

TCEDC & NM Acequia Association are proud to present:

# The 4th Rancher Forum & Winter Market



**!FREE Event! February 24-25, 2012 (Fri. & Sat.) !FREE Event!**

## Agenda

### Friday Feb. 24, 2012 8:30 am-5:00 pm

- 8:30 am Registration & Refreshments
- 9:00 am Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15 am •Congressman **Ben Ray Lujan** (invited)  
•USDA Under Secretary for Marketing & Regulatory Programs– **Ed Avalos**  
•NRCS Chief of the West–**Robert Apodaca**  
•OASDFR
- 10:30 am Break
- 10:45 am Local Agency Panel including USDA Representatives  
•Farm Service Agency (FSA) •NRCS  
•Soil & Water Conservation •APHIS
- 11:30 am USDA-Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)
- 11:45 Lunch–“Creating Community thru Cooking”  
Lenten Meal at Taos Food Center
- 1:30 pm Mobile “Matanza” On-Ranch Harvest Demonstration
- 2:00 pm Organic Composting Demonstration  
Soil Data Quality Spec, NMSO–**Clarence Chavez**
- 3:00 pm Bison Growers Sessions  
Composting Presentation
- 4:00 pm Small Farm Sheep/Goat Operations–Patricia Quintana
- 4:30 pm Closing Remarks

### Saturday Feb. 25, 2012 8:30am-3:00 pm

- 8:30 am Registration & Refreshments
- 9:00 am Welcome & Introductions
- 9:15 am Historic Grazing Rights on USFS Land:  
Felipe Martinez, Rio Arriba County Commission
- 9:45 am Question & Answer Session
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:30 am Ranching in times of Drought: Strategies for survival
- 10:45 am USDA Programs for Drought Disaster Assistance
- 11:00 am Question & Answer Session
- 11:15 am Value-Added Meat Production: Steps to get your Meat USDA certified
- 11:30 am Question & Answer Session
- 12:00 noon Lunch featuring “Horno” roasted local meats
- 1:30 pm Rancher Panel
- 3:00 pm Closing Remarks

**Taking Place at: TCEDC Business Park  
1021 Salazar Rd.**



**Fri: 8:30-5:00 pm Sat: 8:30-3:00 pm**  
**Registration Starts:  
Fri. & Sat: 8:30 am**

**!Gas Stipends Provided!  
for Forum Attendees**

**Space is Limited!**

◆ **TCEDC'S 1st Winter Market**  
**Saturday Feb. 25th 9:00 am-12 noon at**  
**the Taos Food Center**  
**showcasing local “Matanza” Meat &**  
**Food Center products**

- ◆ Support Local Growers/Producers-Taste local meat
- ◆ Mobile “Matanza” on-ranch Harvest Demonstration  
Followed by
- ◆ Organic Composting Demonstration
- ◆ Hear about Rancher concerns & participate  
in discussions
- ◆ Historic Grazing Rights on USFS Land issues
- ◆ Tour the TCEDC Facilities

## Lodging Information:

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**Please RSVP by Feb. 16, 2012**  
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