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		ORIGINAL DATE	2/7/07	
SPONSOR	King	**LAST UPDATED**	2/14/07	**HB** 864

SHORT TITLE   Expand Santa Fe Farmers' Market   **SB**

ANALYST   Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	**FY08**		
	$87.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 22, House Bill 86, Senate Bill 235, and Senate Bill 237.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION
LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Agriculture (NMDA)
Department of Health (DOH)
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 864 appropriates $87,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for the purpose of the Farmers' Market Expansion in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of $87,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HED, The Santa Fe Farmer's Market reports that it has generated over $1.5 million in direct sales, an increase of more than $300,000 from the previous year. Currently, the market

is located in temporary locations during the summer and winter months. Members of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market began the process of creating the Santa Fe Farmers' Institute, the non-profit (501c3) that would take charge of establishing a permanent site for the market in the Railyard and implement programs to promote agriculture in northern New Mexico. This appropriation assists in programming and revenue critical to the establishment of a permanent site included in the master planning process located in Santa Fe's Railyard District.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Per DOH, the Farmers' Market Program relates to the Department's FY 08 Strategic Plan which includes initiatives in the area of public health as well as in the matter of reducing childhood and adolescent obesity and diabetes in all populations. DOH utilizes the percent of WIC program participants ages 2-5 who are not overweight as the performance measure.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 22 appropriates $150,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 08 for the DOA to promote and develop New Mexico's Farmers' Markets for economic development.

House Bill 86 appropriates $250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 08 for the DOA to support the Farmers' Market Enhancement Program.

Senate Bill 235 and the NMSU Small Farm Initiative (SFI) seeks an appropriation of $200 thousand directed to NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service for the development of an integrated teaching, research and extension facility on the NMSU campus to support small and limited-resource farms and ranches, and sustainable agriculture teaching, research and extension activities in New Mexico.

Senate Bill 237 appropriates $250,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 2008 for the DOA to support the Farmers' Market Nutrition Enhancement Program.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMDA states that the Santa Fe Farmers' Market benefits over 200 vendors, and serves as the primary retail outlet for small-scale growers in northern New Mexico. DOH also notes that the Santa Fe Farmers' Market makes fresh healthy high-quality produce more readily available to the population in general and specifically to Women, Infant and Children (WIC) enrollees.

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