



DERRICK LENTE

Derrick is a son of two Native American Pueblos in New Mexico; Isleta Pueblo and Sandia Pueblo. Derrick wears many hats that include attorney, professor, business owner, politician, farmer, rancher and father. Derrick and his daughter Jade have committed to the promotion of their family farm and ranch enterprise, Lente Land and Cattle. Lente Land and Cattle's present site has been home to his ancestral Sandia people, where they have cultivated the land and raised their families, since 1300 AD. Lente Land and Cattle farms 100-acres of irrigated alfalfa. They also raise between 75-100 purebred registered Santa Gertrudis cows

for organic beef production and community education on 400-acres of both irrigated pastureland and native rangeland. In 2014 Derrick was appointed by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to the Council for Native American Farming and Ranching. The Council consists of fifteen members, including four USDA officials and eleven Native American leaders and provides recommendations to the Secretary on changes to Farm Service Agency regulations and other measures that would eliminate barriers to program participation for Native American farmers and ranchers.