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**FARM TO TABLE ANNOUNCES
2024 FOOD & FARMS DAY AT
NM STATE CAPITOL**

Celebrating Food, Farm and Hunger Initiatives

Santa Fe, NM — Farm to Table and one of the nation’s longest running food policy councils, the New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council, are pleased to announce the **2024 New Mexico Food & Farms Day and Awards Ceremony which will take place on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 9:00am-10:00am in the Rotunda of the NM State Capitol**. Legislative sponsors are Representative Joanne Ferrary, Senator Liz Stefanics, and Senator Pete Campos.

This is the 12th annual event, including the Food & Farms Day Awards, celebrating the efforts of individuals, communities, organizations, and agencies that strive to create a thriving and resilient local food, farming and ranching economy, while at the same time emphasizing that everyone in the state deserves access to fresh, healthy, nutritional food.

Food & Farms Day provides an opportunity to highlight the intersection between health, sustainable food systems, and the economic wellbeing of our farms and ranches. It also speaks to the ways we work together to increase affordable and healthy food access. It addresses the idea that thriving food systems encourage entrepreneurship and leadership, and reinforces the benefits of cooperation and coordination along with the intersection of informed policy making. Included in the day’s activities are visits to the legislative offices to personally engage with policy makers, telling stories about the importance of local food and farming, and advocating for specific policy issues.

“Food & Farms Day is a chance to lift up these state and federal programs that increase access to affordable, healthy food grown in New Mexico and offer economic opportunities for local farmers and ranchers.”

Pam Roy, Executive Director of Farm to Table and Coordinator for the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council.

2024 Awardees Representing Our Great State

Good Food for New Mexico Award | Celebrating Farmers' Markets

Aztec Farmers’ Market, Aztec, NM

[Aztec Farmers’ Market](#)

[FaceBook](#)

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Growing the Future Award | for New or Young Farmers and Ranchers

Donne Gonzales, Chicoyole Farm, Chamisal, NM

[New Mexico Acequia Association Los Sembradores Farmer Training Program](#)

[FaceBook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[YouTube](#)

Heart of the Land Award | for Outstanding Leadership in Farming and Ranching

The Cultivating Bernalillo County Grow the Growers Program, South Valley Albuquerque, NM

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Acoma Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps, Acoma Pueblo, NM

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Living Land Award | for Outstanding Leadership in Land Stewardship

Joseluis M. Ortiz y Muniz | Sostenga Farm, Dixon, NM

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Sowing Change Award | for Organizations Engaged in Creating Sustainable Food Systems

Project Feed The Hood, SE Heights, Albuquerque, NM

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The Golden Chile Awards

The [New Mexico Grown Golden Chile Awards](#), organized by the [NM Grown Coalition](#), provide an opportunity to recognize and celebrate innovative NM Grown programming taking place at preschools, K-12 schools, and senior centers across the state, and the farmers and food producers who supply the food.

Golden Chile (mature and fruitful program):

- A Gold Star Academy & Child Development Center in Farmington
- Future Generations in Clovis
- Elida Municipal Schools
- Farmington Municipal Schools
- Roswell Independent School District
- Santa Fe School District
- Lower Valley and Blanco senior centers

Blossom (program is reaching maturity):

- Bumble Bee Learning Center in Sunland Park
- Christina Kent Early Childhood Center in Albuquerque
- Christine Duncan Heritage Academy in Albuquerque
- Family Resource Center in Deming
- Mid-West NMCAP Head Start/Early Head Start in Socorro
- My Kiddos Too in Roswell
- Serendipity Day School in Albuquerque
- Western Heights Learning Center in Albuquerque
- Zuni Pueblo Head Start
- Albuquerque Public Schools
- Dexter Consolidated Schools
- Las Cruces Public Schools
- Silver Consolidated Schools in Silver City
- Las Vegas Senior Center programs
- Rio Arriba County Senior Program
- Sandoval County Senior Services
- Zuni Pueblo Senior Center

Sprout (program is growing strong):

- Creative Kids Childcare Center in Española
- Isleta Head Start, Early Head Start & Child Care Center
- Kingdom Builders Preschool and Daycare in Albuquerque
- NMSU Head Start
- NMSU School for Young Children
- Ramah Navajo Head Start
- Bloomfield Schools
- Clovis Municipal Schools
- Cuba Independent Schools
- Taos Municipal Schools
- West Las Vegas Schools
- Adelante Senior Meals in Albuquerque
- Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs
- Catron County Senior Services (Presbyterian Medical Services)
- Deming Luna County Commission on Aging
- Santo Domingo Pueblo Senior Center

Seed (program has potential):

- New Mexico Children First in Sunland Park
- Isleta Elementary School in Albuquerque
- Ch'oooshgai Community School in Tohatchi
- Fort Sumner Municipal Schools
- Hobbs Municipal Schools

Food producers (a new award category to make its debut with this year's awards ceremony):

- Anthony Youth Farm in Anthony
- Bidii Baby Foods in Gallup
- Chispas Farm in Albuquerque
- Desert Verde Farm in Santa Fe
- Elder's Greenhouse & Garden in Aztec
- Frontier Food Hub in Silver City
- Graves Farm & Garden in Roswell
- Hacienda Dominguez & Chelenzo Farms in Cerrillos
- Institute of American Indian Arts Land-Grants Program in Santa Fe
- Montoya Orchard in Española
- Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) in Farmington
- New Mexico Beef in Anton Chico
- New Mexico Harvest in Albuquerque
- Nichols Ranch & Orchards in La Luz
- North Valley Organics in Albuquerque
- RJ's Legacy in Shiprock
- San Juan College Harvest Food Hub in Farmington
- Santa Fe Community College Greenhouse
- Silver Leaf Farms in Corrales
- The Veggie Shack in Portales
- Twin Rivers Farm in Roswell

More information about the awardees available on our website: www.nmfoodpolicy.org/food-farms-day

Schedule of Events for January 25, 2024 NM Food & Farms Day

9:00 - 11:30 am - Tabling by partner organizations and agencies in the East Wing of Capitol.

9:00-10:00 am - Public Awards Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, including presentations by state legislators.

10:00 am-12:00 pm - Visit your legislators - this is an opportunity for citizens to engage with their Representatives and Senators.

12:10 pm - Group Photo outside the west entrance of the Capitol

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New Mexico Food & Farms Day and Awards are produced by Farm to Table NM and the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council. The Policy Council and statewide partners represent a diverse group of organizations and individuals who are invested in the future of agriculture in New Mexico and support the efforts of local farmers to reach local markets. An important focus of our effort is to advocate for policies which facilitate bringing more fresh fruits and vegetables into schools.