

Report to New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Districts
New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Programs and Resources Division
<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/apr/soil-and-water-districts.html>
September 2025

OMA Notification Requirements

Remember that if you have to hold a district board meeting at a date, time or location that deviates from the information you advertised in your Open Meetings Act resolution, you must advertise it accordingly. Here are the guidelines:

Regular Meeting – 10 Days Prior

Special Meeting – 3 Days Prior

Emergency Meeting – 24 Hours Prior

September 1st	Annual report of activities and annual plan for the past fiscal year due to SWCC, SWCC region commissioner, and SWCD Specialist.
October 30 th	1 st quarterly budget report due to DFA-LGD (cc: to SWCC, SWCC Region Commissioner, and SWCD Specialist)
October 31st	Water Quality and Conservation Grant 1 st quarterly report and budget due to the SWCC and SWCD Specialist

1. SWCDs: Apply for the \$160,000 with NMDA for Capacity Building

Please see NMDA's attached guidelines and proposal instructions for the SWCD FY26-28 Capacity Building Funding Opportunity. There is also a budget template that NMDA suggests (rather than requires) SWCDs use.

NMDA will accept proposals for this round of capacity building funding from July 15, 2025 to July 15, 2026 (12 months). Once NMDA has approved a proposal and the necessary paperwork is completed, funded activities can begin.

Please email the completed proposal and budget to your SWCD Specialist and pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu. **If you have questions about this funding opportunity or require assistance, please contact your SWCD Specialist.**

2. Point System Worksheet Funding for FY26-28

Following consultation with the Soil and Water Conservation Commission in June, NMDA will dedicate a portion of the \$9 million special appropriation for the SWCDs to increase funding for base operational support through the Point System. Funding will be allocated to each SWCD based on the SWCC's annually approved Point System formula. This will result in an increase of approximately +\$10,000 per SWCD per year for FYs 26, 27 & 28. This means approximately \$28,000 per SWCD per year will be available for districts that earn **full**

points on the Point System worksheet. To receive the additional funding from the state appropriation, districts must be compliant with state audit requirements.

3. Dates set for the Healthy Soil Program's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) grant-application cycle

The online application for NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants opens **January 16, 2026**, and closes March 20, 2026, at 12 p.m. (noon) Mountain Time. NMDA will not accept or review late, incomplete, and/or paper applications.

NMDA encourages both applicant types to maximize their chances of being awarded a grant by **doing some pre-work this fall**:

- **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES**, which include SWCDs, as well as tribal governments, acequias, land grants, and NMSU—Cooperative Extension Service Tackle **Step 1** of the sequential application process specific to Eligible Entities (<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/hsp/requirements-for-eligible-entities.html>)
- **INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS**, which are farmers, ranchers, and other land managers who apply with project sponsorship from their SWCD or tribal government Tackle **Steps 1 and 2** of the sequential application process specific to Individual Applicants (<https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/hsp/requirements-for-individual-applicants.html>)
Note that **Individual Applicants must complete Step 2 (conservation planning with NRCS) by February 20, 2026.

On-the-ground projects selected for grants in FY27 will run from July 2026 to September 2027. Projects must revolve around 1+ of the 5 soil health principles.

As a reminder to SWCDs that are implementing and/or sponsoring Healthy Soil Program projects **in FY26: All projects must be invoiced for reimbursement at least quarterly.** That requirement will help all parties keep pace with their paperwork during the nearly 15-month grant term.

Keep up with all things HSP by reading a brief weekly email from NMDA's Healthy Soil Program team. Subscribing is simple: Send an email to hsp@nmda.nmsu.edu with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

4. NMDA & N.M. Department of Cultural Affairs rolling out Archaeology Field Training Program for 2025-2026

In 2025, the New Mexico Legislature gave the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) funding to implement a statewide archaeological field training program in coordination with the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs. The purpose of this pilot program is to train New Mexicans in the professional skills and field experience needed to

work on archaeological projects as field technicians or supervisors. This will build up the local workforce needed to complete archaeological clearance surveys across the state. The New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs' Office of Archaeological Studies will be responsible for delivering the training course. There will be two training tracks for different levels of experience: a technician track and supervisor track. The technician track will provide entry-level training in the professional skills need to work on a field crew. No previous knowledge or training is required. The program consists of a two-week online course (no more than 10 hour/week), a three-day intensive training (Friday-Sunday), and three weeks of field experience on a real-world project.

