



NM Grown

What is New Mexico Grown?

New Mexico Grown is a local food purchasing program that nourishes New Mexico school-age children, older adults, and families with fresh, locally produced food.



277 farmers & ranchers



Over 282,647 people have accessed local food



161 schools, senior centers, preschools, food banks



Over 1,539,735 complete meals

FY26 Request

\$2.3M - NM Grown for Schools

\$1.5M - NM Grown for Seniors

\$1M - Brighter Bites Program

\$430,000 - Approved Supplier Program

Why it Matters:



For Students

FY2024 Impact:

- 62 School Food Authorities in 24 counties
- 534,176 meals
- 260,774 students served in 632 schools
- 641,001 pounds of food from 155 local farmers/ranchers



For Preschools

FY2024 Impact:

- 28 Childcare sites in 8 counties
- 37,435 meals
- 10,505 children served
- 44,921 pounds of food from 23 local farmers/ranchers



For Seniors

FY2024 Impact:

- 163 senior centers in 28 counties
- 276,298 meals
- 29,840 seniors served
- 82,876 pounds of food from 54 local farmers/ranchers



For Food Banks

FY2024 Impact:

- \$1.6 million in local food through 5 food banks in all 33 NM counties
- 313,796 healthy meals served at over 198 sites
- 376,555 pounds of food from 30 local farmers/ranchers



For Farmers

FY2024 Impact:

- 277 farmers certified, including 85 produce+ vendors, 32 meat vendors, and 165 additional farmers and ranchers who sell through food hubs, distributors, and aggregators
- 65% of Approved Suppliers have farms under 10 acres
- \$4,440,494 of economic benefit to New Mexico farmers/ranchers



FY26 Program Funding Requests:



\$2.3M – NM Grown for Schools

Enables schools to continue to purchase local produce for school meal programs.



\$1.5M – NM Grown for Seniors

Improves access to healthy meals at senior centers, addressing food insecurity and promoting wellness.



\$1M – Brighter Bites Program

Enhances the quality of meals for 10,000+ preschool-aged children while supporting childcare providers introducing and encouraging life-long healthy eating patterns.



\$430,000 – Approved Supplier Program

Supports safe, traceable local food sourcing while helping New Mexico producers connect with schools, institutions, and buyers to meet growing demand for local agricultural products.



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