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**2023 SOUTHWEST SPRING SUMMIT**



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# TUESDAY - APRIL 25, 2023

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## REGISTRATION & EXHIBITOR SET-UP - 8:30 am

## OPENING CEREMONY

- 9:00 am** Invocation & Opening of the Summit – Governor J. Michael Chavarria
- Introduction – Desbah Padilla, IAC Technical Assistance Specialist, Southwest Region
- 9:15 am** Welcome Address – Mel Tafoya, IAC Board of Directors, Southwest Region

## GENERAL SESSION

- 9:30 am** Healthy Soil Program – Katie Goetz, Natural Resources Policy/Planning Analyst, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- 10:00 am** Cover Crops and Conservation Tillage – Janella Cruz, Soil Conservationist, Santa Fe Field Office, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 10:30 am** Break
- 10:45 am** Noxious Weeds Management – Donald Martinez, Director/Agriculture Agent of Rio Arriba County, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
- 11:30 am** Integrated Pest Management – Michael W. Richins, Northern Pueblos Agriculture Agent, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service

## LUNCH - 12:00 pm - Sponsored by the Flower Hill Institute

## GENERAL SESSION

- 1:00 pm** Protecting Waterways & Water Quality – Emily Luscombe, IAC Director of Natural Resources
- 1:30 pm** Irrigation & Livestock Systems – David Griego, District Conservationist, Team III, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 2:00 pm** Meat and Poultry Processing Technical Assistance (MPPTA) – Roger Fragua, Flower Hill Institute
- 3:00 pm** Adjourn

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# WEDNESDAY - APRIL 26, 2023

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

## REGISTRATION & EXHIBITOR SET-UP - 8:30 am

### GENERAL SESSION

- 9:00 am** Understanding Your Climate and What We Can Do – Emily Luscombe, IAC Director of Natural Resources
- 9:30 am** NRCS Program Opportunities and Resources – David Griego, District Conservationist, Team III, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 10:00 am** Farm Programs and Updates – Susanah Porchas, County Executive Director, Rio Arriba County & Anthony Chavez, Agricultural Program Specialist, USDA Farm Service Agency
- 10:45 am** Farm Bill Update and Fly-In Opportunities – Abi Fain, IAC Policy & Government Relations Director & Abby Rohweder, IAC Policy Assistant
- 11:30 am** Farm Loans Update – Allen Mackrain, Farm Loan Manager, USDA Farm Service Agency

## LUNCH - 12:00 pm - *On your own*

### GENERAL SESSION

- 1:00 pm** Food Safety for Tribal Producers – Meagen Baldy, Food Safety Specialist, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative
- 2:00 pm** High Tunnel Hoop House Production for Season Extension – Del Jimenez, Agricultural Specialist, Rio Arriba County, NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
- 2:30 pm** New Mexico's Agricultural Workforce Development Program – Katie Mechenbier, Field Representative, New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- 3:00 pm** Adjourn

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