The course will be offered on a monthly schedule (September-January) and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis while funding is still available. The program is free of cost and has funding to support participant travel and compensation for time spent working on professional projects. NMDA encourages SWCDs to offer their employees the chance to participate.

You can find the webpage with program information and the application at this link: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/apr/archaeology-field-training-program.html>. Webpage is anticipated to go live August 29, 2025.

5. Agricultural Workforce Development Program opened June 16

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) Agricultural Workforce Development (AWD) Program grant application period opens June 16, 2025, and will continue until funds are fully allocated or by March 31, 2025, whichever comes first. Internships must be completed by May 30, 2026.

NMDA's AWD Program offers incentives to the state's agricultural businesses to hire interns. The AWD Program is intended to provide hands-on educational opportunities for students aspiring to careers in agriculture, as well as young or beginning farmers and ranchers.

NMDA will reimburse qualified agricultural businesses up to 50 percent of the actual cost of hiring a qualified intern, not to exceed \$15,000 per internship. An agricultural business may request funding to hire as many as three interns per calendar year. Each intern must be provided with **at least one hundred thirty (130) hours** of work experience, not exceeding one (1) year in duration per intern.

Agricultural business operators, please read the [Agricultural Workforce Development FAQs](https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development-faqs.html) carefully before submitting an application at: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development-faqs.html>

Please note:

- NMDA will *not* match agricultural businesses with potential interns.

- Agricultural businesses must identify an intern prior to applying for funding.
- Interns must be 18 years or older by the start of the internship.
- Immediate family members of the agricultural business are NOT eligible to participate.
- Participating agricultural businesses must pay minimum wage (or higher) to each intern, as well as carry workers' compensation insurance for each intern.

For more information, please visit: <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/agricultural-workforce-development.html>

6. NMDA Grant Contact Emails

If your SWCD has an FY26 project with an NMDA grant or program, please submit invoices, requests, and reports with the **grant or program name** to the email addresses below. For FY26 HSP projects, please also include the project number.

- **Capital Outlay:** Patricia Depner at pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu and Gabriela Hernandez at ghernandez@nmda.nmsu.edu
- **Healthy Soil Program:** HSP@nmda.nmsu.edu
- **District Opportunities grant (formerly known as the Land of Enchantment Fund Grant):** LOE@nmda.nmsu.edu
- **Noxious Weeds Management Grant:** weeds@nmda.nmsu.edu
- **Water Quality & Conservation Grant:** SWCC@nmda.nmsu.edu
- **\$160,000 SWCD Capacity Building Funding Opportunity:** Patricia Depner at pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu; for questions about applying for the funding, contact your Specialist.

The items below might be of interest to SWCDs. These items were retrieved from various sources outside of NMDA.

7. NMACD 79th Annual Meeting October 19 - 21

Retrieved by NMDA from Jennifer Hopper, NMACD, April 25

NMACD will be gathering in Albuquerque, NM at the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown. Hotel check-in starts at 4 PM on Oct 19th. Meetings are on Oct 20th & 21st. Check-out is at 11 AM on the 22nd. "Early Bird" registration starts now through October 10th. Register early for a discounted price!

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- **Wildland Urban Fire Summit (WUFS):** Will be hosted at UNM-Valencia in Los Lunas from September 30 to October 2. You can register and find more information on the conference [here](#). If you need support for travel costs, the Southwest Fire Consortium has grant funds available to reimburse for travel. Please

fill out [this form](#) by September 16th to apply. The maximum reimbursement is \$480, and per diem limits are \$94 per night for lodging. Meals are reimbursable with an itemized receipt up to \$45 per day.

- **Thornburg Foundation Workshop:** The Thornburg Foundation is hosting its second peer learning workshop focused on advocating for state resources for land and water conservation in New Mexico on Thursday, September 18, from 9:30 am - 3 pm. The meeting will take place at the Thornburg Campus, and space is limited. Please RSVP [here](#).

