



SAN JUAN COUNTY AG NOTES NEWSLETTER



A newsletter for the agricultural producers in San Juan County NM from NMSU Cooperative Extension, Farmington Ag Science Center, and the San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District in Aztec.



GREETINGS FROM THE AG NOTES TEAM

Welcome to the summer edition of Ag Notes from the San Juan County Extension Office, the San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Farmington Ag Science Center. The fields are buzzing, the markets are opening, and our agricultural community is in full swing. This season brings new challenges, new opportunities, and plenty of reasons to stay connected.

In this issue, we're sharing updates, hands-on resources, and local research to help you make the most of the months ahead. Whether you're farming, ranching, gardening, conserving water, or simply supporting local agriculture, we're grateful to be working alongside you. Here's to a productive and successful summer for all.

From the Ag Notes Team,
Bonnie, Kevin & Gary

In this issue:

Extension Updates:

- Extension workshops and training
 - Invasive Weed Symposium
- New World Screw Worm
- Indian Livestock Days May 21-22

Soil and Water Updates:

- Community Survey
- Project Updates

Ag Science Center Updates

- Annual Report
- Plant Sale

Partner Job

Announcements

Community Programs

Upcoming Events



Save the Date NWNM Invasive Weed Symposium July 23, 2026

San Juan County Cooperative Extension Service
5 NMDA CEU's available

Hands on lecture, Invasive weed bus tour

For more information visit our website:

<https://sanjuanextension.nmsu.edu/agandhort/agandhort.html>



WHAT IS NEW WORLD SCREW WORM?

New World Screwworm larvae feed on living tissue of warm-blooded animals. They infest open wounds (or natural orifices), causing deep, painful lesions, infections, and potentially death if untreated. *Though not yet present in New Mexico, vigilance is critical to preventing establishment.*

WHAT TO WATCH FOR

- Open wounds that worsen or do not heal
- Animals exhibiting restlessness, licking or biting at a wound, or isolating themselves
- Visible maggots in wounds
- Swelling, discharge, foul smell, or unusual tissue deterioration



WHAT YOU CAN DO IN NEW MEXICO

Animal Management & Biosecurity

- Inspect animals regularly
- Maintain strict wound care: clean, disinfect, cover when feasible, isolate animals with open wounds
- Consult your veterinarian prior to moving animals

Veterinarian Engagement

- Talk with your veterinarian about diagnosis and treatment options, including insecticides and larvicides approved for use in New Mexico
- Ask your vet about preventative strategies appropriate to your operation

Why New Mexico Is Taking This Seriously

- The state's livestock sector, rural communities, wildlife populations, and pets are vulnerable
- Early detection and rapid response are essential to prevent spread and protect agriculture

Fly Traps & Surveillance

- State and federal teams place and monitor fly traps in potentially vulnerable counties
- Do not disturb traps if you see them — they are critical for tracking NWS
- If you notice a damaged or tampered trap, please report it to NMDA or the New Mexico Livestock Board immediately

REPORTING SUSPECTED CASES

- If you see any signs consistent with screwworm, report immediately.
- In New Mexico, call the New Mexico Livestock Board (505-841-6161). After hours, call the AgroGuard Hotline (1-800-525-2782) or fill out NMDA's reporting form. (scan QR code)
- Testing kits are available at your local NMSU Cooperative Extension Office (scan QR code)

Reporting form



Testing kits



NMDA is coordinating with USDA-APHIS, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Department of Health, the New Mexico Livestock Board and NMSU Cooperative Extension Service to raise awareness, increase surveillance, and be prepared for rapid response.

Check out
the new
pub:
New World
Screw
Worm:
What You
Need to
Know





NM Indian Livestock Day
May 21 & 22, 2026
McGee Park, Farmington NM



Topics Included

- Cattle Handling
- BQA Update & Certification
- New World Screw Worm
- Bio-Security
- Managing Range During Drought
- Cattle Supplement
- CattleFax
- Virtual Fencing
- NM Beef Council
- NM Cattle Growers



Registration closes on May 7th, 2026

Please use the QR code below

For more information, please contact

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Community Survey Coming Soon



Help Us Better Serve You

San Juan Soil & Water Conservation District wants to better understand the needs of our community.

Your voice matters, It will help us:

- ✓ **Identify** the community's needs
- ✓ **Apply** for grants that reflect those needs
- ✓ **Support** agriculture, water conservation, and land management efforts
- ✓ **Improve** conservation programs & Resources



By participating in this survey, you play a direct role in shaping future funding opportunities and projects in San Juan County. Together, we can build a stronger, more sustainable community.



