



Agriculture Sector Strategy Update

Water & Natural Resources Committee

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WIOA STATE PLAN 2024-2027



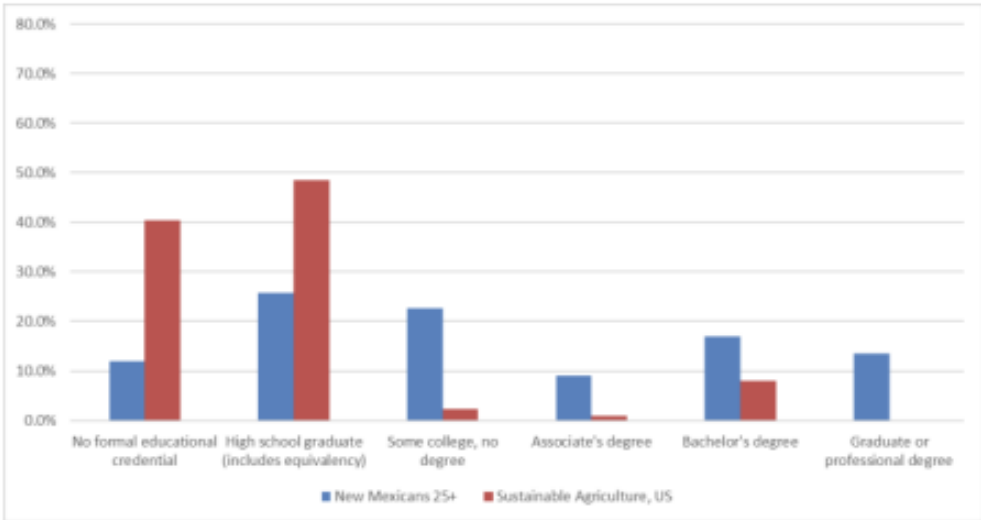
Sustainable & Value-Added Agriculture



Labor Force Challenge Level: Low

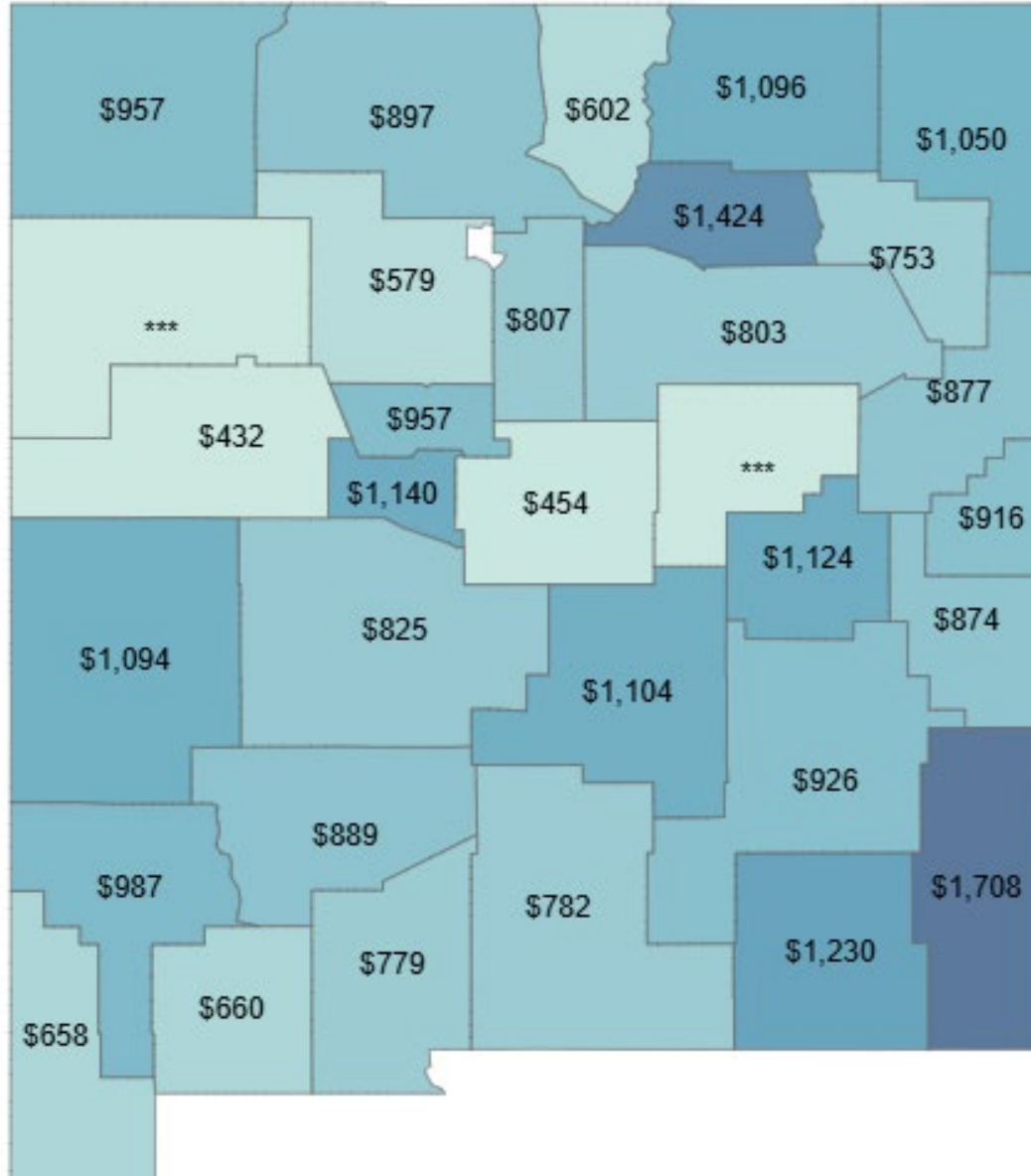
Job opening data shows a moderate current demand for jobs in this sector, and industry entry requirements and the educational attainment in the state are a good match.

Educational Attainment of New Mexico Residents 25 Years and Older, Compared to Typical Education Needed to Enter Sustainable and Value-Added Occupations, Nationally



AGRICULTURAL SECTOR DATA

Average Weekly Wages by Area, Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting, 2024 Q4, QCEW



State average, all industries: \$1,233



KEY STRATEGIES

Explore options for JTIP or other training program expansion

Partner with NMDA to develop workforce training initiatives

Collaborate with NM EDD to connect to economic development initiatives

AGRICULTURE SECTOR STRATEGY

Initial Findings

Majority of employers hiring > 5 employees

Need for experienced workers

Incubators
Apprenticeship
WIOA

STEM & Ag intersection



IN-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS

- Maintenance and repair
- Meat cutters
- Trades
- Water equipment professionals
- Educators
- Managers and production coordinators



NEXT STEPS

- Data challenges
 - Coordination with education & training providers
 - Explore apprenticeship options
 - Train career consultants
 - Office of New Americans work – H2A & MSFW
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