

NEW MEXICO
ORGANIC FARMING
CONFERENCE
2014

Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North



The 2014 New Mexico Organic Farming Conference
is an annual opportunity for producers and researchers from around
the Southwest to share their experiences and expertise

Friday, February 14 • 7:30 am to 5:30 pm

Saturday, February 15 • 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Road NE, Albuquerque, NM

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Farm to Table :: *Le Adams*

New Mexico Department of Agriculture :: *Craig Mapel & Joanie Quinn*

New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service :: *Patrick Torres*

FARM TO TABLE promotes sustainable agriculture and advances community wellness and livelihoods in economically disadvantaged communities through the development of accessible, equitable, and thriving food systems. Program work includes developing connections between farmers and school cafeterias and between children and the food they eat by integrating school gardens, farming, and health and nutrition as components of educational programming; providing capacity building trainings and technical assistance to farmers and others in the areas of food safety, quality management systems, marketing, and enterprise development; and, building the public's understanding of the interrelationship between farming, food, health, education, and economic development by helping communities achieve food security while empowering previously disenfranchised voices and advancing informed policy education.

Phone: 505-473-1004, Fax: 505-473-3421, Le@farmtotablenm.org, www.farmtotablenm.org

The NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (NMDA) is an agriculture producer-consumer service and regulatory department placed under the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Board of Regents with a Director/Secretary who serves on the Governor's Cabinet. The department has six divisions consisting of Agricultural and Environmental Services, Agricultural Programs and Resources, Dairy, Marketing and Development, Standards and Consumer Services, and Veterinary Diagnostics Services. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture is the home of New Mexico's Organic Program, providing certification services and support for organic farmers, ranchers and processors.

jquinn@nmda.nmsu.edu, 505-889-9921, www.nmda.nmsu.edu

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY'S COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE has the practical, research-based knowledge you can rely on to improve your quality of life. We bring science to your life. The Cooperative Extension Service is the educational outreach arm of NMSU's College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences in Las Cruces. Backed by state and federal funding, Extension truly is a cooperative effort between the college and county governments throughout New Mexico. We also team up with several hundred partner agencies, organizations and schools. Extension faculty are located in all 33 New Mexico counties and three tribal offices to address your needs in the areas of animal resources, 4-H and youth development, home economics, rural economic development and plant sciences. We provide the latest information in our publications, workshops, demonstrations and one-on-one consultations. We often bring people together to solve community problems. *For more information about NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and the programs we offer, contact your local county Extension Office (see pages 20 + 21) or visit us at www.aces.nmsu.edu (NMSU is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer and educator.)*

Mil Gracias to the following benefactors
whose generous support has made this conference possible

FRIENDS OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE
La Montanita Co-op Natural Foods Market
Skarsgard Farms

SPONSORS

Farm to Table
New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute
Silver City Food Co-op

CONTRIBUTORS

California Organic Fertilizers
Fred Porter, Farm Bureau Financial Services
Los Poblanos Inn and Organic Farm

And, to the donors listed below for making our delicious lunch and snacks possible. Please return their support when you can.

Alberts Organics
Armijo Farm
Aroma Organic Coffee
Bueno Foods
Cid's Food Market
Cloud Cliff Bakery
Coonridge Organic Goat Cheese
Del Valle Organic Pecans
Growers Organic
Heidi's Organic Raspberry Jam
KW Farms
La Montanita Cooperative Distribution Center
Organic Valley Family of Farms
Red Rock Roasters Organic Coffee
Seco Spice
Sweetgrass Cooperative Grass-fed Beef
Taos Roasters Organic Coffee
Toucan Market
Veritable Vegetable
Whole Foods Market

Special thanks to our active partner: NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER & OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS

IS IT DROUGHT, OR IS THIS THE NEW NORMAL?

Keynote Speaker — Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer

8:30-10:30am / Conference Ballroom



Record rainfall in September brought most of us nearly up to “normal” annual precipitation levels, and greened up the rangeland, but the rain came so fast and hard that much of it ran off. Acequias were damaged and fields were buried in sediment. And, we’re still desperately short of water in the rivers and dams. Without good snowpack this winter, we face exceptional irrigation shortages in 2014. Most of us feel that we no longer know what the weather will bring as the seasons roll by, but both drought and extreme rainfall seem to be in store. Our Keynote speaker for 2014, **Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer** will bring years of observation and study along with the best and latest science to bear on what we can expect to see in the future and how it will affect farmers and ranchers in the southwest.

Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer is currently a research scientist on the United States Geological Survey, Earth Surface Processes Team, where she has been employed since October, 1999. She is project chief of the “Navajo Land Use Planning Project”, at the Flagstaff Science Center in Arizona. Margaret Hiza Redsteer is a lead author of a chapter in the 2014 IPCC report, entitled Adaption, Planning, and Implementation. She works on the Navajo Nation, conducting geologic mapping, studying climate and land use history, and assessing drought impacts, wind erosion, and water quality. Margaret is of Crow descent, originally from an area on the Wyoming-Montana border. She lived in the Joint Use Area of the Navajo Nation for ten years, in what is now Hopi Partitioned Lands, and is mother to three children.



Jeff Witte was selected by The Board of Regents at New Mexico State University (NMSU) as the new Director of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) in May, 2011. Witte also serves as NMDA’s Cabinet Secretary under Governor Susana Martinez. Witte was raised on a ranch in northern New Mexico and has been active with producer organizations throughout the state since then. Prior to his current position at NMDA, Witte served as the director of the office of Agricultural Biosecurity and co-director for the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center at NMSU. He had also served previously as NMDA’s assistant director and was the director of governmental affairs and field services for the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau. Witte also served as a research specialist for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at NMSU. He has a master’s degree in agricultural economics and economics from NMSU.



Tom Dean began a career in Extension spending a year filling in as an interim in Catron and Otero Counties before going back to school. Tom served as an assistant agent with Texas Agrilife Extension in Brownwood for 2 years then spent 11 years as the County Agent in Socorro County before spending a brief time as the Interim State 4-H Ag/Natural Resource Specialist. Tom is currently the Southwest District Department Head for the Cooperative Extension Service with New Mexico State University. Covering nine counties, Tom works with some outstanding agents to help them bring research-based knowledge and educational programming to their communities. Tom has a Master's and Bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University in Range Science.



Gary Paul Nabhan is an internationally-celebrated nature writer and food and farming activist. He has been honored as a pioneer and creative force in the "local food movement" and seed saving community by *Utne Reader*, *Mother Earth News*, *New York Times*, *Time Magazine*, and the Bioneers organization. As the W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Sustainable Food Systems at the University of Arizona Southwest Center, he works with students, faculty and non-profits to build a more just, nutritious, sustainable and climate-resilient foodshed spanning the U.S./Mexico border. Gary is also personally engaged as an orchard-keeper, wild foods forager, and pollinator habitat restorationist, working from his small farm in Patagonia, Arizona. His twenty six books, including *Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land*; *Chasing Chiles*; and, *Renewing America's Food Traditions*, have won numerous awards.



Helen Atthowe has an M.S. in Horticulture/Plant Physiology from Rutgers University and presently farms with her partner on 26 acres in the Sierra foothills of northern California (<http://woodleaffarm.com/>). Helen works part-time at Oregon State University collecting data and writing Farm System Analyses on 6 long-term, "eco-organic" farms in California, Oregon, and Montana. She also works as an organic agriculture consultant. Helen was an Extension Agent in Missoula County, Montana from 1995 to 2010 and an organic farmer in Stevensville, MT from 1993-2010 where she owned Biodesign Farm (thirty acres of vegetable, fruit, native plant, and greenhouse production) and conducted on-farm research projects such as ecological weed management, ecological insect management, organic reduced tillage systems, living mulches (nutrient cycles, microbial activity, weed management), as well as season extension techniques and compost quality comparisons. She is the author of *Reduced Tillage in Organic Vegetable Production: Successes, Challenges* and a series of videos *New Directions Conservation Farming & Agroecology* at <http://veganicpermaculture.com/>.

