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# Impact Stories 2018

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**Master Gardener Training:** There is an increasing interest by consumers in locally grown produce because of the perceived freshness, nutritional content and reduced shipping inputs. Surveys administered to participants in Master Gardener sessions reported an increase in vegetable production knowledge with an average of 81% reporting they

learned a great about vegetable gardening from the trainings. In addition, an average of 67% of respondents reported being inspired to grow more vegetables for their families and communities as a direct result of the trainings. Survey results for combined (Sandoval, Valencia, Taos, Chaves, Los Alamos, and Bernalillo) county participants reported plans to produce almost two additional tons of fresh vegetables in their home gardens after attending the beginning vegetable garden training.

**Sustainable Agriculture Field Day:** With support from the WSARE program and ASC personnel, the first Sustainable Agriculture Field Day was coordinated at the Leyendecker PSRC. Some of the enthusiastic comments from participants included: "Please keep doing it! Good info! Good networking!" and "This was a great event! So interesting to see all of the ways the NMSU is working to meet current and future challenges of farming here. Thank you!" In addition, 63% of survey respondents indicated that they had acquired great knowledge and 33% good knowledge from the irrigation water use efficiency in pecans tour stop. For the regeneration of soil diversity presentation, 67% of respondents indicated great knowledge and 30% indicated good knowledge gained as a result of this field day presentation.