For more information, contact:

San Juan Soil & Water Conservation District

505-234-6040

business@sanjuanswcd.com

Attorney General Gold King Mine Grant

- Project is nearing completion
- 4,130 feet of river fencing was installed
- 786 cottonwood poles were planted
- Three years of water sampling analysis were completed

Ditch Improvement Projects

- Final Inspection for the North Farmington Ditch project was completed
- Final inspection for the Cedar Ditch project was completed

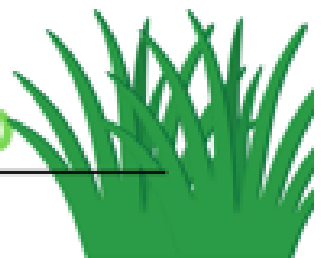
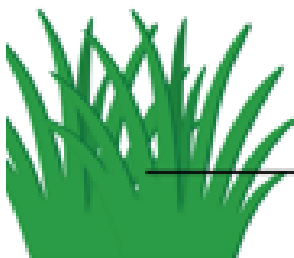
Healthy Soils Navajo Nation Project

- 10 tons of 11-52-0 fertilizer was applied on seven farms
- 8,000 pounds of 46-0-0 fertilizer applied to corn ground
- Three acres of Roundup Ready alfalfa were sprayed

Russian Olive Salt Cedar Removal

Applications for private landowners may be obtained by calling Gary Hathorn at (505) 320-5056 and in turn he will email you an application.

San Juan SWCD: (505) 234-6040





San Juan Soil & Water Conservation District

Work Completed - Spring 2026

Riparian Restoration Projects

- 1,000 cottonwood poles were planted at Hogback
- 5,000 willow poles were planted through the NM State Forestry Severance Tax Grant

BLM / City of Farmington Project

- 18 acres have been cleared
- Remaining work includes seeding, tree planting, and resprout treatment

Lions Park Invasive Weed Project

- Salt cedar and Russian olive were removed
- Russian knapweed spraying was completed on 22 acres
- 500 willows are currently being planted

Water Trust Board Project

- Removed 1.8 acres of Russian olive and salt cedar
- 5,000 willows were planted





Agricultural Experiment Station

Agricultural Science Center at Farmington

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**THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE CENTER AT FARMINGTON'S LATEST REPORT
COVERING 2024 IS NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**[HTTPS://FARMINGTONSC.NMSU.EDU/2024-FARMINGTON-ANNUAL-
REPORT_FINAL.PDF](https://farmingtonsc.nmsu.edu/2024-farmington-annual-report_final.pdf)**

**THE REPORT PROVIDES A HIGH-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF EACH PROJECT AND
INCLUDES CONTACT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. STAFF
ARE WRITING UP RESULTS FOR THE 2025 GROWING SEASON ALSO AND THAT
REPORT WILL BE OUT LATER IN 2026.**



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE
CENTER AT FARMINGTON

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NMSU ASC FARMINGTON OPEN HOUSE AND PLANT SALE MAY 15, 2026:

OVERVIEW OF
HYDROPONIC
SYSTEM
PLANT WALK
AGRIVOTAICS
DEMONSTRATION
SITE
INFORMATIONAL
BOOTHS
LIVE MUSIC

OPEN HOUSE & PLANT SALE @ THE ASC FARMINGTON

May 15, 2026 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

300 County Road 4063 Farmington NM 87401



Visit farmingtonsc.nmsu.edu for more info or scan the QR code.

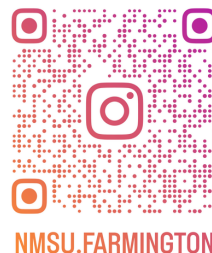


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If you are interested in setting up an educational booth, please contact Corey Benally at coreyb@nmsu.edu or (505)960-7757.

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7757 Email: farmingt@nmsu.edu

MORE FARMINGTON AG SCIENCE CENTER UPDATES

NMSU ASC Farmington Open House and Plant Sale

Friday May 15, 2026

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

300 Road 4063 (past the NAPI Flour Mill)

Educational booths, talks and tours.

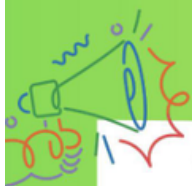
Free Food, Music, Family Friendly!

Open to the Public. Come and go as you please.