Certified Organic Producers Please Note:

Exhibitors at the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference offer a wide range of products, some of which may not be allowed in certified organic production. If you are considering a product or input promoted at the conference, please ask the exhibitor for a copy of the OMRI listing for that product, or a current copy of a letter from your certifier stating the product has been approved for use by certified organic producers. If neither of these is available, please confirm with your certifier that the product is allowed for use in certified organic production. If you have any questions please call 505-889-9921.

CEUs (Continuing Education Credits)

CEUs for pesticide applicators will be available for some sessions of the conference. If you would like to sign up for CEUs, please inquire at the registration table when you pick up your registration materials at the conference.

Conference Volunteers Needed

We need a limited number of volunteers to help at the conference, at the registration table, and in other capacities. Volunteers work for one quarter of the conference, during which time they will not be able to attend conference sessions. Volunteers will receive a complimentary registration for the remainder of the conference. Farmers will be given preference for volunteer positions and will be registered on a first-come-first-served basis. All others will be put on a waiting list from which any remaining volunteer slots will be filled on January 16th. These positions go fast. If you are interested please call 505-889-9921 as soon as possible. If you can afford to pay the registration fee, please leave the volunteer slots for those who cannot otherwise afford to attend.

Other Important Announcements

All conference areas are handicap accessible.

Presenters, topics and scheduling of workshops may change depending on room availability and presenter needs. Session locations and times may change so please check your registration packet at the conference to confirm the schedule.

Full refunds of registration fees are available on written request received by 1/25/14.

Half refunds will be available on written request received by 2/08/14.

There will be no refunds of registration fees after 2/08/14.

If you can help get the word out about the conference by distributing these programs to your organization/clients/etc, please call us at 505-473-1004 x10, and we will get some to you.

The Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute will provide a limited number of scholarships to the 2014 New Mexico Organic Farming Conference to area farmers. To be eligible for these scholarships, you MUST be a current vendor at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market. For more information and to request a scholarship please get in touch with Sam Baca at the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute:

505- 983-7726 or sam@farmersmarketinstitute.org

2014 ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, February 14th

11:00AM-12:30PM: WORKSHOP SESSION 1

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *Student Farmers: What They've Learned*

Join **Max Fields** and **James Plate**, Ft. Lewis College & Old Fort Market Garden Incubator Program; **Abbey Carver**, horticulture major at NMSU and intern at Mountain View Market Coop Farm; a representative from the Quivira New Agrarian Program; and **Idrian Mollaneda**, a student at the White Mountain Apache People's Farm for a session focusing on the lessons the new generation of young agriculturists are bringing to the age-old practice of agriculture. If you want to be inspired about the future this is the session for you.

TAMPICO :: *Fine Tuning Composting: Weed Seed and Pathogen Management*

Sure, "Compost Happens," but sometimes what's happening in your compost is creating some problems down the line. **Dr. Bill Lindemann**, Professor, Plant and Environmental Sciences at NMSU will guide you through this advanced course to take your composting to the next level.

TAOS :: *Managing Mammal Marauders*

Take a walk on the wild side with **Dr. Sam Smallidge**, NMSU Extension Wildlife Management Specialist. We heard from a lot of farmers this summer who were having extraordinary problems with mammal predation of crops as desperate animals poured out of the wilderness in search of anything edible. Rabbits decimating tomatoes! In this session on integrated pest management for mammal pests, Sam will talk about the ecology of mammal pests and discuss organic management options.

LAS CRUCES :: *Under Glass: Greenhouse Pest Management*

Hoophouses and greenhouses are popping up all over New Mexico, bringing the benefits of seedling production, season extension, and protection from the wind. Ironically, while row covers are often used to help protect plants from leafhoppers and flea beetles, growing in a greenhouse can isolate pests from their natural predators and provide a warm moist environment that can act as an incubator for many difficult-to-control insect pests. **Dr. Carol Sutherland**, 2007 Organic Farming Educator of the Year and New Mexico State Entomologist will discuss identification, ecology, and management for common greenhouse pests.

SANTA FE :: *10 Things to Know about Getting Certified Organic*

Does it really cost thousands of dollars to get certified organic? Can I use water from the acequia? How does farm inspection work? Will the paperwork kill me? **Brett Bakker**, Organic Certifier for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture Organic Program, will walk you through the steps to get (and maintain) organic certification and offer some helpful hints on making the process easier.

KOKOPELLI :: *Farming in Drought: Managing Soil Salinity*

As drought deepens, we're seeing an increase in salinity in our already alkaline soils and waters. **Dr. Ron Godin**, organic soil guru, 2010 Organic Farming Educator of the Year, and Colorado State University Extension Agronomist for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture will explore what this means for crops and what can be done to manage the problem.

12:30-2:00PM: LUNCH BREAK (ON YOUR OWN)

2:00-3:30PM: WORKSHOP SESSION 2

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *Farming in Drought: Water Harvesting for Farmers*

After a bone-dry winter, New Mexico got most of its average annual rainfall in one week in September. Water Harvesting? Hmmmm. Before retiring from Texas AgriLife Extension in 2011, **Billy Kniffen** served as Texas AgriLife Extension's statewide water resource specialist, focusing on rainwater harvesting. In addition to his service with AgriLife Extension, Kniffen has been a director and education coordinator for the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA) and helped organize the Texas Rainwater Catchment Association, serving as its first president. Billy will give you what you need to know about farm-scale water catchment.

TAMPICO :: *Selecting Seeds to Achieve Desired Traits*

Saving seeds is not only an economical choice for organic farmers, but allows producers to improve qualities such as drought tolerance, resulting in crops that are better suited to the climate of the southwest. **Nels Lund** of High Mowing Seeds will offer a tutorial on on-farm seed saving that will help you produce viable seeds for improved production.

TAOS :: *Something New: Teff, Guar, Hops*

In a rut? Looking to branch out into something new? Organic farmers are innovators by definition, and the changing climate offers an opportunity to examine your usual crops and perhaps explore a new direction. **Leonard Lauriault**, Superintendent, NMSU Agricultural Science Center at Tucumcari and Forage Crop Management Scientist; **Kulbhushan Grover**, NMSU Assistant Professor in Sustainable Crop Production and 2013 Organic Farming Educator of the Year; and **Beth LaShell**, Coordinator of the Old Fort Field Station at Fort Lewis College have been working on some crops that could be in your future. Hear the latest.

LAS CRUCES :: *Farming in Drought: Understanding Your Water Rights*

Access to irrigation water has been a perennial issue for farmers in the desert southwest. The ongoing drought has increased the uncertainty about water availability, and this summer many producers felt the squeeze as never before. And then there are questions about water rights, adjudication, priority, metering, water banks, leasing. A representative from the Office of the State Engineer will give an overview of water rights in New Mexico and what farmers can expect in years to come. Bring your questions about water rights to this session.

SANTA FE :: *Destocking and Restocking: How to Weather It*

Before the late summer rains, rangeland was devastated and hay prices had gone through the roof. Cattle numbers in New Mexico had fallen to less than half of what they were three years ago. Some ranchers have sold out entirely, others have tried to hold on to a nucleus of breeding stock in the hope of better grazing conditions in the future. How do you make a decision to destock your ranch and what factors should you consider in moving forward to restock? **Sage Faulkner** of the certified-organic Soaring Eagle Ranch and **Dr. Marcy Ward**, NMSU Livestock Specialist will shed some light on how to make good decisions for your operation.

KOKOPELLI :: *Reduced-Tillage, Ecological Weed Management*

Helen Atthowe of Woodleaf Farm, long-time organic farmer and researcher, compares two long-term, organic farms which are successfully using Ecological Weed Management and reduced tillage tools/strategies on the ground for managing weeds. If you were blindsided by the flush of weeds following the summer rain, and want to take advantage of the benefits of reduced tillage, this session is for you.

3:30-4:00PM: BREAK

4:00-5:30PM: WORKSHOP SESSION 3

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *The Legume Report: Top Green Manures*

Green manures offer incredible benefits that are particularly important in building soils in the southwest, but not all green manures are created equal. **Dr. John Idowu**, NMSU Extension Agronomist and 2013 Organic Farming Educator of the Year, has been conducting trials on 15 green manures to get a handle on the relative benefits offered by each: nitrogen and biomass delivered; soil aggregation, etc. This session will help you choose the best green manure crops for your soil and fertility needs.

