

1 HOUSE BILL 253

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10 AN ACT

11 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS TO NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY TO SUPPORT
12 AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS.--

16 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the
17 general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico state
18 university for expenditure in fiscal year 2021:

19 (1) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
20 (\$150,000) for the New Mexico department of agriculture to
21 develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers
22 and agribusiness in New Mexico;

23 (2) one hundred fifty thousand dollars
24 (\$150,000) for the New Mexico department of agriculture to
25 carry out the New Mexico agriculture workforce development

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1 program pursuant to the New Mexico Agricultural Workforce
2 Development Program Act;

3 (3) three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)
4 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to carry out the
5 food and agriculture experiential learning programs;

6 (4) two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)
7 for the New Mexico department of agriculture to assist the soil
8 and water conservation districts pursuant to the provisions of
9 the Soil and Water Conservation District Act;

10 (5) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
11 for the college of agricultural, consumer and environmental
12 sciences, center of excellence in sustainable food and
13 agriculture systems;

14 (6) one million two hundred fifty thousand
15 dollars (\$1,250,000) for New Mexico state university to
16 maintain twelve agricultural experimental station research
17 facilities statewide;

18 (7) four hundred fifty thousand dollars
19 (\$450,000) for eight 4-H program staff positions;

20 (8) one hundred twenty-seven thousand dollars
21 (\$127,000) for the college of agricultural, consumer and
22 environmental sciences' farmer and rancher resource center; and

23 (9) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the
24 office of the chancellor to support the strategic doing program
25 with hiring a strategic planning facilitator and a project

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1 coordinator and funding other staffing and operating costs of
2 the program.

3 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
4 at the end of fiscal year 2021 from programs funded in
5 Subsection A of this section shall not revert to the general
6 fund.

7 C. The appropriations in Subsection A of this
8 section that are for existing programs are in addition to
9 funding in the General Appropriation Act of 2020.