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NOTICE OF RULE HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture will hold public hearings on the repeal and adoption of 21.15.1 NMAC - "Organic Agriculture." The hearings will be held at the following locations:

Date: Wednesday, July 05, 2017

When: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: New Mexico Department of Agriculture

Main Conference Room

3190 S. Espina, Las Cruces, NM On the corner of Espina and Gregg

Date: Thursday, July 06, 2017

When: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Roosevelt County Extension Office 705 E. Lime St., Portales, NM

Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 **When:** 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Where: State Capitol Building - Rm 326

On the corner of Old Santa Fe Trail and Paseo de Peralta

Date: Friday, July 07, 2017 **When:** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Bernalillo County Extension Office

1510 Menaul Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM

The public hearing will be conducted to review a newly proposed fee structure for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's Organic Certification Program.

Interested individuals may provide comments regarding the proposed rulemaking actions at the rule hearing and/or submit written comments via email at comments@nmda.nmsu.edu. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 7, 2017. The submission of written comments as soon as possible is encouraged. Persons offering written comments at the meeting must have 2 copies for the hearing officer.

A copy of the proposed rule is available on the webpage at www.nmda.nmsu.edu and available at the New Mexico Department of Agriculture located at 3190 S. Espina, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Department at (575) 646-3702 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact Becca Agnew at (575) 646-3702 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.