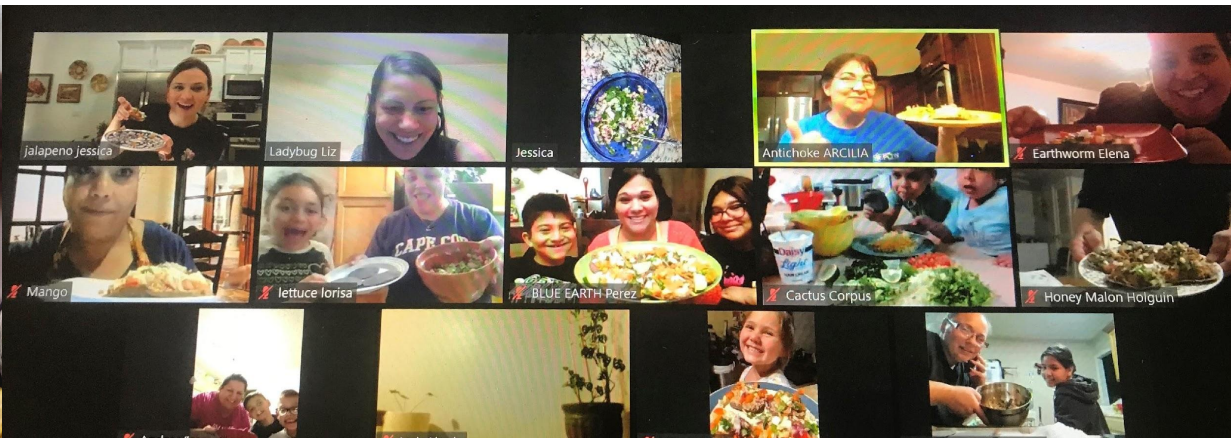




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 CELEBRATING LOCAL FOOD TRADITIONS



virtual **CEREMONY** in-person **OPEN HOUSE**



1 in 3 children

are food insecure

(having limited or uncertain access to food)

NM Voices for Children, 2021

NM has the **4th highest hunger rate** in the country

USDA Food and Nutrition Service, 2019

17% of New Mexicans are food insecure

(compared to 11% nationally)

Feeding America, March 2021

21% of New Mexicans use food stamps (SNAP)

(compared to 12% nationally)

Center on Budget Priorities, 2021

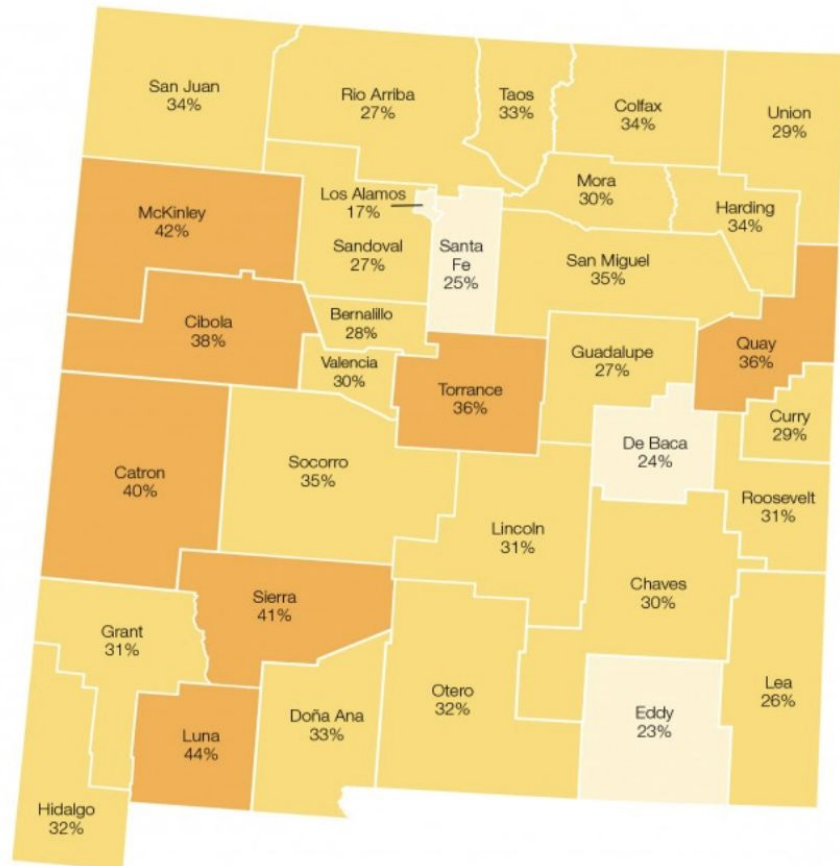
This is **highest** SNAP participation in the country



