

# **New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council**

## **2020 NM Legislative Successes**

**NM Food & Agriculture Omnibus Appropriations** (sponsors Representatives Stansbury, Sweetser, Gail Armstrong, Dow, and Fajardo):

- \$150,000 to the NM Department of Agriculture (NMDA) to develop and promote market opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness in NM (key sponsor Representative Gail Armstrong)
- \$200,000 to NMDA to assist the soil and water conservation districts
- \$200,000 to the NM State University for experimental station facilities
- \$100,000 to the NM State University for 4-H programs

### **NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for School Meals Program**

- \$400,000 to the NM Public Education Department (thanks to Senator Campos for the Senate amendment)

### **Eliminating Reduced-Price Co-Payments for School Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

- \$650,000 to the NM Public Education Department (NMPED)

### **NM Grown Fruits and Vegetables for Senior Meal Programs and Expansion of the NM Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**

- No funding. With the Aging and Long Term Services Department and Representatives Gail Armstrong and Senator Stefanics we will explore the idea of potential funding from the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund.

### **Healthy Soils Program**

- \$127,000 to the NMDA

### **NM Agriculture and Natural Resources Pilot Program**

- \$1.8 million over three years to the NMDA for soils and water conservation projects

**Two Senate Memorials (3 and 10 sponsored by Senator Nancy Rodriguez) passed:**

- Working group to develop recommendations to glean unharvested farm produce for food assistance programs (NMDA to host)
- Working group to develop recommendations on donating school meals food to students (a food waste issue) (NMPED to host)