

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

	FY18 Actuals	FY19 Budget	FY20 Request
State Appropriations	\$10,956,400	\$11,331,600	\$ 12,031,600
HB2 Sec.5,Special Appropriations	\$ 0	\$ 200,000*	
Grants & Contracts	\$ 1,631,343	\$ 2,255,000	
Restricted Fees	\$ 4,833,171	\$ 4,920,530	

*To Administer the Chile Advertising Act

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

Veterinary Diagnostic Services

Veterinary Pathologist

\$150,000

- Veterinary pathologists specialize in the diagnosis of diseases through the examination of animal tissue and body fluids.
- NMDA's VDS staff are at the forefront in targeting, surveillance, and response testing for both endemic and foreign animal diseases.
- An additional pathologist will assist in providing services to constituents in a timely fashion, while protecting the health and safety of NM's livestock industry, state's companion animals, and consequently human health. Current staff is at and over operating capacity.
- NMDA's Veterinary Diagnostic Services laboratory has received full ISO 17025 laboratory accreditation for the first time in its history.
- Member of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network

Performance benchmark requirements for testing have been exceeded for the current number of pathologists

Calendar Year	Necropsy Count	+/- Change
2012	402	---
2013	424	+22
2014	457	+33
2015	551	+94
2016	583	+32
2017	506	-77

*Note that there will always be seasonal variability in necropsy submissions and that the overall trend should be observed. YTD VDS has had 381 submissions vs. 363 for this time during 2017.

Domestic and International Marketing expansion

\$150,000

- Expand markets for NM agricultural producers domestically and internationally
- Re-establishing and develop 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
- Increasing access into global markets like Vietnam and India
 - Outbound missions promote NM agricultural products via technical baking seminars, culinary school demos, trade shows, and in store educational promotions
 - Implement projects to assist NM food and agriculture suppliers who aren't adequately served by larger commodity cooperators



Inbound Wine, Craft Beer, and Spirits Mission



Mexican Inbound Mission

Standards and Consumer Services Chile Advertising Act Enforcement and Inspection Personnel Expansion \$350,000

- 4 additional inspectors will allow the division to fulfill its statutory inspection requirements, while providing consumer and business protection.
- Chile Advertising Act- Continue to increase enforcement of the Act. YTD NMDA has performed 340 inspections leading to 242 violations. Assist constituents with remediation efforts in order to achieve compliance.
- The number of inspected devices (scales, meters, pumps) has increased 39% since 2013, current staff levels are not sufficient to handle the workload demand.
- In 2017 58% of liquid petroleum gas businesses were not inspected due to lack of an adequate inspection workforce.
- Inspection services provided by the department touch everyone in their daily lives from scale inspections to gas pumps.



Information Technology Employee

\$50,000

- The new employee will assist in addressing the increasing demands for mobile IT and computing connectivity requirements.
- The new employee will assist in ensuring the department's field staff of ~70 can utilize technology efficiently while performing their duties in often remote locations.
- The employee will play a crucial role in ensuring the department and its employees can utilize our technological resources efficiently allowing the department to better address the needs of our constituents.
- Entry Level position

QUESTIONS?