8. STAR-NM recruiting SWCDs to implement voluntary conservation program with local farmers

Content (and attached flyer) submitted to NMDA by STAR-NM on August 27, 2025

We are looking for soil and water conservation districts to get involved as Navigators as we roll out Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (STAR) in New Mexico and try to have a support network for farmers and ranchers. We see many benefits for the districts to be able to streamline their operations and use STAR to plan with their producers. We hope you consider signing a STAR Navigator Agreement if interested.

****Please see the attached flyer for more information and next steps**

9. YCC seeks 2026 project proposals – grants up to \$225,000

Published at: refer to the EMNRD link below; retrieved by NMDA July 25, 2025

The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps is now accepting applications for grants up to \$225,000 to fund projects that improve public spaces statewide while providing job training to young New Mexicans ages of 14 to 25.

"We're looking for creative projects that make a real difference in communities across New Mexico," said **David Chené**, executive director. "These grants provide a win-win opportunity – improving our state while giving young people hands-on work experience and job skills."

Who can apply: State and federal agencies, public colleges and universities, governments (counties, cities, towns, villages), land grants, soil and water conservation districts, acequia associations, public school districts, charter schools, federally recognized Tribes, and 501(c) non-profit organizations.

What projects qualify: Any initiative that employs youth to conserve, improve or beautify New Mexico's public lands and facilities while creating lasting community benefits. Grant funds cover corps member wages, training, and project supplies.

How to apply: Complete details and deadline applications are available at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/about-ycc/yccrfp/>

<https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/statepurchasing/active-procurements.aspx>

Free preproposal conferences will be held July 31 and August 21 to help applicants through the process.

Deadline: October 8, at 4 p.m.

The YCC has funded community improvement projects on public lands and facilities throughout New Mexico since 1992.

10. DFA NM Match Fund

Published at <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/nmmatchfund/>; retrieved by NMDA on July 22, 2025

The New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration invites state agencies, tribal governments, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions to apply for the New Mexico Match Fund. See policy for full list of eligible entities.

The Match Fund provides a unique opportunity to leverage once-in-a-generation federal funding for infrastructure, research, economic development, the energy transition, and other critical projects that will benefit New Mexico.

FY26 Funding Available:

- **\$50 Million for Matching Grants**
- **\$4M for Project Implementation**
- **\$17.5M for Federal Compliance Offset**

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis, first-come, first-served. DFA reviews complete applications and makes determinations within 20 business days.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nmdfa.state.nm.us/nmmatchfund/>

11. State agencies host public processes in September, October

Published <https://tinyurl.com/3x2jpewm> by the New Mexico Commission of Public Records at on August 26, 2025; content retrieved and summarized by NMDA

WHO: NM Interstate Stream Commission

WHAT: Proposed rulemaking for the Water Security Planning Act Rule (Regional Water Planning) Stream Commission Rulemaking Public Comment Period. Following the hearing, the commission will deliberate and adopt, amend, or reject the proposed rule. Once finalized, NMISC will begin convening regional water security planning councils across the state.

WHEN: Public comments open until September 27, 2025.

Public hearing will begin on October 15 at 9:00 am in Santa Fe.

WHERE: To view the proposed rule, submit a comment, and access the docketed materials at this link: <https://www.ose.nm.gov/RulesRegs/rulemaking.php>

WHO: New Mexico Livestock Board

WHAT: Proposed rulemaking for the New Mexico Meat and Poultry Inspection Division 21.33.2 NMAC Food Safety, Meat and Poultry Inspection: new definitions, applications/licenses, inspections, tagging, operating requirements and procedures, regulatory authority, hearings and enforcement. The purpose is to make changes to current Livestock Board fees and add fees for meat and poultry state inspection or custom exempt establishment registration and renewal fees.

WHEN: Written comments due Sept. 26; proposed rulemaking hearing held in Farmington (and online) on Sept. 30

WHERE: Learn more at www.nmlbonline.com.

WHO: Office of the State Engineer

WHAT: Proposed rulemaking to establish a framework for Regional Water Security Planning Councils to develop, maintain, and aid in implementation and tracking of Regional Water Security Plans. Proposed Rule 19.25.16 NMAC identifies nine Regional Water Security Planning Regions that form the basis for Councils to be established and undertake a review of the science on the hydrology, use, and availability of water and produce Regional Water Security Plans.

