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State of New Mexico

**NEW MEXICO STATE LAND OFFICE**  
**Agricultural Leasing Bureau**

**Instructions for Submitting a Request for Assignment of Agricultural Lease**

The S-37 Assignment of Agricultural Lease form is to be used whether part of the entire agricultural lease is to be assigned. Any revisions or alterations to this form will not be processed.

- The first page of the application is to be completed by current Lessee(s) and signed in the presence of a notary.
- Name, mailing address and telephone number of purchaser(s) shall be given on the first two lines of the form. If there is more than one purchaser, the conjunction “or” will not be accepted.
- The legal description of the acreage being assigned shall be given on the front side of the form. The description shall include subdivision, sections, townships, ranges and acreage amounts. It is required that the total acreage amount being assigned is written on the form.
  - If this is a partial assignment request- An additional letter explaining the reason for partial assignment, map of the area, and PLSS legal description with acreage breakdowns are required.
- The second page of the application is to be completed by Assignee(s) and signed in the presence of a notary.
- A **\$100.00 Filing Fee** must accompany this assignment. If Lessee or Assignee submits a check for this payment, Lessee or Assignee authorizes the State of New Mexico to either process the payment as a check transaction *or* use the information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from the associated bank account.
- **If multiple Purchasers exist, a Limited Power of Attorney designating one Purchaser as the legal decision-maker must accompany this assignment, along with a separate \$10.00 Filing Fee.**
- **If a Trust is listed as the purchaser, a copy of the trust shall be provided, along with a separate \$10.00 Filing Fee.**
- **If an entity such as: LLC, LLP, INC, etc. is requesting to lease. That entity is required to be registered to conduct business and in “Good Standing” with the New Mexico Secretary of State.**
- **THIS LEASE ASSIGNMENT SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS.**

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Agricultural Leasing team at**

**[SLOSurfaceGrazing@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:SLOSurfaceGrazing@slo.state.nm.us) or (505) 827-5775.**



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**ASSIGNMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LEASE**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LESSEE:**

(I/We), the undersigned lessee(s), hereby assign to  
at the following Address (one mailing address only):

, telephone: ( ) - , e-mail address: ,

all (my/our) right, title and interest in State Agricultural Lease No. , and all rights to  
compensation for the improvements located on the leased lands, for which improvements (I/we)  
hereby either waive payment or acknowledge receipt of payment of full improvement value.

(I/We) acknowledge this assignment does not assign appurtenant water rights, and the transfer of  
water rights to the Purchaser requires a separate filing to the Office of the State Engineer with a  
copy of such filing to the Commissioner of Public Lands. (I/We) understand that this lease  
assignment results in the automatic termination of any existing sublease. State Agricultural Lease  
No. expires on: . The lands covered by said lease are described as follows:

TOWNSHIP                      RANGE                      SECTION                      SUBDIVISION                      ACRES

Check here if land description attached as Exhibit A and enter total acreage:

(Signature(s) of lessee(s) must exactly match name(s) on record. For example, if lessee's name on record is John A. Smith, lessee's signature should read John A. Smith, not J.A. Smith or J. Smith.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name, Title (if signing for corporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name, Title (if signing for corporation)

State of

County of

This instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_  
by \_\_\_\_\_.

(Print name(s) of person(s) acknowledged)

[Official Stamp]

**Signature of notarial officer**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY ASSIGNEE:**

(I/We), the undersigned lease Assignee(s), being eighteen years or more of age, do solemnly swear or affirm that (I/we) have read State Agricultural Lease No. \_\_\_\_\_, accept its terms and conditions, and agree to assume all obligations to the State as the lessee(s) of record under said lease, which is on file with the Commissioner of Public Lands as a public record. (I/We) acknowledge this assignment does not assign appurtenant water rights.

**(I/We) acknowledge that commercial sales of water for use in oil and gas drilling, development, or production is expressly prohibited. Please note that you are limited to 3 acre-feet per year on a livestock well permit.**

**(I/We) acknowledge that plans to cultivate, sublease, or place improvements upon this State Agricultural Lease, require a separate application from the State Land Office's Agricultural Leasing Bureau and the Commissioner's written approval.**

**(I/We) have reviewed and agree to comply with the State Land Office's Cultural Properties Protection Rule (19.2.24 NMAC).**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Assignee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name, Title (if signing for corporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name, Title (if signing for corporation)

**State of**

**County of**

**This instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_**

**by \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Print name(s) of person(s) acknowledged) (Title/authority and corporation, if applicable)

[Official Stamp]

**Signature of notarial officer**

**Name:**

**Title:**

**THIS LEASE ASSIGNMENT SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS.**

**Commissioner's Approval:**

**APPROVED IN FAVOR OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PURCHASER(S) THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.**

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**COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS**

S-37 (Revised 1/23) APPLICATION FEE \$100.00

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