TAMPICO :: *Small-scale Organic Egg Production*

Bob Thompson of the certified-organic Thompson Farms produces organic eggs for three farmers' markets. In this session Bob will discuss all aspects of organic egg production from cleaning up fields at the end of harvest to favorite breeds to feeding (chickens love overgrown zucchini!) to housing. Whether you are just starting out with a few birds or have been raising chickens for years, Bob will have insights that will improve your production.

TAOS :: *A Helping Hand for Pollinators*

Pollinators need your help. Become a pollinator ally on your farm and in the garden! As land is developed and drought challenges wild land as well as farm-land, habitat for native pollinators and honey bees is scarcer than ever. **Loretta McGrath**, Director of the Pollinator Partners Program and Top-bar beekeeper, will discuss what farmers and gardeners can do to provide the food and habitat that pollinators need to keep these vital links in the ecological chain flying.

LAS CRUCES :: *The Red and the Green: Heirloom Chile Varieties*

Saving traditional seeds is only a part of conserving the heritage of New Mexico's favorite vegetable. **David Fresquez**, 2013 Organic Farmer of the Year will discuss traditional methods of chile production in New Mexico and how production methods affect yield, heat, and flavor. **Dr. Stephanie Walker**, NMSU Extension Vegetable Specialist, has been conducting statewide trials of heirloom chile varieties gathered from around New Mexico and will preview her findings. Chile growers, don't miss this session!

SANTA FE :: *Grazing Management in Times of Drought*

Never has grazing management been more appropriate, or necessary, than it is today. Planned grazing is the single most important tool producers have to make it through the economically and environmentally challenging conditions of drought. Holistic Management International has decades of experience assisting in the development and implementation of planned grazing. In this session, **Frank Aragona**, HMI's Director of Programs, will moderate a small panel of producers, researchers, and educators so that participants can learn the critical elements of a planned grazing approach.

KOKOPELLI :: *A Perfect Fit: Fruit Tree Grafting*

Gordon Tooley of Tooley's Trees in Truchas, New Mexico, and recipient of the 2008 Organic Farming Educator of the Year award will take you through the basics of grafting fruit trees. Whether you are looking for drought tolerance or adaptation to high pH, establishing a new orchard, changing up a veteran stand, or diversifying your orchard with new varieties there is a wealth of help for you in this session.

6:00-7:30PM: WINTER MIXER

(Organized by Rio Grande Farmers Coalition, affiliate of the National Young Farmers Coalition) See page 13.

Saturday, February 15th

8:30–10:00AM: WORKSHOP SESSION 4

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *Building Pest-Suppressive Farms*

What are the strategies and tools involved in building pest-suppressive farms? **Helen Atthowe** of Woodleaf Farm proposes a list of strategies and tools based on on-farm research, and compares two long-term, organic farms which are successfully using these tools/strategies on the ground for aphids, caterpillars, flea beetles, harlequin bugs, and (less successfully) *Drosophila*.

TAMPICO :: *Is It Organic? Looking at Inputs for Organic Production*

One of the central tenets of organic production is minimizing off-farm inputs, but there comes a time when nearly every farmer will be looking for soil amendments, pest-management products, or something to clean drip lines. Finding something suitable for organic production can be a real minefield. Compost labeled “organic” for instance, may be composed of biosolids and therefore prohibited in organic production. How is a farmer to know? **Michael Diaz**, NMDA Organic Certifier, will guide you through.

TAOS :: *Starting Up a Small Dairy*

Everybody wants milk from a small local dairy, but starting one up can be a major undertaking. In this know-before-you-go session **Alf Reeb**, NMDA Dairy Division Director and **Mike DeSmet**, creating a grassfed organic dairy in Bosque, New Mexico, will detail the steps from Permitting to Pasture that are needed to get a dairy going.

LAS CRUCES :: *Navigating the Livestock Marketing Maze*

There is a bewildering array of choices, but no one-size-fits-all blueprint for determining appropriate marketing options for your livestock operation. This session will help you evaluate the strengths of your operation, gauge your long-term goals and from there find the marketing option that works best for you. **Rick Kingsbury** who worked the restaurant/retail market for his organic beef for years and now processes organic and grassfed livestock and **Laurie Bower** who has been guiding grassfed producers through the marketing maze as the Director of the Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance will steer you through.

SANTA FE :: *Bring in the Bees*

Les Crowder, author of *Top Bar Beekeeping: Organic Practices for Honeybee Health*, and 2009 Organic Farming Educator of the Year, will guide you through the setup and maintenance of top-bar hives on your farm or in your garden. Your bees can be healthy and happy the natural way. Les will show you how. Les will be available to sign his book immediately following this session.

KOKOPELLI :: *Tapping Into the Wisdom of the Desert:*

Sustainably Growing Food in the Face of Climate Change & Water Scarcity

Over the next half century, climate change will dramatically affect which wild food plants can be integrated into edible landscaping and which horticultural crop varieties reach optimum quality in nearly every food-scape in North America. With 2300 counties declared drought disaster areas in the US within the last two years, it is time that horticulturists, gardeners, and farmers in every part of the country look more critically at the wealth of traditional desert farmers’ and permaculturists’ adaptations to drought, heat, and water scarcity. By surveying the world’s desert horticultural oases for such adaptations, **Gary Paul Nabhan**, author of the recently published *Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land* offers a variety of ready-to-implement acclimations to climate change that have been tested over centuries by food producers among diverse desert cultures. Gary will be available to sign his new book immediately following the session.

10:00-10:30AM: BREAK

10:30AM-NOON: WORKSHOP SESSION 5

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *Fruit in Uncertain Times: Organic Orchard Management in Times of Drought*

2012 was the best fruit year in New Mexico in many years. 2013 brought frosts, drought, and pest problems for stressed trees. **Thomas Cameron** of Rancho Durazno has been producing organic peaches, cherries, nectarines, and apricots in Palisade, Colorado for over three decades and will share his expertise in all areas of fruit production with special emphasis on weathering drought. If you grow fruit or are thinking of establishing an orchard this session is a must.

TAMPICO :: *Top Tomatoes: An Integrated System*

Certified organic farmer **Tom Hyden** of Rhubarb Ranch in San Antonio, New Mexico has been working for years to create an integrated system for production of tomatoes and this year he hit the jackpot. Tom will detail all aspects of the system from variety selection to trellising to nutrient management and harvesting. If you (or your customers) love tomatoes, don't miss this total tomato tutorial.

TAOS :: *Grasspower: Farming with Draft Animals*

Price of diesel got you down? Tired of messing with hydraulic fluid leaks? **Brett Ellison** in Las Trampas, New Mexico, and **Kyle Skaggs** of Frisco Farm in Pleasanton, New Mexico, invite you to take a look at a more sustainable and enjoyable method of getting the heavy work of farming done. From implements to care and feeding, Brett and Kyle will introduce you to the world of grass power. Harness up!

LAS CRUCES :: *Trap Cropping: What Works and Why + Invasive Insect Updates*

Trap crops can be a great way to keep insect pests off your market crop. Trap crops can also become a nightmarish incubator for those pests. **Dr. Tess Grasswitz**, Integrated Pest Management Specialist at NMSU's Los Lunas Ag Science Center, and 2012 Organic Farming Educator of the Year will take on this tricky technique and provide guidance for successful trap cropping for common southwestern pests. Also in this session: updates on the latest research in managing the invasive Bagrada Bug, Brown Marmorated Stink Bug's expected arrival, and a new and very difficult pest of berries and small stone fruit: Spotted Wing Drosophila. If something's bugging you don't miss this session. (See "Test Your Water" note on page 13.)

SANTA FE :: *Are You In? Food Safety Update*

As this brochure goes to press, the public comment period on the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) is ending and a final rule is expected sometime in the spring of 2014. These rules will affect all farmers to some degree. In addition many buyers are now requiring anything from product liability insurance to Good Agricultural Practices certification to farm safety plans. Don't stick your head in the sand! **Debra Garrison** of Primus Labs will update you on the current state of FSMA, discuss how it will affect farmers—from water testing to the use of manure and compost—and suggest how farmers can begin to prepare for regulatory and market requirements. Come with all your questions about how to cope.

