

Hemp: Production and Marketing for Acequias & Legislative Update

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Acequia Day March 2019 -Photo taken by John Denne

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Hemp: Production and Marketing for Acequias Workshop



HEMP:
Production and
Marketing for Acequias

Wednesday February 20th, 2019

10:30am-1:30pm

NM State Archives, 1205 Camino Carlos Rey, Santa Fe, NM 87507, Piñon Room



Are you interested in growing hemp and learning how it can help revitalize our rural communities? If so, please join us for this special workshop.

Co-sponsored by

Rio de Chama Regional Acequia Association
 La Asociación de las Acequias del Valle de Mora
 Cow Creek Basin Acequia Association

Join us and a group of hemp industry experts to learn about how to grow, process, and market hemp. The cultivation of hemp is now legal in both state and federal law and it is an emerging industry in New Mexico. The workshop will also cover information about the cultivation and irrigation of hemp including tips on irrigation techniques compatible with acequias.

To RSVP call NMAA: 505-995-9644 or email Juliet@lasacequias.org
www.lasacequias.org

Upcoming Events

NM Organic Farming Conference

February 15-16th 2019
 Hotel Albuquerque (Old Town)

Hemp: Production and Marketing for Acequias

February 20, 2019
 10:30am-1:30pm
 NM State Archives, Santa Fe NM

Upper Hondo Acequia Governance & Water Right Workshop

February 25, 2019
 10:00am-12:00pm
 Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District
 Carrizozo, NM

NM Fruit Growers Conference

March 1, 2019
 8:30am-3:30pm
 Los Luceros Ranch
 Alcalde, NM

Become a Member

[Become a member of the New Mexico Acequia Association!](#)

The NMAA is a charitable, educational non-profit organization that relies on membership contributions and foundations for its general operating expenses. We rely on folks who join as members to contribute membership dues and donations to support our work. It has never been more important to have a united front to protect our acequias and strengthen our food and agricultural traditions.

Technical Assistance

NM Organic Farming Conference February 15th & 16th



Home grown food -Photo taken by Farmer Donne Gonzales of Chamisal NM

The New Mexico Organic Farming Conference is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16, at Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, located at 800 Rio Grande Blvd. Northwest in Albuquerque.

On Saturday, February 16th at 9:45am Paula Garcia and Enrique Romero will be presenting on Acequia Water Rights at the Conference. NMAA will have an informational table, come talk to staff regarding acequia agriculture and water rights.

The conference will focus on resilience, and it will include session tracks on water, soil, seeds and plants, management and new and exciting ideas in the realm of organic farming.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Ron Rosmann of Rosmann Family Farms. The Rosmann family has been dedicated to organic farming for 30 years and received the 2018 Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Services Organic Farmer of the Year award.

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Jeff Witte will provide the welcome address.

Here is the full program:

<http://tradition.nmda.nmsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/nmofc-32pages.pdf>

Or visit their website at:

<http://tradition.nmda.nmsu.edu/nmofc/>

HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR WATER RIGHTS? HOW DO WE GET FUNDING TO IMPROVE OUR ACEQUIA? WHAT CAN OUR ACEQUIA DO TO PROTECT OUR EASEMENTS? WHAT PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT FARMERS AND RANCHERS?

The NMAA offers technical assistance on Acequia Governance and USDA programs for landowners. If any of these questions apply to you or your acequia, please submit a [Request for Technical Assistance](#)

Acequias Push for 21st Century Water Notices



Acequia Leaders and Advocates gather in support of SB 12 -Photo taken by Toribio Garcia, NMAA Staff

(Santa Fe, NM) - A modest change in New Mexico's water laws is garnering attention this week at the state legislature. Acequias are seeking legislation requiring the State Engineer to post notices of water applications online. SB 12 (Cisneros-Salazar) seeks to modernize the state's system for notifying the public about changes in water rights. The bill originated with concerns from rural communities that the current newspaper notices are inadequate.

"It is interesting that New Mexico's oldest water institutions are pushing for a 21st century system for water rights notices," said Paula Garcia, Executive Director of the New Mexico Acequia Association. "As water right owners, we are very much affected by decisions by the State Engineer and we are asking for better access to information."

