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## Food and Ag-ISAC Welcomes New Mexico State University to Their University Partnership Program

**WASHINGTON (SEPTEMBER 4, 2025)** – The <u>Food and Agriculture - Information Sharing and Analysis Center</u> (Food and Ag-ISAC) today announced that <u>New Mexico State University</u> (NMSU) has joined its growing University Partnership Program, further strengthening its goal to foster collaboration between academia and the food and agriculture industry on critical cybersecurity topics.

NMSU is the latest institution to join the roster of <u>university partners</u>, which includes leading land-grant institutions. Through this new partnership, the Food and Ag-ISAC and NMSU will work together to promote threat intelligence sharing, advance research initiatives at the intersection of cybersecurity and food and agriculture, and improve the sector's resilience against cyber threats.

"We are thrilled to welcome New Mexico State University as a University Partner," said Jonathan Braley, Director of the Food and Ag-ISAC. "As we expand the reach of our academic collaborations, we open new pathways for sharing cutting-edge research and threat intelligence with producers and agricultural stakeholders across the nation."

The partnership will provide NMSU with another venue to share its research and insights with relevant leaders in the food and agriculture industry. Additionally, it will enable them to share threat intelligence it receives from the Food and Ag-ISAC with companies, farms, and ranchers through its agriculture extensions. Together, these initiatives will help companies of all sizes be better prepared to manage the complex cyber threat environment facing the industry.

"NMSU greatly looks forward to joining this distinguished collection of partnered universities while providing our own insights and findings," said Dr. Jon Boren, director of NMSU Cooperative Extension Service. "Maintaining the security of our country's food systems is paramount, and partnerships like this one enhance our collective resilience."

The University Partnership Program is designed to foster an open dialogue between the food and agriculture industry and leading academic institutions. In addition to helping integrate academic analysis into industry practices, the program also creates a pathway for smaller producers and rural stakeholders to benefit from shared threat intelligence and emerging research.

The addition of NMSU expands the reach of the Food and Ag-ISAC's University Partner network and reflects the growing interest among academic institutions to engage more directly with

industry on security issues. Academic institutions interested in participating in this partnership should contact <a href="mailto:membership@foodandag-isac.org">membership@foodandag-isac.org</a>.

**About the Food and Ag-ISAC:** Founded in 2023, the Food and Agriculture-Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Food and Ag-ISAC) provides threat intelligence, analysis, and effective security practices that help food and agriculture companies detect attacks, respond to incidents, and share indicators so they can better protect themselves and manage risks to their companies and the sector.

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