WHEN: Written comments due Sept. 27; proposed rulemaking held in Santa Fe (and online) on Oct. 15-17

WHERE: Learn more at <https://www.ose.nm.gov/RulesRegs/rulemaking.php>.

WHO: New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) Water Quality Bureau (SWQB)

WHAT: Public Hearing and Comment Period; States are required to hold public hearings at least once every three years to review, amend, and adopt water quality standards, as applicable. This is referred to as a “Triennial Review.” Pursuant to Section 74-6-4(F) of the WQA, the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) delegated NMED the responsibility for organizing and proposing amendments to the state’s surface water quality standards.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm. Comment period opened August 15, 2025 and closes October 14, 2025.

WHERE: NMED SWQB will be hosting a virtual informational meeting via WebEx to present and discuss the draft amendments to the State’s Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters.

Comments will be accepted via mail, email, and NMED’s smart comment portal at <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>. The public review draft and all other related information may be found on NMED’s website through the Smart Comment Portal or at <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/2026-triennial-review/>.

WHO: Commissioner of Public Lands

WHAT: Public hearing to consider repealing and replacing State Land Office Rule 19.2.7 NMAC (relating to geothermal resources leases) to address the Legislature's 2013 amendments to the Geothermal Resources Act (Section 19-13-1 et seq., NMSA 1978) and to modernize and improve the SLO's process for issuing leases for extraction, removal and/or use of geothermal resources from state trust lands.

WHEN: Public hearing in Santa Fe (and online) on Sept. 30

WHERE: Learn more at <http://www.nmstatelands.org>.

12. Zach Riley Appointed as State Executive Director, New Mexico Farm Service Agency

Published August 21, 2025, at <https://www.usda.gov/about-usda/news/press-releases/2025/08/21/secretary-rollins-announces-usda-presidential-appointments-naming-more-state-directors>; excerpted by NMDA

Zach Riley serves as State Executive Director for the Farm Service Agency. Raised in eastern New Mexico, he hails from a ranching family that has been raising cattle there for more than four generations. With many years of experience in agriculture policy and advocacy, Riley has worked for the Farm Bureau and Livestock Associations and contributed to the formulation of multiple farm bills.

Guidelines for Proposals

OVERVIEW

- Only the state's 47 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) can apply for this funding. SWCDs can choose to partner together on a single proposal.
- This funding is not intended to replace capital outlay funding or existing grant opportunities that typically fund implementation of on-the-ground projects. The intent of this funding is to help SWCDs build capacity in Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028.
- NMDA invites each SWCD to submit a proposal on how it intends to use up to \$160,000 to build capacity over a 2.5-year implementation period. There will be a yearlong application period (July 15, 2025-July 15, 2026). The funding process is not competitive, and each SWCD can apply for an equal amount. However, each SWCD must submit a successful proposal to access their share of funding.

TIMEFRAME

- **Application Period:** **July 15, 2025 – July 15, 2026 (12 months)**
 - Funding that is not allocated to SWCDs at close of the application period *may* be offered in a *possible* second application period.
- **Implementation Period:** **August 1, 2025 – January 31, 2028 (up to 2.5 years)**
 - Each SWCD (or collaboration of SWCDs) can plan and spend its budget over any timeframe they choose within the 2.5-year implementation period.
 - Any funding not spent by an SWCD by February 1, 2028, will be distributed between SWCDs based on FY27 point system scores.

PROPOSAL PROCESS: Proposal Instructions found on Page 4

- To access their share of the funding, each SWCD (or each collaboration of SWCDs) will create a proposal including the following materials:
 1. **Proposal:** Includes summary, justification, and timeline for capacity building project.
 2. **Budget:** Complete budget showing goods and services on which the funding will be spent. A suggested budget template will be provided.
- The SWCD will email its proposal to its SWCD Specialist and pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu.

- Proposals will be reviewed by NMDA staff. SWCD specialists at NMDA will work with SWCDs to ensure successful proposals.