KOKOPELLI :: *A Farm Travelogue: Sustainable Agriculture in the Ukraine*

This special treat for conference participants features **Dr. Ron Godin**, 2010 Organic Farming Educator of the Year, and Colorado State University Extension Agronomist for Organic and Sustainable Agriculture, on lessons from farmers on the other side of the world. For the last decade Ron has been spending time every year working with farmers in the Ukraine. Poor in cash and technology, these farmers have generations of experience behind their practices that stem from working with nature and its resources to produce a crop. Ron thinks they can teach us a lot.

12:30-2:30PM: LUNCHEON (Ballroom)

2:30-4:00PM: WORKSHOP SESSION 6

CORONADO/COZUMEL :: *Farming in Drought: The Nuts and Bolts of Drip Irrigation*

Two organic producers join forces to bring you a down-to-earth discussion of what's involved in getting a drip irrigation system up and flowing, how to choose from the bewildering variety of systems, sizing pumps, wells, controls, fertigation, irrigating with drip through the acequia, and using leased water. And, some kind advice about what to do when the kit arrives and some of the fittings just won't fit. **Wesley James** of Skarsgard Farms and **Nolina Bryant** of Nolina's Heavenly Organics will take the suspense out of switching to drip.

TAMPICO :: *Feathered Friends*

As rural land continues to fall to development, habitat for birds is disappearing and with it many of our winged allies. Birds play a vital role in balancing ecosystems and controlling pests, making organic farming possible. For many bird species, farms have become a last refuge. This session will cover what birds you might find on your farm and what you can do to provide cover, food, and safe nesting places for our feathered friends. Speaker to be announced.

TAOS :: *Nature's Bounty: Cultivating Native Crops*

Eric Garretson, Sustainability Coordinator at Ghost Ranch, and a passionate organic farmer with a taste for the edible landscape, will take a look at species from sand cherries and wild plums to cactus fruits, chokecherries, and many more. If a cardinal principle of organic farming is producing crops that are appropriate for the area, a good place to start is with plants that are native to the southwest. Come be inspired to tend what already may be in your back field.

LAS CRUCES :: *All Together: Cooperative Marketing*

It seems simple enough — farmers or ranchers join together to guarantee an adequate and reliable supply of product to buyers. Transportation and marketing work can be shared and the load lightened for everyone. Yet creating and maintaining farmer cooperatives can be tougher than it might seem. This panel of successful cooperators will provide an overview of what is needed for success. Speakers to be announced.

SANTA FE :: *Agri-Tourism: Is it Right for Your Farm?*

Join **Dr. Alice Loy** who has managed market gardens, CSAs, and hay farms, for a session that will provide farmers and ranchers with an overview of the exploding agri-tourism market and strategies for success. Topics covered in this session will include: current developments nationally and regionally in agritourism, opportunities for innovative agri-tourism approaches, marketing and advertising (in print and online), legal and logistical issues related to having people on the farm. If you're thinking about adding agri-tourism to your portfolio, this session is the place to start.

KOKOPELLI :: *Farming in Drought: Land Restoration*

Dr. Mollie Walton, a restoration ecologist at Quivira Coalition, has a Texas ranching background and has worked in Northern New Mexico since 2006 doing riparian restoration, monitoring, consulting, and research. She brings experience in hands-on restoration work as well as collaborative land management projects on public and private lands. Mollie will discuss how land in need of help can be brought back to a healthy and productive state. Ranchers and farmers who are looking for solutions to the ravages of drought, fire, invasive species, or overgrazing will find practical help in this session.

.....
AT THE NEW MEXICO ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE

6PM FRI, FEB 14, 2014
THE YUCATAN ROOM

YOU'RE INVITED TO
A WINTER MIXER



**ORGANIC
BEER, WINE,
SNACKS**

WILDEWOOD ♪♪

BROUGHT TO YOU BY
RIO GRANDE FARMERS COALITION
RSVP AT WWW.RIOGRANDEFARMERS.ORG

.....
CONGRATULATIONS!
2013 Organic Farmers of the Year
Loretta & David Fresquez
Monte Vista Organic Farm

MORNING STRETCH

7:45am Friday and 7:45am Saturday
in the Ballroom.

Wake up with Dr. Cat (Caterina Di Palma, DOM). Gentle wake-up, stress-relieving breathing, stretching and self-massage exercises for everyone. You do not have to be a jock or a 20 year-old to do these exercises. They are so easy that you may want to do them at home too!

TREATMENTS

Enjoy a simple acupuncture or other treatment
9:00am – 5:00pm Friday and Saturday
during the conference.

Caterina Di Palma, Doctor of Oriental Medicine will provide simple ear acupuncture, magnets, other techniques and easy-to-reach points for hard-working people in a group or community setting (sitting up, no disrobing).

AND...It can be fast or you can sit
and bliss out with us for a while.

QUICK FARMER HEALTH CHECK

Available on Friday, February 14th
from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

For the farmer there's always something more pressing than getting tested for common health problems. Now it's easy for you to take care of yourself. Get a special health screening during the conference:

- Blood pressure testing (heart disease)
- Glucose testing (diabetes)

Free!!!!

TEST YOUR WATER

Did you know that the pH of your water can have a huge impact on pest-control applications? Bring a bottle of the water you use to mix applications to Dr. Tess Grasswitz at her exhibit table on Friday, February 14th 7:30-8:30 am or 5:30-6:30 pm and she will pH test your water and discuss buffering techniques for more effective pest management results. For the entire duration of the conference Tess's exhibit table will display a collection of native predatory insects—get to know these true friends of organic farmers.

SHOP THE

CO|OOP

LA MONTAÑITA



**LOVE
FOOD**

Keep. It Local!



FRESH FAIR LOCAL FOOD TASTES BEST!

Shop your own local Co-op for **fresh FAIR LOCAL** organic food.

FRESH

We believe fresh locally grown, unprocessed food provides the greatest nutritional value for your food dollar.

FAIR

We support a living wage, just benefits, and good working conditions for our staff, local farmers, farm-workers and producers.

LOCAL

We believe that a strong local/regional economy based within a network of relationships provides the safest, freshest food for a sustainable future.

Look for Us In The Neighborhood.

The New Mexico Specialty Crops Act of 1983 provides limited funding for marketing projects, promotional activities, market potential surveys, and specialty crop demonstration projects.

PROGRAM GOALS:

- Agricultural Growth • Rural Stability
- Maintaining and/or Increasing Market Share
- Market Development
- Value-Added Product Development

Past projects have provided funding to numerous groups and individuals for a wide variety of projects and programs including the New Mexico Farmer's Marketing Association, on-farm demonstration projects to determine the production potential of a wide variety of specialty crops, and numerous feasibility and marketing studies. Generally, grant amounts range from \$500-\$10,000 for individual applicants and up to \$30,000 for groups working together on a joint initiative.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for funding are due May 1 of each year. Proposals received after May 1 are only eligible for consideration if funds are still available. Applicants must identify the issue or problem to be addressed and explain why the project is important and timely, describe the overall goal(s) in one or two statements, explain briefly how each objective will be accomplished, include a timeline, and be clear as to who will be responsible for performing each task. Applicants must also describe the qualifications of the individual(s) and organization/company performing the work, describe what will be accomplished as a direct result of the project, how each outcome will be measured, and provide a budget that clearly and consistently lists activities that address the scope of work, dollar amount requested for each activity, and matching or in-kind contribution for each specific activity.

Proposals meeting the basic eligibility requirements under this New Mexico Agricultural Development and Promotional Funds Program will be reviewed and evaluated by the NMDA Marketing and Development Division and a panel of reviewers. *Letters announcing funding decisions will be mailed on or before August 1, 2014.*

Grantees will be paid on a reimbursement basis only. Any request for reimbursement on allowable expenses must be accompanied by a progress report and proof of expenses incurred (not due). At the completion of the project, each grantee will be required to submit a final report to NMDA. *Final reports are due on or before May 31, 2015.* Other programs are also available including the Federal Specialty Crop Grant, Labeling and Trade Show Assistance and more. For more details please visit the NMDA website at: <http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/marketing/>.