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Plant Sale (Greenhouse) and Event Kicks Off
9:00 am – 3:00 pm	Community Organization Tabling Activities: Headhouse/outside of Greenhouse
10:00 am	Welcome, Introductions and ASC Farmington Flash Talk Reports (3 min talk + 2 min Q&A per presenter) 10:00 Research Director Update: Kevin Lombard 10:05 Kevin Lombard: Research Director/Professor Horticulture Research update 10:10 Maria Chavez: Assistant Professor Research update 10:15 Koffi Djaman: Associate Professor Research update 10:20 Dallen Begay, Farm Manager: Farm operations update (Speakers will be around to answer specific questions on Research Projects)
10:30– 10:45 am	Agricultural Experiment Station and Departmental Leadership Updates from the NMSU main campus
10:45 – 11:00 am	General Public/Advisory Committee Input Recommendation How can the ASC Farmington best serve the needs of the local community while contributing to the overall mission of the AES? Adjourn flash talks
11:00 am	In-Depth Concurrent Activities Hayride tour of farm: Dallen Begay Agrivoltaics pilot garden: Maria Chavez Soil moisture probe demonstration: Koffi Djaman Film Project: Story through Lenses : Resilience in Farming along the San Juan River: Daveishena Redhouse and Cayden Manuelito
Noon	Hotdogs available/live music ! Soil carbon monitoring: Brandon Francis Hydroponics demonstration (greenhouse) Tionna Tapaha Weather station how-to-use: Dave DuBois Plant walk: Arnold Clifford Vineyard tour and more!
3:00 pm	Adjourn for the day!

REVIEW OF OPEN HOUSE TOPICS





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CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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FULL TIME POSITION

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PART 1: FSA PROGRAMS

Presentation presented by:

Geryl J. Chavez, County Executive Director-McKinley County

MAY 13, 2026 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM

PART 2: NRCS PROGRAMS

Presentation presented by:

Claudia Willeto, NRCS Soil Conservationist

MAY 27, 2026 | 5:00PM - 6:00PM



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PART 3: NDA-AIF PROGRAMS

Presentation presented by:

Jesse Jim, Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture Department Manager

JUNE 4, 2026 | 5:30PM - 6:00PM



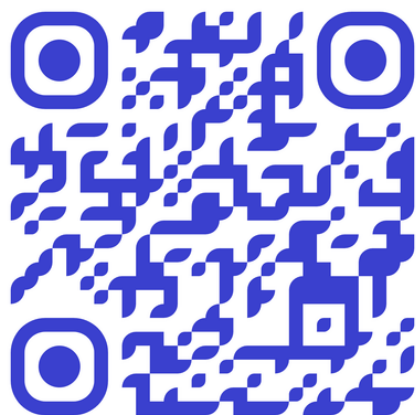
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JOIN US FOR OUR SUSTAINABLE NAVAJO RANGELAND WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**JULY 16, 2026
8:30AM-4:00PM**

PHIL L. THOMAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Shiprock, New Mexico

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Community Resources

2026 ANIMAS AND SAN JUAN WATERSHEDS CONFERENCE

Preliminary Conference Agenda
Now Available



Taking Place May 27-28, 2026

San Juan College
School of Energy,
Merrion Room
Farmington, New Mexico

Co-hosted by:



Webinar: Drought Assistance for Livestock



May 27th 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Learn about the ELAP (Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program) from the Farm Service Agency with Hunter Cleveland, Agricultural Program Specialist. Livestock owners are encouraged to attend, but this webinar is also meant to train people to understand ELAP so they can work with agricultural producers to prepare and submit applications for this program for counties impacted by drought in 2026.

ELAP can help cover the cost of...

- Transporting water to livestock due to drought
- Above normal costs of hauling feed to livestock due to drought
- Above normal costs of hauling livestock to forage or other grazing acres due to drought

Register for the webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OBtbaib-SAC3ipUobBmL7A>



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MAY 21-22 INDIAN LIVESTOCK DAYS MCGEE PARK

MAY 27 NSA RESOURCE FAIR WEBINAR

JUNE 4, 3PM RIBBON CUTTING, SAN JUAN COLLEGE HARVEST
FOOD HUB KITCHEN

JUNE 4 NNDA-AIF PROGRAM WEBINAR 5:30-600PM

JUNE 6, FARMINGTON GROWERS MARKET BEGINS SATURDAYS
8AM-NOON, FARMINGTON MUSEUM

JULY 16: RANGELAND WORKSHOP , SHIPROCK, 8:30AM-4PM

JULY 23: NWNM INVASIVE WEED SYMPOSIUM, EXTENSION
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AUGUST 10-15, SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR

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