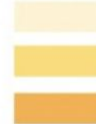
FIGURE I

The Pandemic has Worsened Childhood Food Insecurity

Share of children projected to be food insecure by county (2020)



Key



Source: This Impact of Coronavirus on Food Insecurity in 2020. Feeding America, 2020

26% of NM children live below the poverty line

49th in childhood well-being in country

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count report, 2021

1 in 5 New Mexicans live below poverty line

NM Voices for Children, March 2021

70% of NM farmers reported a loss in 2017

14% of farmers received \$64 million in federal subsidies

\$6.5 billion was spent on importing food from out of state

NM Food and Farm Economy Report, 2020

67% of NM Agricultural Workers interviewed in 2012 reported wage theft

NM Agricultural Workers' average income is \$10,000-\$12,499

NM Center on Law and Poverty

Ag workers are more likely than other workers to work full-time (82% vs. 76%)

More likely to have household income below 200% of the federal poverty level (29% vs. 19%), and less likely to have health insurance (17% vs. 10%)

Food production workers also are more likely to be food insecure than other workers.

Kaiser Family Foundation, American Community Survey, 2018

Increasing Food Security



Image credit, clockwise from top left: UC Davis, Human Rights Watch, Baltimore Sun, Civil Eats, NY Times

Top NM Agriculture Products

1. Dairy
2. Cattle
3. Pecans
4. Hay
5. Onions

While nationally most states are decreasing milk production, NM has increased production by **33%**

College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences, NMSU

86% of NM dairy products are exported

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Per capita milk production in **NM is 4,097 lbs/year**

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

Per capita milk production in the U.S. averages 624 lbs/year

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

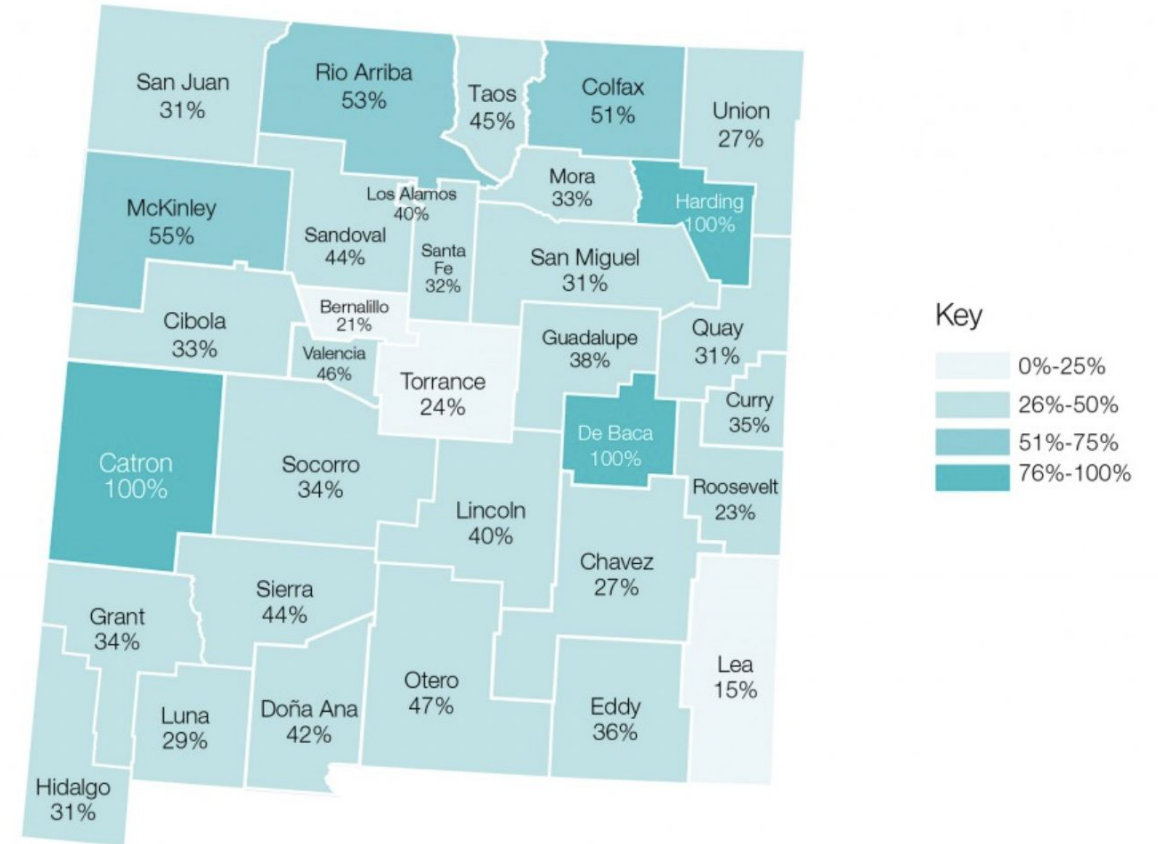
Consumption in the U.S. averages **565 lbs/year**

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service

FIGURE IV

Three New Mexico Counties are Complete Food Deserts

Share of the population with low access* to a grocery store by county (2015)



Source: "Food Access Research Atlas Data File," U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, released August 2015

*Food access indicators for census tracts use 1-mile demarcations to the nearest supermarket for urban areas and 10-mile demarcations to the nearest supermarket for rural areas.