SB 12 was heard in the Senate Conservation Committee and the bill passed with bipartisan support. However, there was opposition from a representative of the oil and gas industry. Also, the attorney for the Office of the State Engineer stated that the new requirement would be burdensome for the agency. Although the bill passed the committee, there was some discussion to work on the bill to reduce duplication and consolidate some of the language.

The sponsor of the legislative, Senator Carlos Cisneros countered opposition saying that decisions about water rights could have significant impacts on existing water right owners. He stated, "Providing notice is important to protecting the rights of water right owners to constitutional due process."

The bill heads next to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Upper Hondo Acequia Governance & Water Right Workshop 2.25.19



Acequia Governance and Water Rights Workshop

Monday, February 25, 2019 10am-12pm
Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

516 Smokey Bear Bld. Capitan, NM 88316

Workshop Presented By: New Mexico Acequia Association

Sponsored by the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

The purpose of the workshop is to empower acequia leaders in their role as local institutions of government. Topics will include understanding water rights, infrastructure funding and compliance with NM state law. Acequias with strong governing systems will be able to exercise their enforcement powers and best water management practices to ensure that agriculture land stays in production in the Hondo Valley for future generations.

Commissioners, Mayordomos, and Parciantes are encouraged to participate!

Lunch will be provided by UHSWCD.

Please RSVP with Kristi Bonnell (575) 354-2220

The New Mexico Acequia Association is a statewide organization of acequias and regional associations of acequias. The mission of the New Mexico Acequia Association is to protect water and our acequias, grow healthy food for our families and communities, and to honor our cultural heritage.

To become a member of the NMAA or to request more information about our community education programs or the workshop, please call our office at 505.995.9644 or visit our website www.lasacequias.org.

Email ollivia@lasacequias.org with questions regarding the workshop.

NM Fruit Growers Conference March 1st 2019

2019 Annual Fruit Grower Workshop



All About Discovery![™]
Cooperative Extension Service
 College of Agricultural, Consumer
 and Environmental Sciences

Time/Date: 8:30-3:00, March 1, 2019

Pre-registration fee for meal and materials is:
 \$15 per person before Feb. 20 and
 \$20 after Feb. 20.

Location: Los Luceros Ranch, Alcalde, NM

(North of Espanola, along Highway 68, pass mile mark 8 before
 mile mark 9, turn west from highway 68 to County Road (CR)
 0048/Los Luceros, drive 0.5 miles on this road and you will see the
 sign of Los Luceros Ranch.)



8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:10 Welcome (Patrick Torres, NMSU CES Northern District Head)

9:10-10:00: Frost monitoring and crop damage mitigation (Kurt Solander/ Mike Steinzig/Gary Goddard)

10:00-10:50: Orchard fertility management and fertilization (Robert Flynn)

10:50-11:05 Social and coffee break

11:05-12:00 Fruit and nut species and cultivars for northern NM (Richard Heerema/Shengrui Yao)

12:00-1:00 Lunch (Provided)

1:00-1:50 Product updates on pest and disease management (CropwoRx)

1:50-3:00: Choose one program or attend both, rotate at 2:30pm.

1): Pest pheromone disruption and monitor trap demonstration (Tom Dominguez/Don Martinez)

2): Apple orchard renovation/pruning demonstration (Shengrui Yao/Tony Valdez)

The pre-registration cutoff date is **Feb. 20** due to accurate head count needed to ensure enough food for everyone. The registration fee will be \$20 at the door and after Feb. 20, cash and check only!
To pre-register, please call Joy at Santa Fe County Extension Office at 505-471-4711. Please submit cash/check payment to the Santa Fe County Extension Office or make checks payable to **New Mexico State University** and mail checks to:

Santa Fe County Extension Office
 Attn: Joy Czmyrid
 3229 Rodeo Road
 Santa Fe, NM 87507



If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting, please contact Donald Martinez by **Feb. 23, 2019** at 505-685-4523 or via email at donmart@nmsu.edu

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