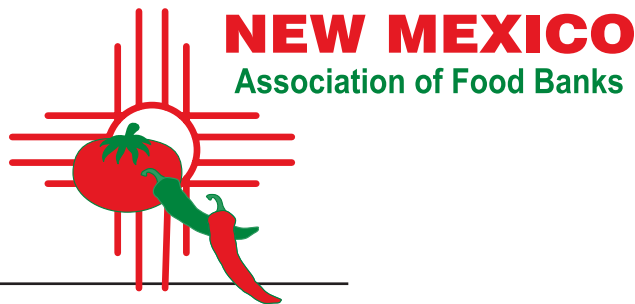


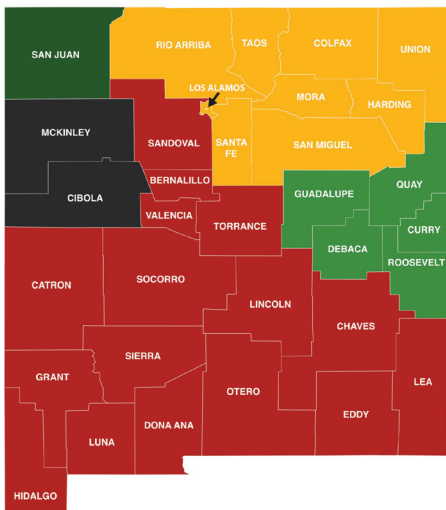
NMAFB

The New Mexico Association of Food Banks and its members maintain an effective, efficient statewide hunger relief network.



What is the New Mexico Association of Food Banks and how does it serve every county in the state?

New Mexico Food Banks



The mission of the New Mexico Association of Food Banks is to work towards ending hunger in New Mexico through collaborative food acquisitions and distribution, education, and advocacy, throughout New Mexico.



Gallup



Farmington



Clovis



Santa Fe



Albuquerque

- The New Mexico Association of Food Banks is a collaboration of **5 New Mexico food banks** providing food to hungry New Mexicans.
- Food is distributed by each member food bank through a **statewide network of over 500 hunger relief locations** impacting **every county** in the state (see map on left) – rural, tribal and urban communities.
- The food banks work together as the NMAFB to provide **critical food assistance resources** for New Mexicans facing hunger, positively impacting the lives of children, seniors, families and adults.
- The primary function of the NMAFB is to **advocate** on behalf of those experiencing hunger in every community and serve as an **educational resource** to local, state and federal governments.
- The **support by volunteers and investment by donors** is critical to continue providing food and services to those in need.
- The NMAFB leverages its collective buying power - **maximizing the dollars we receive** with the goal of feeding the most people possible with those funds. For example, the NMAFB can procure canned tuna at \$.10 an ounce versus the cheapest retail price of \$.16 an ounce. Small amount make a huge difference with volume.

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Pounds Distributed 2022	# Meals in 2022
48,375,536	40,312,947

Average # Meals per Month 2022
3,359,412 Million



Overall Hunger	Childhood Hunger
1 in 8	1 in 5

% Fruits & Vegetables Distributed	% Protein Distributed
46%	13%

**New Mexico Association of Food Banks Agenda for the
2023 Regular Legislative Session**

*Approved by New Mexico Association of Food Banks
Board of Directors on January 16, 2023*

The New Mexico Association of Food Banks respectfully requests that you and your colleagues provide crucial help to our efforts by taking the following seven actions:

ACTION ONE: SUPPORT INCREASED, RECURRING FUNDING FOR FOOD BANKS

Repeat the 2022 appropriation of \$1,116,500 for food banks to purchase and distribute fresh produce, and appropriate an additional \$10 million per the Food Initiative for food banks to acquire more of the self-stable food hungry New Mexicans need. Because there is no end in sight to the need for this funding, it should be made recurring.

ACTION TWO: SUPPORT UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Approximately 20 percent of our state's children are food insecure. An important way to reduce their hunger will be to enact legislation to provide universal free school meals.

ACTION THREE: LEAVE FOOD EXEMPT FROM TAX

Leave food exempt from the gross receipts tax. Taxing food will directly reduce the food that can be purchased by poor New Mexicans who already are experiencing hunger.

ACTION FOUR: INCREASE SNAP BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

Approve a \$225 per month allocation to up to 42,287 seniors in the state's augmentation of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or "food stamps") benefit received by New Mexico's poor senior citizens.

ACTION FIVE: ELIMINATE THE ANTI-DONATION CLAUSE FOR FOOD BANKS

When the Legislature provides funding intended to help food banks meet the increasing costs of feeding hungry New Mexicans and, in order to comply with the restrictions of the Anti-Donation Clause, the recipient food banks must obtain those funds from various local governments, the funds are delayed in reaching the food banks by a host of administrative requirements and sometimes never realize their intended purpose of preventing hunger

ACTION SIX: ELIMINATE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON SERVICES FOR FOOD BANKS

Currently, 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations like food banks do not pay gross receipts tax on tangibles they purchase and yet do have to pay gross receipts tax on services, making New Mexico gross receipts tax law different from most other states. Please support the end of GRT on services.

ACTION SEVEN: SUPPORT FOR A MEMORIAL FOR HUNTERS HELPING THE HUNGRY

We urge your support for a Memorial calling on the appropriate state agencies to simplify and clarify their requirements and procedures to facilitate donations by hunters of game animals they have killed, and safe processing of the meat obtained from those game animals so it can be used by food banks to feed hungry New Mexicans across the state.