



### AGRI-CULTURA NETWORK

AFSC New Mexico created a New Farmer Training Program in the South Valley of Albuquerque, teaching new farmers how to collaboratively plan, sell and market organic food for institutional buyers, including the Albuquerque Public Schools.

The program provides new farmers with comprehensive hands-on training in farm infrastructure and aggregates product through a farmer's network.

After one year of growing, business planning and procurement, production doubled (11,000 to 28,000 lbs.) and income tripled (\$26K to \$92K).



### AFSC NEW MEXICO EDUCATION RESOURCES

BUILD A  
COMMUNITY  
GARDEN  
CURRICULUM

FARMING FOR A  
SUSTAINABLE  
COMMUNITY; A  
TRAINING MANUAL

A COMMUNITY GUIDE TO  
ORGANIZING SMALL FARMS



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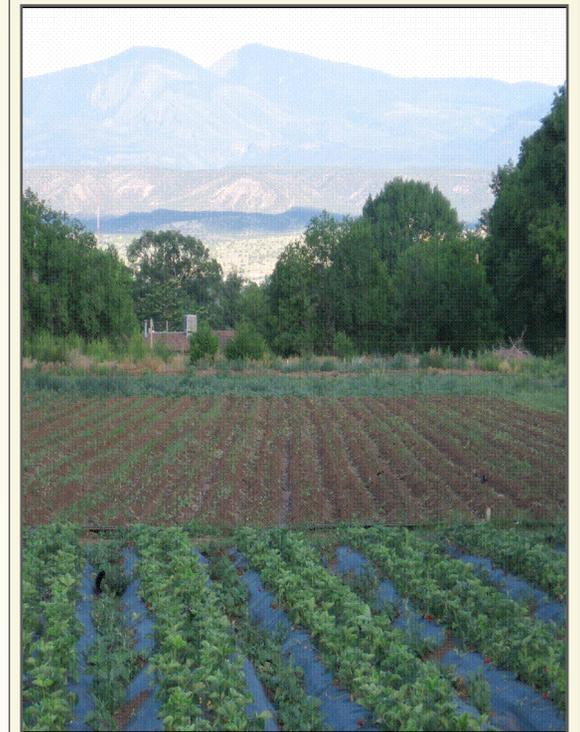
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## NEW MEXICO



### ❁ SUSTAINABLE FOOD ❁

Since 1976, AFSC New Mexico has identified with the struggles of local people to empower themselves, with particular attention to water and land use and the need to support traditional ways of life.





**BLESSING OF THE ACEQUIAS**

*Land-based and tribal communities with traditional acequia systems in New Mexico hold annual blessings of the water that run through their communal lands. An acequia system is an aqueduct system, where water is channeled for agricultural purposes and symbolizes the life force of native communities. Sustaining agriculture is vital to the survival of these cultural traditions.*



**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.



**AFSC NEW MEXICO FARM TRAINING**

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iSOSTENGA!	ESPANOLA
PEGGY'S PRODUCE	MORA COUNTY
SOL Y TIERRA GROWERS	DONA ANA COUNTY