



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OFFICE OF PARTNERSHIPS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## New Mexico Community Prosperity Virtual Summit

# AGENDA

TUESDAY  
October 20, 2020  
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

In partnership with the  
Regional Rural  
Development Centers

Registration Open: [https://msudafvm.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5iph7nPQmh42v7D](https://msudafvm.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5iph7nPQmh42v7D)

### 8:30 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks

Mr. Mike Beatty,  
Director, USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement

Jeff Witte  
New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture

#### Greetings from USDA Agencies

Blake Curtis  
State Director, USDA Rural Development

Michael White  
State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency

Xavier Montoya  
State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

### 9:00 AM USDA Programs

Ray Melton  
Program Director for Business and Cooperative Programs, Rural Development

Brian Smith  
Telecom General Field Representative, Rural Development

LeAnn Gibbs  
Farm Loan Chief, Farm Service Agency

Joilynn Gray  
Farm Program Chief, Farm Service Agency

Kristin Graham Chavez  
Assistant State Conservationist for Field Development, Natural Resources Conservation Service

### 9:45 AM Break

### 10:00 AM Water Issues & Rights

John R. D'Antonio, Jr.  
New Mexico State Engineer

### 10:30 AM Transition into Breakout Sessions

**10:35 AM Breakout Session #1**

**Option 1: Land Acquisition and Farm Succession**

Gabe Moya

Regional Financial Consultant, Farm Bureau Financial Services

**Option 2: Three Generations of Farming**

Acoma Pubelo

**11:05 AM Break**

**11:15 AM Breakout Session #2**

**Option 1: Indigenous Food Sovereignty**

Benita Litson

Director, Land Grant Office

Diné College

**Option 2: Veteran Farming: Programs and Resources**

Richard Coffel

Director, Veterans Business Opportunity Center (VBOC)

New Mexico Department of Veterans Service

**11:45 AM Break**

**12:00 PM Next Steps & Closing Remarks**

Dr. Michael Patrick

Community Resource & Economic Development Specialist

Cooperative Extension, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

New Mexico State University

Rachel Welborn

Associate Director, Southern Rural Development Center

Jeff Witte

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture

Dr. Jon Boren

Associate Dean and Director

New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service