

■ LABORATORIES

The NMDA Laboratory Division works to support other divisions of NMDA. The State Chemist Laboratory provides support in the analyses of feed, fertilizer, and pesticides. The Metrology Laboratory provides calibration support for both weights and test measures to the Standards and Consumer Services (SCS) Division. The Petroleum Laboratory provides petroleum sample analyses to SCS Division. The State Seed Laboratory provides various seed testing services to the APS and AES divisions. Each laboratory also offers its services to industry and the general public on a fee-for-service basis.

■ STANDARDS AND CONSUMER SERVICES (SCS)

NMDA's Standards and Consumer Services Division helps maintain fairness in the marketplace for both the buyer and seller. SCS includes Consumer Services, whose staff inspects and licenses weighing and measuring devices related to the sale packaged commodities, eggs, and dairy products. Petroleum Standards staff maintains a presence at commercial gas stations, where fuel pumps are inspected for accuracy in the quantity of fuel they dispense. Staff also inspects petroleum products (gasoline, diesel, etc.) for quality.

■ VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES (VDS)

On a referral basis from veterinarians, NMDA's Veterinary Diagnostic Services Division performs diagnostic analyses of animal specimens to determine the cause of death or to identify diseases. VDS often collaborates with – and is housed in the same state-of-the-art facility as – the Office of Medical Investigator and the New Mexico Department of Health. VDS also works with other state and federal agencies with cooperative programs for disease surveillance and agriterrorism/emergency response programs. VDS has a longstanding working relationship with the veterinarians from Tribal entities. VDS continues to collaborate with numerous Tribal entities on the diagnosis of diseases that affect livestock, pets, and wildlife.

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COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBAL ENTITIES

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



■ OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR/SECRETARY

The Office of the Director/Secretary provides overall leadership for the department and serves as the liaison between agricultural producers and state, federal, and Tribal governments. New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) works with Tribal leaders, agencies, organizations, and businesses on issues related to the following:

- Agricultural biosecurity
- Pesticide regulation
- Produce safety
- Water and other natural resources
- Wildlife and endangered species
- Farmers' markets
- Organic operation advisory support
- Retail petroleum support.

The Director's Office also coordinates Tribal entities and USDA disaster assistance and recovery programs.

■ AGRICULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (AES)

NMDA's Agricultural and Environmental Services Division is responsible for consumer protection and regulatory efforts directed at the prevention of new plant pest introductions and mitigation of recently introduced plant pests of economic concern; inspection services that facilitate the export and import of specific agricultural commodities; insect pest identification services; pesticide education, testing and licensing services for commercial and private pesticide applicators; and investigation services to address public complaints involving pesticide use.

■ AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SERVICES (APS)

NMDA's Agricultural Production Services Division combines the department's human food and animal feed programs. Through a cooperative agreement with U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Produce Safety Program inspects produce farms for compliance with the U.S. Food Safety Modernization Act's Produce Safety Rule. In cooperation with the Southwest Border Food Protection and Emergency Preparedness Center (the Center), APS also trains owners and operators to meet the rule's requirements. The Agricultural Biosecurity Program works closely with the Center to train first responders in, as well as respond to, the food and agricultural component of emergency events. The program's quarterly "Food Safety Update" brings together local, state, and federal food safety officials to discuss current events as well as cultivate interdepartmental

relationships. The Dairy Program inspects and permits dairy farms, dairy processing facilities, and milk sampler /haulers; monitors raw milk quality from all dairy farms, and samples milk products from all dairy processing facilities to ensure they meet Pasteurized Milk Ordinance standards; and samples and analyzes various cheese products to ensure food safety. The Feed, Seed, and Fertilizer Program regulates the distribution of feed, seed, and fertilizer through product registration and inspections.

■ AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES (APR)

NMDA's Agricultural Programs and Resources Division provides technical and administrative resources and planning assistance to the agriculture industry, as well as to soil and water conservation districts. The division monitors, investigates, analyzes, and disseminates information to influence policy decisions affecting the viability of agriculture in New Mexico, as well as the sustainability of the state's natural resources. The division represents NMDA as an executive committee member and signatory of the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaboration Program with the Pueblos of Santo Domingo, Sandia, Isleta, and Santa Ana. The Pueblos collaborate with other program signatories, including federal, state, and local governments, as well as municipal and agricultural agencies. The division is also responsible for implementing the Healthy Soil Act, which was passed in 2019. Through the healthy soil program, grants were made available to farmers and ranchers across New Mexico and included awards to Pueblos. The division is responsible for implementing the Healthy Soil Act and the Agriculture Workforce Development Act. Eligibility requirements for each program can be found on the NMDA website

■ MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Marketing and Development Division delivers agricultural marketing services and programs to farmers and agribusinesses that are designed to enhance market share and consumer awareness of New Mexico food and agricultural products in domestic and international markets. This Division also administers the Organic Program, providing certification consultation services to growers and processors of organic products; and, the Fruit and Vegetable Inspection Program, which provides agricultural grading and global food safety audit services. The Marketing Division has a successful and longstanding relationship with state Tribal entities to develop markets for Native-grown products such as beef, feed/forage, specialty crops and various value-added consumer ready products.