If you believe you have a project that might qualify for possible funding, but would like to visit with our staff to determine what NMDA grant program is the best fit, please check the NMDA website at www.nmda.nmsu.edu/marketing/ for details on the Grant Information Workshops held each Spring. *The schedule and locations will be posted by February 2014.*

2014 ORGANIC FARMING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:30-8:30am: Conference Registration—*Convention Hallway* **8:00-8:30am:** Conference Registration—*Convention Hallway*

8:30-10:30am: Conference Opening & Keynote Address—*Ballroom* / Keynote: “Is Organic Farming the Answer?”

10:30-11:00am: Break

ROOMS	Coronado/Cozumel	Tampico	Taos
-------	------------------	---------	------

11:00am-12:30pm: Workshop Session 1

Student Farmers: What They’ve Learned	Fine Tuning Composting: Weed Seed and Pathogen Management	Managing Mammal Marauders
---------------------------------------	---	---------------------------

12:30-2:00pm: Lunch Break (*on your own*)

2:00-3:30pm: Workshop Session 2

Farming in Drought: Water Harvesting for Farmers	Selecting Seeds to Achieve Desired Traits	Something New: Teff, Guar, and Hops
--	---	-------------------------------------

3:30-4:00pm: Break

4:00-5:30pm: Workshop Session 3

The Legume Report: Top Green Manures	Small-scale Organic Egg Production	A Helping Hand for Pollinators
--------------------------------------	------------------------------------	--------------------------------

6:00-7:30pm: WINTER MIXER (*Organized by Rio Grande Farmers, affiliate of the National Organic Coalition*)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30-8:30am: Conference Registration—*Convention Hallway* **8:00-8:30am:** Conference Registration—*Convention Hallway*

8:30-10:00am: Workshop Session 4

Building Pest Suppressive Farms	Is It Organic? Looking at Inputs for Organic Production	Starting Up a Small Dairy
---------------------------------	---	---------------------------

10:00-10:30am: Break

10:30am-noon: Workshop Session 5

Fruit in Uncertain Times: Organic Orchard Management in Times of Drought	Top Tomatoes: An Integrated System	Grasspower: Farming with Draft Animals
--	------------------------------------	--

12:30-2:30pm: Luncheon—*Ballroom*

2:30-4:00pm: Workshop Session 6

Farming in Drought: The Nuts and Bolts of Drip Irrigation	Feathered Friends	Nature’s Bounty: Cultivating Native Crops
---	-------------------	---

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00 am: Morning Stretch—*Ballroom*

“Is It Drought or Is This the New Normal?”—Dr. Magaret Hiza Redsteer

	Las Cruces	Santa Fe	Kokopelli
	Under Glass: Greenhouse Pest Management	10 Things to Know about Getting Certified Organic	Farming in Drought: Managing Soil Salinity
	Farming in Drought: Understanding Your Water Rights	Destocking and Restocking: How to Weather It	Reduced-Tillage, Ecological Weed Management
	The Red and the Green: Heirloom Chile Varieties	Grazing Management in Times of Drought	A Perfect Fit: Fruit Tree Grafting

(National Young Farmers Coalition)

FEBRUARY 15TH

8:00 am: Morning Stretch—*Ballroom*

	Navigating the Livestock Marketing Maze	Bring in the Bees	Tapping Into the Wisdom of the Desert
	Trap Cropping: What Works & Why	Are You In? Food Safety Update	A Farm Travelogue: Sustainable Agriculture in the Ukraine
	All Together: Cooperative Marketing	Agri-Tourism: Is it Right for Your Farm?	Farming in Drought: Land Restoration

2014 NM ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

Animal Welfare Approved

Beth Spitler
5666 Los Angeles Street Oakland, CA 94608
(510) 250-0916
beth.spitler@animalwelfareapproved.org
Free certification for livestock farmers & ranchers

ARBICO Organics

Richard Frey
10831 N Mavinee Dr, Suite 185 Oro Valley, AZ 85737
(800) 827-2847
kara@arbico.com
Organic supply company

Bookworks

Danielle Foster
4022 Rio Grande Blvd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 344-8139
www.bkwrks.com
Books

California Organic Fertilizers, Inc.

Jim Verner
7600 N Ingram, Suite 101 Fresno, CA 93711
(559) 585-4705
deborah@organicag.com
Organic input materials

Desert Woman Botanicals

Monica Rude
P.O. Box 263 Gila, NM 88038
(575) 535-2860
info@desertwoman.net
Herbal remedies & skin care products

Embudo Valley Organics

John McMullin
P.O. Box 44 Embudo, NM 87531
(505) 579-4147
john.turkeyman@gmail.com
Certified organic poultry feed, goat feed, turkeys

Farm Bureau Insurance

Fred Porter
2901 Juan Tabo Blvd. NE, Suite 115 Albuquerque, NM 87112
(505) 345-1520, (888) 956-0028
www.agentfredporter.com www.agentjoann.com
Insurance & financial services

Farm to Table

Shauna Woodworth
618 B Paseo de Peralta Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 473-1004
le@farmtotablenm.org
*Non-profit working in food & ag policy, marketing,
farmer & children's education*

G&M Ag

Mark Miller
1000 N Beeline Highway, Suite 109 Payson, AZ 85541
800-901-0096
service@gmagsupply.com
Supplies & greenhouses for market farmers & organic growers

High Mowing Organic Seeds

Nels Lund
76 Quarry Road Wolcott, VT 05680
(802) 472-6174 x101
brigitte@highmowingseeds.com
Organic seeds

J&M Industries, Inc.

Tim Chaput
300 Ponchatoula Parkway Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 974-6751
chaptj2@verizon.net
Agribon, Solarig, Greenhouse poly & degradable mulch film

Johnny's Selected Seeds

Randy Cummings
955 Benton Ave Winslow, ME 04901
(207) 230-5348
rcummings@johnnyseeds.com
Seeds, farm implements, tools

La Montanita Co-op

Robin Seydel
901 Menaul NE Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 217-2027
robins@lamontanita.coop
Good Food, Veterans Farmer Project, La Montanita Fund, Cooperative Distribution Center

Light Green Thumb Seeds / Pollinator Nation

Laurie Lange
P.O. Box 541 Sandia Park, NM 87047
(505) 307-9885
laurie@pollinatornation.com
SW adapted Garden & Pollinator Plant Seeds, Pollinator Garden Supplies

Mesa Tractor, Inc.

John Hinton
3826 4th Street NW Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 344-1631
john@mesatractor.com
Farm tractors, implements, parts, & service

Mid Region Council of Governments Agriculture Collaborative

Ann Simon
809 Copper Ave, NW Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 247-1750
asimon@mrcog-nm.gov, localfoodnm@mrcog-nm.gov
*Land Link: connecting farmers and ranchers looking for land and
farming opportunity to agricultural landowners*

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Rey Adame
6200 Jefferson NE Albuquerque, NM 87109
(505) 761-4445
http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/
Conservation programs and assistance to producers

New Mexico Department of Agriculture

David Lucero
MSC 5600 Box 30005 Las Cruces NM 88003
575-646-4929
www.nmda.nmsu.edu
Marketing assistance, including farm to school

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau

Benjamin "Benjie" Segovia
 2220 N Telshor Blvd Las Cruces NM 88011
 (575) 635-8454
 benjis@nmflb.org
Farmer/Rancher organization promoting agriculture

New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Association

Denise Miller
 731 Montez Place Santa Fe, NM 87501
 (505) 983-4010
 dmiller@farmersmarkets.org
Nonprofit assisting farmers markets across the state

New Mexico Land Conservancy

Ariel Patashnik
 P.O. Box 6759 Santa Fe, NM 87502
 (505) 986-3801
 apatashnik@nmlandconservancy.org
Working with private landowners to conserve property as open space, wildlife habitat, & agricultural land

