

New Mexico Department of Agriculture

Established by The Constitution of the State of New Mexico

ARTICLE XV. AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION

Section 1. [Department of agriculture.]

There shall be a department of agriculture which shall be under the control of the board of regents of the college of agriculture and mechanic arts; and the legislature shall provide lands and funds necessary for experimental farming and demonstrating by said department.

Vision

NMDA works for the benefit of the state's citizens and supports the viability of agriculture and affiliated industries.

Mission

NMDA promotes food protection, a uniform and fair market place, and global marketing and economic development; supports beneficial use of natural resources; and works cooperatively with public and private sector entities.

FUNDING DESCRIPTION

	FY17 Actuals	FY18 Budget
State Appropriations	\$11,067,100	\$10,956,400
HB2 Sec.13,Contingency~Gaming Compact	\$ 0	\$ 0
Grants & Contracts	\$ 2,546,652	\$ 1,752,000
Restricted Fees	\$ 4,755,954	\$ 4,234,000

Describe use of all funding

- ✓ Administer and enforce all laws under NMDA jurisdiction
- ✓ Ensure a fair market place and develop and expand markets for New Mexico products
- ✓ Maintain a safe and secure food supply
- ✓ Work with constituents to maintain and improve our natural resources

This is accomplished using dedicated fee-based funds, general funds, grants, and contracts in order to hire staff and provide their operations statewide.

Explain limitations on uses of all funding

- ✓ NMDA receives earmarked general funds (Acequia Community Ditch Fund, Soil and Water Program) that can only be used for these purposes. Additionally, due to statutory limitations on fees, the use of those funds are program specific.

Prospects of all future funding

- ✓ NMDA is currently capped on fee structure, therefore, future funding requirements will rely on expanded business within New Mexico or general fund appropriations.

NMDA Organic Certification Program Update

- 2017 Legislative Session
 - Section 76-21A-3(statutory fee structure) of the Organic Production Act was repealed
- The department through statutory authority pursued a new fee structure for the program via the rule making process
- Formal listening sessions were held in Las Cruces, Portales, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque to allow for public comment and input
- **New Fee Structure Summary**

New Application Fee: \$750	Renewal Application Fee: \$500
Hourly Rate : \$65	Mileage and Per diem
- The NMSU Board of Regents adopted the rule - **New Fee schedule effective January 1, 2018**



Tissue Digester

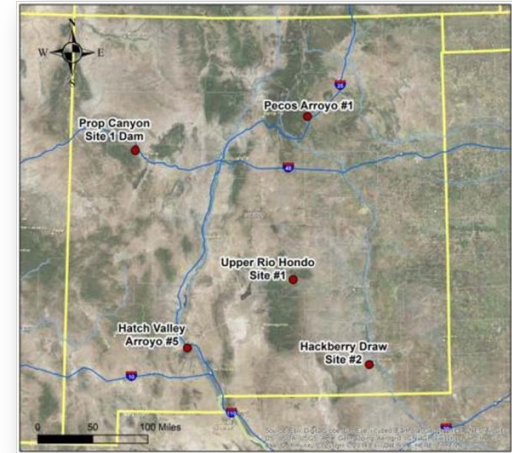
- \$2.8 million Capital outlay appropriation in 2013
 - Removal of old inoperable tissue digester
 - Purchase and installation of new tissue digester
- Commissioned in 2017
- Capable of rendering up to 3000 pounds of tissue and other high risk infectious disease materials
- A revolutionary advancement in tissue disposal and sterilization, by using agitation and heat to break down tissue (with or without alkali), minimizing water and caustic use in the process.
- The Thermal Tissue Digester's (TTD) biokill process ensures proper breakdown of tissue, and sterilization of the contents of the vessel. By combining time, temperature, agitation, and caustic, the TTD offers the most efficient, safe on-site solution to carcass disposal and sterilization.
- PRI Tissue Digesters offer a safe, energy efficient, on-site solution which prevents the liability of transporting hazardous biowaste material. PRI's TTD with wet discharge offers the lowest operating cost available for disposal and sterilization of hazardous waste material.



NMDA Inundation Map Project

- 2014 HB 55 Work NM Act

- One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to plan, design and construct safety improvements and dam rehabilitation, including inundation mapping, for soil and water conservation district dams statewide
- Two hundred thousand, four hundred and fourteen dollars (\$332,485) Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) has been added to this project



- Funding is being utilized to provide 24 Inundation Maps and 13 Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for the jurisdictional dams owned by the soil and water conservation districts
- A total of 13 Inundation Maps and 9 EAPs Have been completed and approved by the Dam Safety Bureau



International Highlights



- NMDA is working to expand markets for NM agricultural producers world wide
- Re-establishing and developing export opportunities in Mexico through in-bound and out-bound trade missions, participation at industry events, and a presence at the port of entries
 - NM producers provide superior livestock genetics to Mexican buyers looking to improve their herd quality
 - Over the past year NMDA has facilitated the sale of bulls and multiple loads of bred heifers
- Increasing access into Asian (Vietnam, China, and India) markets for pecan producers
 - Outbound missions promoted pecans via technical baking seminars, culinary schools, trade shows, and in store educational promotions



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