CAPACITY BUILDING PURPOSES

- For the purpose of this funding, NMDA considers “capacity building” to include improvements to the following elements of long-term, organizational capacity:
 - Workforce capacity: adequate staffing and training
 - Ability to fulfill powers and responsibilities under the SWCD Act
 - Ability to serve constituent needs, including technical support
 - Ability to apply for, secure, and manage external funding
 - Ability to *administer* conservation projects, dam maintenance or disaster mitigation/recovery programs
- NMDA encourages SWCDs to think creatively about ways that this funding will improve their ability to promote conservation and serve to their constituents three years from now and beyond.
- This funding is not intended to replace existing funding sources available to SWCDs, such as capital outlay, DFA’s New Mexico Match Fund, NMDA’s Healthy Soil Program grants, Noxious Weeds Management Grants, or District Opportunity Grants for Landscape-Scale Restoration.

ELIGIBLE VS. INELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS

- Eligible uses of the funds include *but are not limited to*:
 - Staffing needs
 - Trainings
 - Contracts for grant writers or other technical assistance
 - Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) development
 - Office rental
- Ineligible uses of the funds:
 - Inactive or unspecified uses of funding: Certificates of Deposit (CODs), deposits into savings accounts, vague reservation of funds, etc.
 - Purchases of capital goods (land, buildings, equipment costing \$5,000+, etc.).
 - These should be pursued via the capital outlay process. This capacity building funding *can* assist SWCDs in the ICIP development process.
 - On-the-ground projects: Money going directly toward on-the-ground projects, particularly when there are other applicable state funding programs.
 - Funding *can* be used for organizational capacity to apply for, secure, and administer project funding.
 - Proposals that do not improve SWCD capacity in the short or long term.

ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

- SWCDs with approved proposals will sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with NMDA.
- Cost reimbursement: In general, NMDA will distribute this funding via its standard process of reimbursing expenses that are part of an approved budget. NMDA will require quarterly invoices with corresponding documentation. SWCDs may invoice more frequently, if needed
- Alternative funding options: If NMDA's cost-reimbursement process poses an undue financial hardship to your SWCD or makes your proposal impossible, please reach out to NMDA to discuss possible alternatives. NMDA can make alternative arrangements with individual SWCDs to administer funds on a disbursement basis provided sufficient justification, documentation, and verification.
- Reporting: SWCDs receiving capacity-building funds must provide progress reports to NMDA on a quarterly basis using an NMDA-provided reporting template. The fourth quarter report for each year, as well as the final report, will include additional questions about the outcomes of the capacity-building funds.

ODDS & ENDS

- NMDA encourages SWCDs to submit their proposals as soon as possible to maximize the possibility of the funds being fully expended.
- Multiple SWCDs can apply together to pool their funds for greater impact. For example, two SWCDs working together can apply for up to \$320,000, three SWCDs working together can apply for up to \$480,000, etc.
- SWCDs have the option to be reimbursed via direct deposit rather than receiving a check in the mail. To opt into New Mexico State University's direct deposit system, please contact vendors@nmsu.edu.

If you have any questions or need assistance in developing a proposal to fit this capacity-building funding opportunity, please speak to your SWCD Specialist as soon as possible. They can provide guidance on how to submit a successful proposal.

Proposal Instructions

Please email the following documents as attachments to your SWCD Specialist and pdepner@nmda.nmsu.edu:

1. PROPOSAL

- a) **Project Summary:** 2-3 sentence summary of the SWCD's plan and justification for spending the capacity-building funding.
- b) **Project Justification (3 pages maximum):** Address the following questions:
 - i. What are your SWCD's objectives for improving its capacity over the next three years?
 - ii. How will this funding directly support your SWCD's capacity-building objectives?
 - iii. What specific outcomes will this funding help accomplish? Identify specific measures for success.
- c) **Timeline:** Detail when the SWCD will implement funded activities. Please provide in bulleted or table format.

2. BUDGET

Using Microsoft Excel, provide a complete budget showing all goods and services on which the funding will be spent. NMDA will provide a suggested budget template as a separate attachment.

3. SUPPORTING MATERIALS (OPTIONAL)

SWCDs are free to include any additional materials related to the proposal, such as images or letters of support. Please keep all optional materials to 3 pages or fewer.

STAR: GUIDING PRODUCER SUCCESS THROUGH CONSERVATION



What is a STAR Navigator?

