

SATURDAY 3:30 to 5:00 pm • SESSION VI  
WORKSHOP SERIES • SEE PAGES 16-17 FOR AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

**LIVESTOCK • Beekeeping Without Chemicals**

Keeping bees on your farm has never been more important, as bee populations face a sharp decline around the world. *Les Crowder*, master bee-keeper, will introduce his top-bar hive system for honey bees. These hives are simple to build and will keep your bees happy and healthy.

**CROPS • Successful Organic Farmers Speak Out: Fruit Production**

Join successful organic fruit producers *Doug Findley*, of Heidi's Raspberry Farm in Corrales; and *Barbara Hawn* and *Trenton Wann* of Cider Mill Farms in Tularosa for a guided tour of what's happening in organic fruit production in New Mexico.



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**MARKETING/CERTIFICATION • Soil Health in Drylands—A Permaculture Approach**

There is more life and biomass underground than above the soil horizon. Soil is not just a surface upon which we garden, grow and walk, it is what determines the nutrient content of food, defines our water use, affects plant, animal and ecosystem health. Learn with *Scott Pittman* of the Permaculture Drylands Institute about simple techniques for improving our soils, by increasing its biological activity, diversifying its biota, improving water absorption and more.

**FARM SUPPORT • Strategies for Retirement/Transition to the Next Generation**

Farmers and ranchers nearing (what in any other occupation) would be considered retirement age, face a lot of questions. Do you want to cut back, and if so, how do you decide what to cut? Does it make sense to hire help or just let the farm “rest?” What are things to consider if you are passing the farm to the next generation? If there is no next generation, what plans do you want to make to conserve the land? These questions and others will be explored in this workshop for graying farmers and ranchers. *Speaker to be announced.*

**DEMONSTRATIONS • Veggie Washing Station**

Nobody likes their produce covered with mud. *Dr. Craig Ricketts*, Professor of Engineering Technology at NMSU and *Dr. Connie Falk*, Professor of Agricultural Economics at NMSU have collaborated to design and build a veggie washing station for on-farm use. Come see the results of their work and get the plans to build your own.