In-State Meat Inspection Program Panel, Belinda Garland, Shawn Davis, Dr. Ralph Zimmerman, and Dr. Tim Hanosh

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Summary:

Frontline workers for the In-State Meat Inspection Program provide a sense of security for agricultural producers. “They work hard for the industry,” Shawn Davis said. “I’m very proud of our field operations.”

Though in its infancy, development goals have been established to further the efforts of the program. Anticipated growth has led to a need for further staffing opportunities. A particular goal of the program is to continue information dissemination of tragic zoonotic diseases experienced in the cattle industry.

Belinda Garland calls to attention judicial concerns in cases involving larceny controversy and animal cruelty on the Gila range. “Now is a very important time for all of us to stand strong behind our law enforcement and all traditional law enforcement activities surrounding agriculture,” Garland said.

Key Points:

1. Inspectors work diligently to meet the needs of producers.
2. A trend for state program growth is beginning to emerge. NM is one of four states leading the initiation process.
3. A massive team of program officials is required to fulfill the needs of the NM livestock and poultry industries.
4. Law enforcement assists in mitigating the potential economic implications of crime and tragedy experienced by agrarians.
5. Provide support for law enforcement and industry officials on the frontlines of disease and crime mitigation in agricultural ventures.

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