STAR Navigators are entities and individuals serving as boots-on-the-ground technical support for producers who participate in STAR. Through agreements with state STAR Affiliates and National STAR, STAR Navigators do the following:

- Promote STAR in their local area
- Assist producers with enrollment in the STAR Tool
- Guide producers through a Conservation Innovation Plan (CIP)
- Facilitate connections to conservation resources and programs
- Provide technical advice around conservation practices

STAR is an opportunity for local STAR Navigators to:

- ☆ Offer a simple and easy evaluation and guidance tool for farmers and ranchers that serves as a starting point for conservation
- ☆ Use a producer's STAR Conservation Innovation Plan (CIP) as a first step in conservation planning
- ☆ Gain STAR Tool Admin access to easily track farmer and rancher interest and participation in projects or programs
- ☆ View and navigate the available technical and financial resources available to farmers and ranchers in their specific location
- ☆ Streamline and simplify the delivery of conservation assistance and financial incentives to producers
- ☆ Connect to a shared state and national framework to report on progress and more efficiently leverage funding opportunities.



STAR provides Navigators:

- Admin access to STARtool.ag and Resources Database for region
- Training on how assist local producers with data entry process
- Promotional and communications materials and templates
- Guidance on outreach, partnerships, and marketing
- Support for grant applications to access state funds available to address capacity constraints in your organization
- Referral incentives for enrolling producers in STAR or STAR partner programs (available on case-by-case basis)

The free STAR Tool will be available in New Mexico in June 2025 at www.STARtool.ag to guide farmers and ranchers on their conservation journey, develop plans, and help them connect to customized resources and support.

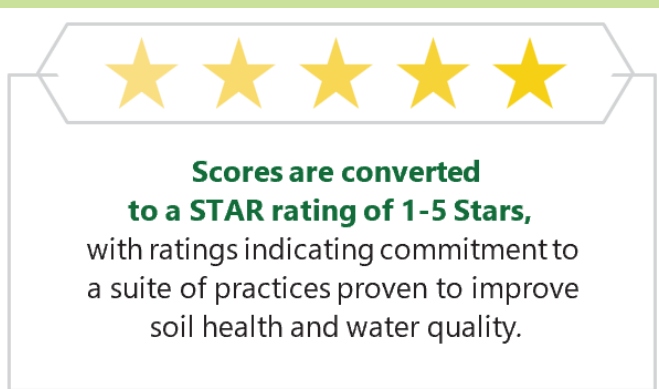
Why Should Farmers & Ranchers Enroll?★

STAR's supports all types of producers – no matter where they are on their conservation journey.

Designed to be simple and easy, the free, confidential STAR Tool provides a quick assessment of conservation progress on individual fields by generating a field level **1-to-5 STAR rating**, with an option to order a **STAR field sign** to share progress, a tailored **Conservation Innovation Plan (CIP)** that identifies next steps for practice adoption, available educational and technical support resources, and options for programs and incentives that can help support implementation, and allows farmers and ranchers to reach out to a local **STAR Navigator** for additional technical support.

The STAR Tool evaluation system assigns points for management activities at a field level on an annual basis and identifies opportunities for improvement based on producer interests and needs. Users answer a series of simple questions about their management and conservation practices to generate their overall field score.

STAR views conservation holistically and includes many pathways for continuous improvement in the CIP, encouraging experimentation and continual innovation. This gives farmers and ranchers the flexibility to choose the practices and principles that work best for their operations.



The STAR Tool also provides options for generating field level reports – the **Landowner Report** can help build conservation support from landowners on rented fields, the **Lender Report** provides evidence of good management practices for loan applications, and the **Program Report** can meet external program requirements for STAR Partner programs.

The STAR Tool can be used as a stand-alone evaluation tool, an on-ramp or screening tool for new program enrollment, including rewards programs, or as a complementary evaluation tool to complement existing program offerings. Reach out to your NM STAR Coordinator to become a STAR Navigator.

STAR BELIEVES IN

SIMPLICITY

Conservation guidance and evaluation should be clear and uncomplicated for producers and supply chain partners.



CONSISTENCY

Progress should be measured using a standardized scale across regions and production systems.



SUPPORT

Producers should have access to technical support and financial resources.



RECOGNITION

Producers should be recognized for conservation progress and incentivized to continue.



LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Conservation should be producer-led and driven by local resource needs.



STREAMLINED INVESTMENT

Investors and supply chain partners should have a clear roadmap for scaling conservation.



EXPLORE at
STARtool.ag or
STARconservation.org

REACH OUT to

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