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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

AFSC New Mexico creates economic viability through the training of small farmers in sustainable agricultural practices, thereby protecting land and water rights and traditional cultural practices.

Since 1976 AFSC has assisted local people and organizations in regaining control over traditionally utilized water resources and determining their future use. The survival of these communities is highly dependent upon the next generation’s ability to learn to manage and make use of these resources.

The program is the NM chapter of AFSC, a 97-year-old international nonprofit organization and Nobel Peace prize recipient.

FARMER-TO-FARMER TRAINING

AFSC NM provides comprehensive, hands-on farmer-to-farmer training. Led by Director Don Bustos, recognized by New Mexico state as Farmer of the Year as well by NMSU as an "agriculturist of distinction", the training program mentors new farmers on all aspects of sustainable farming.

SYSTEMIC CHANGE

AFSC New Mexico works for systemic change in agriculture through participation in the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education, and the National Good Food Network, as well as state level policy work.

New Mexico Regional Food Hubs

AFSC launched farm training sites in strategic locations in New Mexico to spur collaboration among experienced farmers and new farmers that will link regional food hubs across the state. Our work in Dona Ana, Rio Arriba and the South Valley of Albuquerque uses collaborative farm planning and sales models to encourage food production and alleviate food insecurity and hunger.