New Mexico State University Extension Food Technology

Nancy Flores
 NMSU Extension—Food Technology
 P.O. Box 30003, MSC 3AE Las Cruces, NM 88003
 (575) 646-1179
 naflores@nmsu.edu
Information about food preservation/help establishing a processing operation

NMSU Extension IPM

Tess Grasswitz
 1036 Miller St. Los Lunas, NM 87031
 (505) 865-7340
New Mexico State University Extension Home Economics

NMSU Blood Pressure and Blood Glucose Testing

Cassandra Vanderpool
 1510 Menaul NW
 Albuquerque, NM 87110
 (505) 243-1386
 cypool@nmsu.edu
Health Fair: Blood pressure & blood glucose testing

Ojo Caliente Wellness Center/Hands on Healthcare

Caterina Di Palma, DOM
 34869 Hwy 285 Ojo Caliente, NM 87549
 (505) 583-2908

Northern New Mexico Health Care, LLC

82A CR 122 Española, NM 87532
 (505) 753-7576
 drcat@zianet.com
 www.ojocalientewellnesscenter.com
Health Fair: Ear acupuncture, movement and breathing exercises. Health through a nourishing diet, massage, acupuncture, chiropractic and herbs

Organic Technology International, LLC

Steve Moore/Veronica Romero
 13170-B Central Ave SE #118 Albuquerque, NM 87123
 (505) 291-1100
 otiusa@juno.com
Organic fertilizer

Pollinator Partners Program

Loretta McGrath
 618 B Paseo de Peralta Santa Fe, NM 87501
 (505) 690-9912
 loremcgrath@gmail.com
The Pollinator Partners Program supports the creation of pollinator friendly habitat in New Mexico

Primus Labs

Debra Garrison
 2810 Industrial Pkwy Santa Maria, CA 93455
 (805) 922-0055
 debra.garrison@PrimusLabs.com
Food safety certification & consultation

Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance/Panorama Meats

Laurie Bower/Rick Kingsbury
 SWGLA
 1210 Luisa Street, Suite 10
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
 505-231-3467
 info@grassfedlivestock.org
SWGLA is committed to developing programs & initiatives that assist producers & inform consumers

Tooley's Trees

Gordon Tooley
 P.O. Box 392 Truchas, NM 87578
 (505) 689-2400
 info@tooleystrees.com
Drought tolerant trees, shrubs, & fruit trees

USDA Farm Service Agency

Lawrence Rael
 6200 Jefferson NE, Suite 211 Albuquerque, NM 87109
 (505) 761-4900
 veronica.tribbet@nm.usda.gov
Federal agency

USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

Longino Bustillos
 2507 N Telshor Blvd., Suite 4 Las Cruces, NM 88011
 (575) 522-6023
 longino.bustillos@nass.usda.gov
Agricultural Statistics

USDA Rural Development

Jesse Bopp
 6200 Jefferson NE Albuquerque, NM 87109
 (505) 761-4952
 jesse.bopp@nm.usda.gov
Programs to assist rural producers

Water Lady

Anne La Lopa
 P.O. Box 91604 Albuquerque NM 87199-1604
 (505) 660-4162
 anne@waterlady.biz
 www.waterlady.biz
Zeta Core Catalytic Salt-Free Water Conditioners

Western SARE

Stephanie Walker
 MSC 3AE P.O. Box 30003 Las Cruces, NM 88003
 (575) 646-4398
 swalker@nmsu.edu
Research & Education in sustainable agriculture

Wildhood Farm

Jasmine & Zach Cecelic
 P.O. Box 1890 Taos, NM 87571
 (505) 579-4678
 wildhoodfarm@yahoo.com
 www.wildhoodfarm.com
Beehives, bat boxes, bird houses, native pollinator habitat

YOUR COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENTS

Bernalillo County

John Garlisch, Agriculture Agent
garlisch@nmsu.edu
1510 Menaul NW Albuquerque, NM 87107
505.243.1386

Catron County

Tracy Drummond, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
drummond@nmsu.edu
Catron County Courthouse
100 Main Street Reserve, NM 87830
575.533.6430

Chaves County

Sandra Key Barraza, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
sbarraza@nmsu.edu
200 E Chisum #4 Roswell, NM 88203
575.622.3210

Cibola County

Chase Elkins, Agriculture Agent
chelkins@nmsu.edu
551 Washington Avenue Grants, NM 87020
505.287.3708

Colfax County

Boe Lopez, Interim County Program Dir/Ag Agent
bclopez@nmsu.edu
Corner of 3rd and Savage (Mail: P.O. Box 370) Raton, NM 87740
575.445.8071

Curry County

Luther Dunlap, Ag Agent
didunlap@nmsu.edu
818 Main Street Clovis, NM 88101
575.763-6505

De Baca County

Aspen Achen, County Program Director
aachen@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
514 Avenue C (Mail: P.O. Drawer E)
Fort Sumner, NM 88119
575.355.2381

Dona Ana County

Jeff Anderson, Agriculture Agent
lantz@nmsu.edu
530 N Church Street Las Cruces, NM 88001
575.525.6649

Eddy County

Woods Houghton, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
whoughto@nmsu.edu
1304 W Stevens Carlsbad, NM 88220
575.887.6595

Grant County

Judy O'Loughlin, County Program Director
judyo@nmsu.edu
Grant County Office Complex
2610 N Silver Street Silver City, NM 88061
575.388.1550

Guadalupe County

Leigh Ann Marez, County Program Director
lemarez@nmsu.edu
244 S 4th, Suite 110 Santa Rosa, NM 88435
575.472.3652

Harding County

Blair Clavel, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
jclavel@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
35 Pine Street Mosquero, NM 87733
575.673.2341

Hidalgo County

John Allen, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
allenj@nmsu.edu
Hidalgo County Coop Extension Service
524 E Demoss, Suite 4 Lordsburg, NM 88045
575.542.9291

Jicarilla Extension Service

Jesse LeFevre, Extension Associate II
jicarill@nmsu.edu
Hawks Drive (Mail to: P.O. Box 679) Dulce, NM 87528-0679
575.759.3530

Lea County

Wayne Cox, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
hwcox@nmsu.edu
100 N Main, Suite 10 Lovington, NM 88260
575.396.2819

Lincoln County

Audra Lyon, Agriculture Agent
aulyong8@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
300 Central (Mail: P.O. Box 217) Carrizozo, NM 88301
575.648.2311

Los Alamos County

Carlos Valdez, County Program Director
valdez@nmsu.edu
475 20th Street, Suite A Los Alamos, NM 87544
505.662.2656

Luna County

Jack Blandford, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
Jbland@nmsu.edu
210 B Poplar Deming, NM 88030
575.546.9603

McKinley County

Kathy Landers, County Program Director
kalander@nmsu.edu
5002 W Historic 66 (Mail: Star Route 2, Box 59)
Gallup, NM 87301
505.863.3432

Mora County

William McGuire, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
bmcquire@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
(Mail: P.O. Box 390) Mora, NM 87732
575.387.2856

Otero County

Tom Dominguez, Agriculture Agent
tdomingu@nmsu.edu
401 Fairgrounds Road Alamogordo, NM 88310
575.437.0231

Quay County

Brenda Bishop, County Program Director
brbishop@nmsu.edu
216 E Center (Mail: P.O. Drawer B) Tucumcari, NM 88401
575.461.0562

Rio Arriba County

Donald Martinez, Agriculture Agent
donmart@nmsu.edu
Rural Event Center, State Rd 554, House #122-A
(Mail: HCR 77, Box 9) Abiquiu, NM 87510
505.685.4523

Roosevelt County

Patrick Kircher, Agriculture Agent
pkircher@nmsu.edu
705 E Lime (Mail: P.O. Box 455) Portales, NM 88130
575.356.4417

Sandoval County

Lynda Garvin, Agriculture Agent
lgarvin@nmsu.edu
811 Camino del Pueblo (Mail: P.O. Box 400)
Bernalillo, NM 87004
505.867.2582

San Juan County

Craig Painter, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
cpainter@nmsu.edu
213-A S Oliver Aztec, NM 87410
505.334.9496

