

Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee

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Transportation- related issues for the agricultural industry in New Mexico.

- Improvement of rural road infrastructure, including general condition, width of roads with adequate shoulders, and weight capacity of bridges in order to accommodate movement of commodities and farm equipment.
- A streamlined process to allow movement of oversized (width/weight) loads during disaster situations.
(example: Hay during drought/disaster situations.)
- NMDA partnerships with NMDOT:
 - Noxious weed prevention program.
 - Seed testing and fertilizer analysis capabilities for road construction projects.
 - Pesticide regulation.



Plant Protection Services

- 1) Review and register herbicides used for vegetation management.
- 2) Train and test employees for competency related to herbicide use.
- 3) Inspect herbicide application equipment for compliance with federal and state laws.
- 4) Collaborate with DOT on resolving herbicide-related issues submitted by the public.
- 5) Review state and federal laws regulating importation of plants.



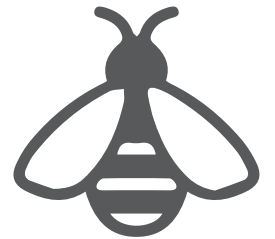
Seed and Fertilizer Services

- 1) Provide services related to sampling and analysis of bulk seeds to determine germination and presence of prohibited weed seed.
- 2) Regulatory authority to address issues related to germination or presence of prohibited weed seeds.



Considerations

- 1) Increased public concerns related to use of herbicides
- 2) Vegetation selection with respect to pollinators and invasive plant pests



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