# What Buyers and Farmers Need to Know About Local Food Hubs in New Mexico

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# WHAT

Food hubs are centrally located facilities that facilitate the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and marketing of local/regional food products. A hub can distribute food sourced from other producers, or both produce and distribute food. The majority of local food hubs sell New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables. Many hubs also sell fresh and frozen meat and poultry, dairy, eggs, honey, bread, and other locally produced foods.

### WHY

Food hubs bring advantages of scale to the local/regional food system. Supporting small to mid-sized producers through food hubs fosters the local food economy!

#### **BUYER BENEFITS:**

- Saving time: Sourcing from local food hubs can help you fulfill all of your NM Grown needs.
- Meeting volume needs: By aggregating products, food hubs can offer buyers one-stop shopping.
- Providing delivery: Food hubs handle distribution, making the delivery of local food easy for you.

#### FARMER BENEFITS:

- Creating market access: Food hubs can help you access a wide variety of different markets.
- **Saving time:** Food hubs manage aggregation, distribution, marketing, and more saving you valuable time and resources.
- **Providing services:** Most food hubs offer a variety of services, including technical assistance and others, that help you meet buyer needs so that you have more time for farming.

## WHERE & HOW

Use the list below to contact a local food hub. <u>Note that most hubs deliver beyond the radius of their</u> <u>home base!</u>

Food Hub	Home Base	Contact Name	Email	Phone
Agri-Cultura Network	Albuquerque	Latrell Kaye	latrell@agri-cultura.org	505-217-2461
Delicious New Mexico	Albuquerque	Sean Humphrey	seanh@deliciousnm.org	505-401-1256
Desert Spoon	Las Cruces	Adriana Clowe	adriana@desertspoonfoodhub.org	832-971-7123
Frontier Food Hub	Silver City	Johannes Lencer	jlencer@frontierus.org	541-513-9538
Harvest Food Hub, San Juan College	Farmington	Jacqueline Montoya	montoyajr@sanjuancollege.edu	505-566-3964
La Casa Verde	Tucumcari	Steve Farmer	davidwhite0169@gmail.com	817-917-6528
La Montañita Co-op	Albuquerque	Luis Nuñez	Luis.nunez@lamontanita.coop	505-217-2010
La Semilla Food Center	Anthony	Mario Holguin	mario@lasemillafoodcenter.org	915-215-3865
MoGro	Albuquerque	Shelby Danilowicz	Shelby@mogro.net	401-439-1458
New Mexico Harvest	Albuquerque	Thomas Swendson	thomasswendson@gmail.com	702-824-3438