CESFAS Seed Grant Rubric	
PI and Co-PIs:	
Title:	
Budget Requested:	
Topic Area (1-3):	
Strongly Encouraged Elements (Score 0-2; with 0 = No, 1= Included, 2 = Central to the project and clearly justified)	**Score**
Includes work with other institutions or agencies	
Includes work to be conducted at off-campus Ag Science Centers	
Aligns with CESFAS priority areas (e.g., value-added agriculture, sustainable food systems, and rural economic development)	
Includes meaningful student training or workforce development	
Criteria (rate on a scale of 1 - 10; with 10 being best)	
Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Does the proposed research establish an effective interdisciplinary team which includes faculty from two different NMSU Colleges? Does the research advance knowledge within and across disciplines to help solve complex problems?	
Research & Extension Integration: Does the proposal effectively address both research and extension needs?	
Clarity of Roles: Does the proposal clearly indicate the level of participation for each PI/Co-PI?	
Proposal Quality: Is the proposal clearly written? Does the proposal justification clearly indicate why the research is needed? Does the proposal clearly state the goals and objectives of the research?	
Expected Outcomes & Impact: Does the proposal clearly state the potential benefit and impacts of the research?	
Broader Impact: Does the proposal benefit the state of New Mexico and have broader applications (regional, national, and/or global)?	
Stakeholder Engagement: Does the proposal demonstrate meaningful collaboration with stakeholders (e.g., producer, industry partners, or community organizations) and include letters of support where applicable?	
Feasibility & Budget: Is the proposed budget reasonable and aligned with project scope, and can the work be completed in the proposed timeline with available personnel and infrastructure?	
Leverage & Future Funding: Does the proposed research generate data and outcomes that support future external funding opportunities, with specific potential funding sources identified?	

Proposal score	0

Comments: *Comments should justify scores and provide constructive feedback* **.**