

Southwest New Mexico Food Policy Council

Who we are & what we do

“Healthy, affordable food and local, sustainable agricultural economies for everyone in Hidalgo, Luna, Catron and Grant counties.”

The Southwest New Mexico Food Policy Council was established in January 2014 to increase access to healthy, affordable food and local, sustainable agricultural economies in Hidalgo, Luna, Catron and Grant counties. Our current priorities are:

1. Ensure people in the region have enough healthy food by assessing the current availability of healthy food and securing resources to fill the gaps.
2. Develop a resource guide for small growers/ranchers in the region.
3. Develop grower collaborations and enable institutional purchasing from local food producers.

With diverse membership from four counties and partners across the state, the Council is on its way to achieving these goals. Turn the page to learn how!



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2014 Achievements

Since January 2014, the Southwest New Mexico Food Policy Council has:

- ✓ Received a grant to work with local food pantries to assess the quality of the food they receive.
- ✓ Secured funding for a study on the infrastructure our region needs to enable local food producers to sell food to institutions like schools and senior centers
- ✓ Opened a dialogue with the New Mexico Human Services Division on how to improve the state's USDA commodity foods distribution system to take into account the small number of food retailers and large distances between communities in our region's rural areas.
- ✓ Strengthened ties and alignments between local groups focused on healthy food access and farming in the four county region.
- ✓ Developed partnerships with organizations across the state to help advocate for our region's needs and bring additional knowledge and experience to southwest New Mexico, supporting our work to make healthy, affordable food accessible for everyone in Southwest New Mexico through local, sustainable agricultural economies.

**Learn more
and get
involved**

The Council welcomes new members from Catron, Grant, Hidalgo and Luna counties! We are currently working to establish convenient remote meetings. Please contact us at 575-534-0101 ext. 2102 to learn more.