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**FARM TO TABLE ANNOUNCES 2023 FOOD & FARMS DAY**  
**AT THE NM STATE CAPITOL**  
***Celebrating Food, Farm and Hunger Initiatives***

**Santa Fe, NM** — Farm to Table and the New Mexico Food & Agriculture Policy Council (one of the nation's longest running food policy councils) are pleased to announce the **2023 New Mexico Food & Farms Day and Awards Ceremony which will take place on January 26, 2023 from 9:00-10:00am in the Rotunda of the NM State Capitol**. Legislative sponsors are Representative Joanne Ferrary, Senator Liz Stefanics, and Senator Pete Campos.

Food & Farms Day and the Awards is an annual event celebrating the efforts of individuals, communities, organizations, and agencies that strive to create a thriving local food, farming and ranching economy, while at the same time emphasizing that everyone in the state should have access to fresh, healthy, nutritional food.

This day provides an opportunity to highlight the intersection between health, sustainable food systems, and the economic wellbeing of our farms and ranches. It also speaks to the ways we are working together to increase affordable and healthy food access. It addresses the idea that thriving food systems encourage entrepreneurship and leadership, and reinforces the benefits of cooperation and coordination along with the intersection of informed policy making. Included in the day's activities are visits to the legislative offices to personally engage with policy makers, telling stories about the importance of local food and farming, and advocating for specific policy issues.

*"Food & Farms Day is a chance to lift up these state and federal programs that increase access to affordable, healthy food grown in New Mexico and offer economic opportunities for local farmers and ranchers."*

- Pam Roy, Executive Director of Farm to Table and Coordinator for the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council.

**This year's awardees represent every corner of our great state**

Good Food for New Mexico Award - Celebrating Farmers' Markets

[Portales and Clovis Farmers' Markets](#)

Clovis/Portales, NM

**Growing the Future Award for New or Young Farmers and Ranchers**

Datura Farm  
Buckhorn, NM

## **Heart of the Land Award for Outstanding Leadership in Farming and Ranching**

[Bidii Baby Foods LLC](#)

Shiprock, NM

## **Living Land Award for Outstanding Leadership in Land Stewardship**

[Reunity Resources](#)

Santa Fe, NM

## **Sowing Change Award for Organizations Engaged in Creating Sustainable Food Systems**

[First Nations Development Institute](#)

Albuquerque, NM

## **Visionary New Mexico Award**

Food Initiative

Office of the Governor

## **Golden Chile Awards**

The New Mexico Grown Golden Chile Awards, organized by the NM Grown Coalition, provide an opportunity to recognize and celebrate innovative NM Grown programming taking place at preschools, K-12 schools, and senior centers across the state, and the farmers and food producers who supply the food.

### **Golden Chile** (program is mature and fruitful)

- A Gold Star Academy & Child Development Center
- Roswell Independent School District

### **Blossom** (program is reaching maturity)

- Bumble Bee Learning Center in Sunland ParkRio Arriba County Senior Program in Chama, Tierra Amarilla, El Rito, Coyote, Dixon, Española, Alcalde, Chimayo, and Truchas
- Twin Rivers Farm in Roswell

### **Sprout** (program is growing strong)

- Clovis Municipal Schools
- Presbyterian Medical Centers – Torrance Senior Services in Torrance County

### **Seed** (program has potential)

- Mid-West NMCAP Socorro Head Start
- Santo Domingo Senior Center in Santo Domingo Pueblo

More information about the awardees is available on our website: <https://nmfoodpolicy.org/2023-food-farms-day-awardees/>

**Schedule of Events for January 26, 2023 NM Food & Farms Day**

9:00 - 11:30am - Tabling by partner organizations and agencies in the East Wing of Capital.

9:00 - 10:00am Public Awards Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda, including presentations by state legislators.

10:00am-12:00pm - Visit your legislators - this is an opportunity for citizens to engage with their Representatives and Senators.

12:10pm - Group Photo outside the west entrance of the Capitol

New Mexico Food & Farms Day and Awards are produced by Farm to Table NM and the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council. The Policy Council and statewide partners represent a diverse group of organizations and individuals who are invested in the future of agriculture in New Mexico and support the efforts of local farmers to reach local markets. An important focus of our effort is to advocate for policies which facilitate bringing more fresh fruits and vegetables into schools.

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