High-poverty areas, which are census tracts where at least 30% of the population lives at or below the poverty level, are more likely than higher-income areas to be food deserts. As with other indicators, disparities along racial and ethnic lines are also seen in high-poverty areas (see Figure V).

Our Food System, Our Ecosystem



United States Department of Agriculture

Economic
Research
Service

Economic
Research
Report
Number 273
May 2020

Resource Requirements of Food Demand in the United States

Patrick Canning, Sarah Rehkamp, Claudia Hitaj,
and Christian Peters



United States agriculture is resource-intensive while leaving 35 million people hungry

In 2007, total annual expenditures on food in the United States were 8.6 % of U.S. GDP

ERS estimates the U.S. food system uses:

25.5% of the country's total land area

28% of total freshwater withdrawals

11.5% of total fossil fuel consumption

18.1% of total greenhouse gas emissions

Nearly one-half of farmland use is dedicated to production for markets other than U.S. food consumers.

*USDA Economic Research Service: Resource
Requirements of Food Demand in the United States, 2020*

Community Solutions for Food Security

- put people first
- build from the ground up
- celebrate food culture
- center community solutions

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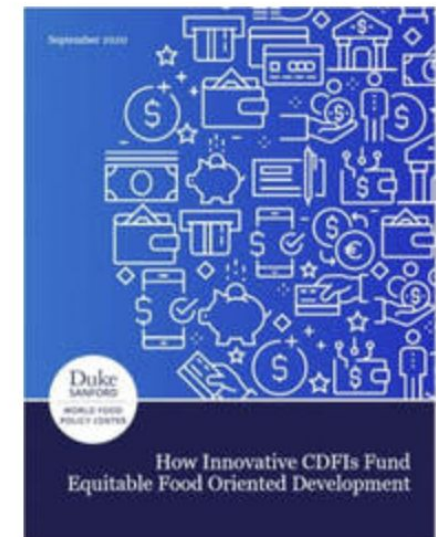
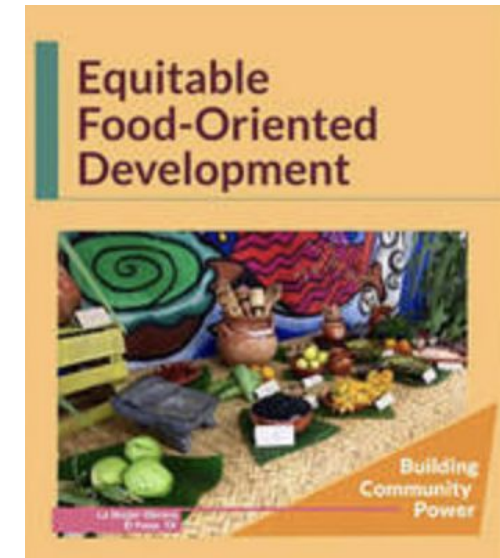
Focus on historically and continuously marginalized and divested communities.

FOOD ORIENTED

BIPOC communities have extensive expertise in food production and land stewardship. Food is part of cultural identity, relationship to land, well-being, and is essential to economic resilience.

DEVELOPMENT

Creation of market opportunities that ensure wealth is redistributed to and remains within BIPOC communities.



How Innovative CDFIs Fund Equitable Food
Oriented Development

Investing in Community Driven, Environmentally and Socially Responsible Agriculture Practices



True Cost of Food **Measuring What Matters to** **Transform the U.S. Food System**



JULY 2021



Small-scale farming and value-added food production in our precious desert



Three Chile Salsa



Mole



El Calvario Freeze-Dried Turnips



GrainHOLA Ancient Grains Mix



Inanna's Delight Herbal Blend:



La Reina Hot Chile Powder



La Reina Red Sauce





“We are participants in a system we would not design if we had it to do over. We don’t need to live by 18th century rules, which is what we’re doing. We should live by our 21st century reality and we should create *that* food system.

We have the capacity to do that.”

Dr. Ricardo Salvador, Director and Senior Scientist,
Food & Environment Program, UCS



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