San Miguel County

Samantha Ortiz, County Program Director
samortiz@nmsu.edu
20 Gallegos Road (Mail: P.O. Box 2170 W Branch)
Las Vegas, NM 87701
505.454.1497

Santa Fe County

Patrick Torres, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
patorres@nmsu.edu
3229 Rodeo Road Santa Fe, NM 87507
505.471.4711

Sierra County

William Wear, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
wdwear@nmsu.edu
Sierra Conservation Plaza
2101 S Broadway Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
575.894.2375

Socorro County

Jessica Smith, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
jasmith@nmsu.edu
198 Neel Avenue NW Socorro, NM 87801
575.835.0610

Taos County

Tony Valdez, County Program Dir/Ag Agent
tonvalde@nmsu.edu
202 Chamisa Road (Mail: 5671 NDCBU) Taos, NM 87571
575.758.3982

Torrance County

Gene Winn, County Program Director/Ag Agent
dwinn@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
205 9th & Allen (Mail: P.O. Box 168) Estancia, NM 87016
505.246.4743

Tri-State Navajo Extension Service

Gerald Moore, Coordinating Agent
germoore@nmsu.edu
Box 1339 St. Michaels, AZ 86511
928.871.7406

Union County

Owida Franz, County Extension Agent
ofranz@nmsu.edu
County Courthouse
100 Court (Mail: P.O. Box 428) Clayton, NM 88415
575.374.9361

Valencia County

Newt McCarty, Agriculture Agent
jnewton3@nmsu.edu
404 Courthouse (Mail: P.O. Box 1059) Los Lunas, NM 87031
505.565.3002

Zuni Reservation

08 Route 301 North (Mail: P.O. Drawer G)
Zuni, NM 87327
505.782.4495

THE FARM IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
SEEDED IN
1912

Skarsgard
FARMS

Weekly Harvest Boxes · Order and
Customize Online · Free Delivery

www.SkarsgardFarms.com

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau
is the state's largest agricultural
organization. With over 16,000 member
families, we are farmers, ranchers,
agri-business men and women, and people
interested in agriculture, their local food
supply, and protecting their private property
rights and water for agricultural use.

New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
A Leader in New Mexico since 1917

575-532-4700
www.nmfarmbureau.org

FARMERS AND RANCHERS WANTED

Animal Welfare Approved is the nation's most respected third-party certification for family farmers and ranchers who raise their animals sustainably, according to the highest welfare standards, outdoors on pasture or range. The AWA label is recognized nationwide and provides visibility and credibility along with technical and marketing support to farmers at no cost.

Learn more about the AWA program and standards at www.AnimalWelfareApproved.org or visit the AWA table at the New Mexico Organic Farming Conference.

“Los Poblanos is also an experimental farm, and one that is an inspiration to all the farmers in this rich fertile valley which has been farmed for 300 years....”

- Laura Gilpin, 1937



LOS POBLANOS
HISTORIC INN & ORGANIC FARM

www.lospoblanos.com

Organic Agriculture Supplies Since 1980



HARMONY FARM SUPPLY & NURSERY

Organic Vegetable & Cover Crop Seed
Organic Pest Control • Organic Fertilizers
Mycorrhizae • Composting Supplies
Canning Supplies • Wildflower Seed
Drip Irrigation Supplies

Based in Sebastopol, CA Online at:
www.harmonyfarm.com or call 1-707-823-9125

Taste the Difference!

SHOP AT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS' MARKET.
72 MARKETS AROUND THE STATE!



NEW MEXICO
FARMERS'
MARKETS

Quality • Freshness • Flavor

Visit www.farmersmarketsnm.org to find a market near you.

NEW MEXICO FARMERS' MARKETING ASSOCIATION

505-983-4010

1-888-983-4400

dmiller@farmersmarketsnm.org

ARBICO
organics



Grow With Us, Naturally!



Organic Solutions For Your Home, Garden, Farm & Pets!

- Beneficial Insects & Organisms
- Seed Care & Propagation Necessities
- Fertilizers & Amendments
- Microorganisms Including: Inoculants, Beneficial Bacteria & Mycorrhizae
- Easy-to-Use Tools
- Weed & Disease Controls
- Free Consultation With A Specialist!

Get 10% OFF Your
First Order!*

Use Promo Code: NMC214

www.arbico-organics.com

1-800-827-2847

* Excludes shipping. Offer expires April 30, 2014.



CALIFORNIA ORGANIC FERTILIZERS INC.



Product Innovation

World class products that comply with all of the stipulations for organic production in the USA, European Union, and Canada as well as the Leafy Green Marketing Order.

Introducing our newest products :

PhytaGrow® Compel

PhytaGrow® Worm Castings

Ask about a free field trial!

Product Insight

Our International Certified Crop Advisors, with extensive experience in many countries and virtually all crops, provide support and assistance to growers. We do not program sell; we find solutions to improve crop quality and yield and recommend products based on individual farm needs.

Schedule a visit with one of our CCA's!

Product Integrity

With strict batch control and a third party approved HACCP plan, we are able to assure growers of the quality and safety of our products. Biosecure® guarantees that pathogen contamination in transport, storage, and application will not survive in the fertilizer.

Manufacturing Quality Products Since 1990

10585 Industry Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230

1-800-269-5690

www.organicag.com, info@organicag.com



Free Offer



www.desertwoman.net / 575.535.2860

Home of Fab Foot Creme,
Fire Cider, Lavender Light Lotion
and other fine herbal products
that bring you the healing energy
of the Southwest Desert



Monica Rude

Desert Woman
botanicals

TOOLEY'S TREES

FRUIT TREES, DROUGHT TOLERANT TREES & SHRUBS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRI., SAT., SUN. 8-5

APRIL THRU EARLY NOV. 2014

We are closed on Labor Day Weekend

now taking orders for

bareroot fruit trees

for spring 2014

WWW.TOOLEYSTREES.COM

info@tooleystrees.com

505-689-2400



EMBUDO VALLEY ORGANICS

CERTIFIED ORGANIC

Alfalfa * Poultry Feeds * Goat Mix
Thanksgiving Turkeys

505.579.4147 EmbudoValleyOrganics.com
Embudo, New Mexico

Coverage & Service You Can Count On

Farming is your livelihood and no one understands that better than Farm Bureau. Our companies were originally founded 74 years ago to serve the needs of farmers. Today you can continue to rely on us to be your one-stop resource for protecting what matters most – your operation, family and future.



Fred Porter
2901 Juan Tabo Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM
505-345-1520
agentfredporter.com



JoAnn Alcon-Ortiz
2501 Church Street
Las Vegas, NM
(505) 425-5404

Call today to see how we make insurance simple.



FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES

Insurance • Investments

Auto | Home | Life | Annuities | Farm/Ranch | Commercial Ag | Crop | Business

NEW MEXICO LAND CONSERVANCY

Conserving Land. Preserving Heritage.

Celebrating 118,00 acres of Land Conserved!

*The New Mexico Land Conservancy works
with private landowners to protect
high-conservation-value land
throughout the state.*

*Over 80% of the lands we have helped
conserve are working farms and ranches.*

*Please consider a donation to the New Mexico Land Conservancy.
You can contribute by visiting our website at
www.nmlandconservancy.org
or by calling us at 505-986-3801*

GREEN FIRE TIMES

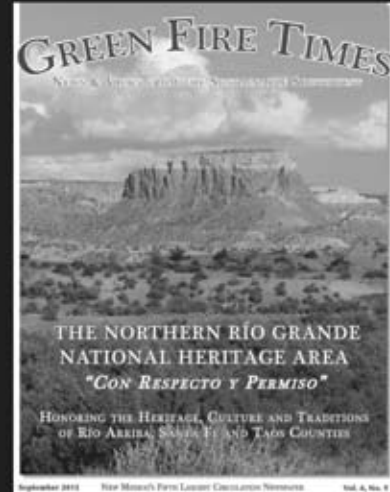
NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE SUSTAINABLE SOUTHWEST

SHOWCASING BIOREGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Agriculture • Community • Culture • Environment • Economy



GREEN JOBS • BUSINESSES
• SERVICES • BUILDING
✕
RENEWABLE ENERGY
REGIONAL FOOD • WATER
INVESTING
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE
ECOTOURISM • EDUCATION
NATIVE PERSPECTIVES
AND MORE...



