

# New Mexico Department of Agriculture

Established by the Constitution of the State of New Mexico

## ARTICLE XV. AGRICULTURE AND CONSERVATION

### Section 1. [Department of agriculture]

*There shall be a department of agriculture which shall be under the control of the board of regents of the college of agriculture and mechanic arts; and the legislature shall provide lands and funds necessary for experimental farming and demonstrating by said department.*

# Vision

NMDA benefits the public by promoting the viability and advancement of New Mexico agriculture and affiliated industries.

# Mission

NMDA promotes a fair marketplace, food protection, marketing, and economic development; supports the beneficial use of natural resources; and works cooperatively with the public and private sectors.

# FUNDING DESCRIPTION

	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Budget Adjusted	FY22 Request	% Difference FY21 to FY22
State Appropriation HB2				
NMDA Operations	8,562,499	8,554,959	8,127,211	-5%
Constituent Programs	3,256,674	3,537,441	3,360,569	-5%
One-Time Funding (HB548/SB536)				
NMDA	245,000	-	-	-
NMSU				
Constituent Programs	80,000	-	-	-
Grants and Contracts	2,617,576	2,576,600	2,576,600	-
Restricted Fees	5,567,565	5,529,800	5,600,000	1%

# FUNDING DESCRIPTION

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## Use of all funding

- Administer and enforce all laws under NMDA jurisdiction .
- Ensure a fair market place and develop and expand markets for New Mexico products.
- Maintain a safe and secure food supply.
- Work with constituents to maintain and improve our natural resources.

This is accomplished using dedicated fee-based funds, general funds, grants, and contracts in order to hire staff and provide their operations statewide.

## Limitations on uses of all funding

- NMDA receives earmarked general funds (Acequia Community Ditch Fund, Soil and Water Program) that can only be used for these purposes. Additionally, due to statutory limitations on fees, the use of those funds are program specific.

# Managing Budget Reduction

- FY 21 reduction of 4%      \$503,848
- FY 22 reduction of 5%      \$604,620
  
- Doing less with less
  - Risk based inspection practices
  - Limited inspections for activities with limited constituent impact or violations such as ice cream volume, cereal packaging. Focus on high impact such as Petroleum, LP, Scale, dairy, pesticides inspections.
  - Hold on filling general appropriation positions, only filling critical vacancies. Current hold is on 5 positions.
  - Strategic reductions in travel expenses.
  - Strategic reductions of pass-through funding with consideration to programs with high constituent impacts.

# QUESTIONS?