

**Bonnie Hopkins Byers**  
County Program Director  
Agriculture Extension Agent  
San Juan County Cooperative Extension  
New Mexico State University  
Vitae Resume

**Education**

**Colorado State University, Fort Collins** August 2010-May 2013

Master of Agriculture: Integrated Resource Management  
Final project: Integrated Resource Management plan, Rocky Slope Farm  
Professional paper: "The Future of Farm to Table in New Mexico"  
Internship: Earth Team Volunteer, NRCS, San Juan County, New Mexico 2012

**Fort Lewis College, Durango CO** August 2007-May 2010

BA Sustainable Agriculture  
Minor: Entrepreneurship and Small Business Administration  
Thesis: *The Victory Garden*: A comparison of the history, transition and present state of the Cuban and American urban agriculture systems  
Internship: High Desert Foods, CSA, Dolores Colorado 2008

**New England Culinary Institute, Montpelier VT** September 2001- September 2003

AOS Culinary Arts  
Internships: Strings Restaurant, Denver CO 2002  
Farallon Restaurant, San Francisco CA 2003

**Work Experience**

NMSU, San Juan County Cooperative Extension Service October 2013- present date  
County Program Director, 2021-current  
Agricultural Extension Agent  
Aztec, NM

Central Consolidated School District, Kirtland Middle/High School August, 2011-Oct 2013  
Level I Teacher, Family and Consumer Sciences; Agricultural Education  
Kirtland, NM

NMSU, San Juan County Cooperative Extension Service August, 2010-August, 2011  
Nutritional Educator, SNAP-Ed  
Aztec, NM

The Palace Restaurant August, 2007-January, 2010  
Executive Sous Chef  
Durango, CO

The Bistro June, 2006-August, 2007  
Executive Chef  
Ouray, CO

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**Associations**

- NWNM Buy Fresh Buy Local Steering Committee member, 2017-present
- Leadership San Juan, San Juan College, Class of 2018
- CoCoRaHS Volunteer 2018-current; San Juan County CoCoRaHS Coordinator 2021
- SJC Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), August 2015-present date, member
- Farmington Ag Science Center Advisory Board, 2015-present date, committee member
- Farmington Grower's Market Board, January 2015-present date, Board secretary
- Farmington Chamber of Commerce, January 2015-present date, member
- SJC Cooperative Weed Management Association (CWMA), March 2014-present date
- SJC Soil and Water Conservation District, December 2014-present date, advisory board
- USDA Phase II Stronger Economies Together Committee member 2014-2016
- Member National Association of County Agriculture Agents (NACAA) 2013- current
  - President, 2021, New Mexico Association of County Agents
  - Treasure, Northern District Rep, New Mexico Association of County Agents 2017-present
  - NACAA Western Regional Vice Chair, Professional Excellence Committee 2018-current

**Certifications and Awards**

**National Winner, National Association of County Agriculture Agents Communication Award**, Bound Book Publication for the 2020 NWNM Local Food Guide, September 2021

**National Association of Ag Agents Achievement Award**, New Mexico National Association of County Agents, September 2019, Fort Wayne IN

**Regional Winner, National Association of County Agriculture Agents Communication Award**, Video Category for the "Drought Proofing Your Lawn Video" September 2019, Fort Wayne, IN (original work, created for regional distribution)

**Farmers Market of the Year**, Farmington Growers Market, Awarded by the New Mexico Food and Policy Council, Santa Fe NM, January 2018

**Partner of the Year San Juan County Cooperative Extension Service**, San Juan Soil and Water Conservation District, Aztec NM, 2017

**Regional Award Winner, State Winner**, National Association of County Agriculture Agents Communication Award, Program Promotional Piece Category for the "Alfalfa and Range Workshop" July 2017

**Regional Award Winner, State Winner**, National Association of County Agriculture Agents Communication Award, Website/Online Content Category for the "Farmington Growers Market Website" July 2016

**Program and Awards**

**NM EDGE Certified Extension Professional, Class of 2016**

**Leadership San Juan Graduate, Class of 2018**

**Western Extension Leadership Development Graduate, May 20**