WWW.GREENFIRETIMES.COM

NEW MEXICO'S THIRD LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT NORTH-CENTRAL NEW MEXICO

TO ADVERTISE CALL: SKIP WHITSON AT 505.471.5177 • ANNA HANSEN AT 505.982.0155

HARD WATER? EASY SOLUTION!

Zeta Core Catalytic Water Conditioner

**No Salt/Potassium/
Chemicals/Maintenance**

Replaces Salt Softeners

**Dissolves and Removes
Mineral Scale**

Residential • Agricultural • Commercial

Save 20 - 40%
On Irrigation Water

Water
Lady



505-660-4162

anne@waterlady.biz

www.waterlady.biz



J&M Industries, Inc

800-989-1002

Agribon

Depending on the weight, can provide up to 8° of freeze and frost protection. Agribon can help you jump start your growing season.



Solarig

Greenhouse coverings are made from high quality coated woven polyethylene. This makes solarig tear resistant, lightweight, customizable and long lasting.



G & M Ag Supply Company LLC

Products For Nursery, Greenhouse, Landscaping and Agriculture

1000 N. Beeline Hwy, Suite 109

Payson, AZ. 85541

(928)468-1380 or (800)901-0096

Fax (928)468-1622

Email. service@gmagsupply.com

www.gmagsupply.com

Mark Miller
President

Silver City Food Co-op

a community market since 1974 in historic downtown

Featuring

New Mexican Grown Foods:

meat
dairy
produce
jams, honey, salsa
bread, tortillas & more

Grown with hearts & hands

520 N. Bullard St. Silver City, NM 88061

9am-7pm Monday-Saturday

575-388-2343

www.silvercityfoodcoop.com



Organic Technology INTERNATIONAL, LLC

The Science of Nature

Our Holistic approach honors the people & the land by helping to restore the harmony & balance between both, & encouraging a renewed sense of pride & connection to spiritual energy & the earth.

Benefits include:

- Detoxifies the soil
- Increases soil fertility
- Increases biological activity
- Decreases compaction
- Produces higher germination
- Decreases disease
- Sequesters salts
- Reduces weed pressure
- Accelerates breakdown
- Accelerates absorption
- Provides growth
- Stimulates lateral root
- Compliments nitrogen fixation



**Bio/Organic Nutrients, Dry & Liquid
Blends Biological Inoculants, Soil
Conditioners & Fertilizers**

**We also offer Full Educational Seminars on Soil
& Plant Nutrition**

Call our office & get your soil tested today
505-291-1100 Fax: 505-271-1600
otiusa@juno.com



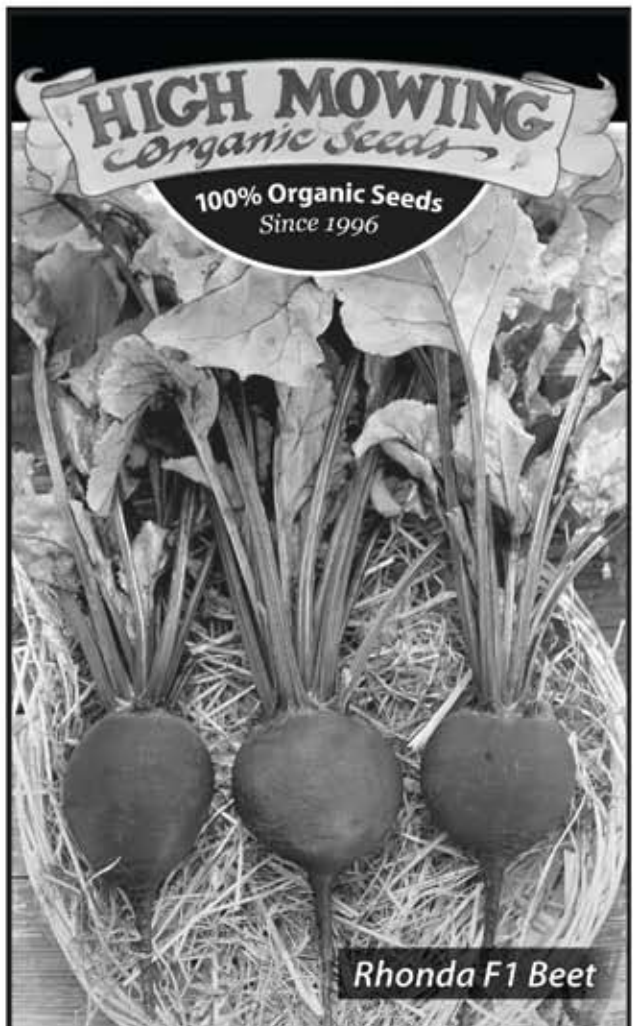
Kubota

STIHL

Land Pride

344-1631
www.mesatractor.com

3826 4th ST NW • Albuquerque NM 87107



Rhonda F1 Beet



**Dario F1
Zucchini**



**Tepepo Rosso
Pepper**



**Bling F1
Sweet Corn**

*Just a few of over 650 varieties including
high-yielding hybrid, unique heirloom
and open-pollinated varieties.*



To request a free catalog, visit
www.highmowingseeds.com
or call **802.472.6174**

The NM Organic Farming Conference will take place at
The Marriott Albuquerque Pyramid North
5151 San Francisco Road, NE Albuquerque, NM 87109

Make your room reservations **TODAY!**

Call The Marriott Pyramid: 1-877-622-3056

and mention the Organic Farming Conference in February 2014

OR — log on to: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/organicfarmconf>

Say you are part of the 2014 Organic Farming Conference to get the special rate of \$81.00 per night, single, \$101.00 per night, double.

HOW TO GET THERE

From I-25, exit at Paseo del Norte, turn west over the freeway and take the immediate left onto I-25's frontage road (or if coming from the north, exit onto the southbound frontage road). The Pyramid is on the right. Note: The intersection of I-25 and Paseo will be under construction at the time of the conference. Please allow extra time to reach the hotel. You can visit this website for updates on lane closures, etc., <http://www.paseoi25.com/>



NEW ORGANIC VARIETIES FOR 2014

Available at Johnnyseeds.com starting November 15, 2013



Sweet Specialty Peppers



'Auvona' Lettuce



Artisan™ Tomatoes



'Dolly' Basil



'Babybeat' Beet

Ask for Randy Cummings, your Johnny's Sales Representative

Email: rcummings@johnnyseeds.com Direct Line: 207-238-5348

Johnnyseeds.com

1-877-564-6697

NEW MEXICO ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE 2014

REGISTRATION FORM

You may also register online at www.farmtotablenm.org
and choose your method of payment, including using a credit card.

(please print clearly)

Name: _____

Farm/Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed please find registration fees for the following: (Saturday includes Lunch—See note below.)

Registration for Friday, February 14 AND Saturday February 15 \$100 _____

Registration for Friday, February 14 ONLY \$65 _____

Registration for Saturday, February 15 ONLY \$65 _____

Subtotal: _____

Deduct \$5 if you are a certified organic producer/processor — \$ _____

Deduct \$5 if you register before December 31, 2013 — \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

LUNCH ON SATURDAY IS INCLUDED FOR THE FIRST 500 REGISTRANTS.

THE MAXIMUM BALLROOM CAPACITY FOR LUNCH IS 500.

IF YOU CANNOT MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION OR PAY ONLINE BY FEBRUARY 1,
PLEASE REGISTER AT THE DOOR.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations by January 30, 2014. See page 30

ONE REGISTRATION PER PAGE PLEASE

Mail this form with your check—made payable to **Farm to Table** to:

Farm to Table, 618 B Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Registration confirmations will NOT be sent out.

Discounts are available for organized student groups. Call first for approval.

Questions? Call Le @ 505-473-1004 ext. 10 (Santa Fe) or Joanie @ 505-889.9921 (Albuquerque)

NEW MEXICO ORGANIC FARMING CONFERENCE
Farm to Table
618B Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Non-Profit Org.
U S Postage
PAID
Albuq, NM
Permit No. 1029

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

