  - Food safety and handling
- Legislation and policies
- Connections
- Lack of knowledge/removal from agriculture
- Financial Obstacles
- Age





# Recommendations

- Investments

- Support, fund, and incentivize locally grown programs
- Infrastructure
- Rural Communities
- Education
- Young & beginning farmers and ranchers
- Technology
- Agri-tourism
- Food Waste

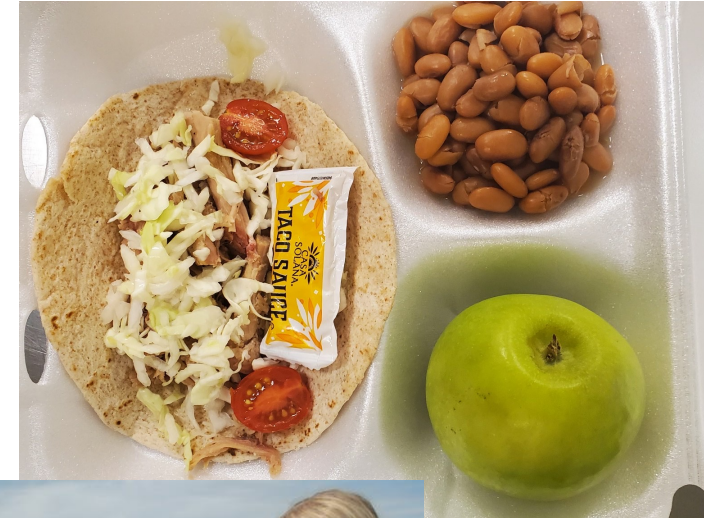


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