



New Mexico Grown Farm to School Program

How It Works

New Mexico Grown is a program that serves K-12 students in public, private, and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) school settings through incentivizing the purchase and distribution of locally-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for meal and snack programs. Funds are allocated through an application process to schools and school districts that operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), administered through the NM Public Education Department (PED).



New Mexico Grown participants believe in local purchasing: \$1,042,364 was invested in New Mexico-grown fruits and vegetables in school year 2019-2020, with the average school district spending 15% of their produce budget on local products.

School Year 2019-2020 Impact

- An estimated **171,000** students were served school meals featuring local produce items across the state.
- School garden programs are operated in **18 schools and school districts** to complement serving local in the school cafeteria.
- Student grown produce is served in **7** school cafeteria settings.
- **64 vendors** sold to schools through the program, including distributors, grower cooperatives, and individual farming operations.

Projected SY21 Impact

Award Amount	\$332,00
# of Grantees	53
# of Sites	514
# of Students Served	183,318