

NMFAPC 2021 Policy Priorities and Strategies

Values Statement: A just, equitable, and sustainable food system is one that provides physical, economic and community health; regenerates, protects, and respects natural resources and animals; and ensures that all people live with dignity and freedom from oppression and exploitation.

Issue Statement: New Mexico's food value chain is vulnerable with a disproportionate emphasis on exporting food outside of the state; insufficient food processing, storage and distribution systems; deficient systems to ensure the health of our vulnerable populations and natural resources; and inefficient plans to sustain and grow the agricultural economy of NM.

Goals:



Sustainable Economy (SE): Our farms and local food businesses sustain farmers, owners and workers and contribute to New Mexico local and state economies.



Regenerative (R): New Mexico has a diverse and resilient food system that protects our cultural and economic assets and natural resources.



Equity (E): All New Mexicans have access to nutritious, New Mexican grown food; especially our most vulnerable populations such as children, older adults, incarcerated, and those living in poverty.

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

HOW	GOAL	WHAT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION/ ASK	WHEN	LEAD(S)	SUPPORTERS
State Legislation	SE, E	NM Grown for School Meals	Maintain \$400,000 in PED base budget	2021	PED	NM School Nutrition Association; NMFAPC; NM First
	SE, E	Expand NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for Senior Meals program at ALTSD	Appropriation to ALTSD in the amount of \$250,000. No funding was requested in ALTSD base budget. Legislative Sponsor: Senator Stefanics & Rep. Gail Armstrong Endorsed: LHHS	2021	NMFAPC	NM First NM Aging & Long-Term Services & Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging
	SE, E	Introduce NM Grown for Early Childhood Nutrition Programs	Appropriation to Early Childhood Education in the amount of \$100,000. Legislative Sponsor: Representative Dow	2021	NMFAPC	
	R	Maintain the Healthy Soil Program	Maintain \$227,000 in NMDA for the Healthy Soil program.	2021	Healthy Soils Working Group	NMFAPC
	R	Maintain funding for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.	Maintain \$200K in NMDA for Soil and Water Conservation Districts.	2021	NM Soil & Water Conservation	NMFAPC

	SE, E	Protect and expand SNAP Double Up Food Bucks program	Increase state appropriation in NMDA budget from \$360,000 to \$700,000 for Double Up Food Bucks program. State appropriation allows for match for federal funding, leveraging \$6.6M federal grant 2021-2025.	2021	NMFMA NMFAPC	NM First, Voices for Children (?)
	SE, E	Maintain capacity building funds for value chain and food safety programs.	Maintain state appropriation in NMDA budget of \$150,000 for value chain coordination and food safety programs.	2021	NMFMA	NMFAPC
	SE, R, E	Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI)	Loan & grant program to support food-related businesses in underserved areas. Includes Equitable Food Oriented Advisory Board to ensure BIPOC businesses and farms are supported. A state fund could be supported through federal funds of up to \$2 million per year, plus private funding.	2021	La Semilla Food Center	NMFAPC NM Law & Poverty Center
Approved by Advocacy Committee for final review by full NMFAPC 12/15/20		NM Public Bank	The Public Banking Act will establish a State Public Bank to improve the state's focus, efficiency and effectiveness in the management of its funds. The public bank's mission is to collaborate with community banks, credit unions and local governments in order to increase social capital, extend infrastructure and regenerates natural assets. Among these investments would be regenerative agriculture, expanding food production and processing, and protect water resources and the environment. Sponsors: Senator Jeff Steinborn & Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero, and Rep. Andrea Romero	2021	Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity	NMFAPC: endorse at Tier 2
Approved by Advocacy Committee for final review by full NMFAPC 12/15/20		Voluntary Income Tax Designation for the NM Healthy Soil Program	This bill would enable NM residents with tax refunds to contribute to the Healthy Soil Program. Support for this program will benefit farmers and ranchers, the environment, public health and New Mexico's emerging regenerative food economy. Providing creative funding mechanisms during a time of limited state resources is crucial. Sponsor: Christine Chandler	2021	NM Healthy Soil Working Group	NMFAPC to support at Tier 2

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	SE, E	A collaborative, cross agency approach to integrate New Mexico grown foods into existing public food and nutrition programs.	Under the leadership of the Children's Cabinet state agencies (PED, ALTSD, NMDA and others) will develop protocols for interagency collaboration, infrastructure and uniform approaches to program implementation, standards and evaluation.		Office of the Governor-Children's Cabinet	NMFAPC; NM School Nutrition Association; PED; NMDA; ALTSD
Federal Legislation		SNAP Allotment, Eligibility, Rules	TBD		NMFAPC	
		Farm labor issues	TBD			
		COVID resources and NM's responses	TBD			
		Child Nutrition Reauthorization	What have we learned from Covid-19 that need to shift?			
Further Research & Development	SE, R, E	2020 Gleaning Study recommendations			NM Association of Food Banks, The Food Depot & NMDA	NMFAPC NM First