



College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Eastern Extension District

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Mission Statement

Provide the people of New Mexico with practical, research-based knowledge and programs to improve their quality of life. The base programs of the Cooperative Extension Service are agriculture and natural resources, consumer and family issues, youth development, and community economic development.

Quick Facts

- Eastern District faculty reached over 178,519 clientele in 2023 through county-based Extension programs, conferences, field days, school programs, and one-on-one consulting.
- Eastern District produces 66% of New Mexico's agricultural cash receipts. Our counties rank in the top 50 nationally in dairy, sheep, cattle, pecan, and peanut production.
- Eastern District Extension agents reach clientele through mass media outlets, such as newspapers, radio, television, and social media.

ACES Pillars for Economic and Community Development



Foundational Education and Training

Selected Program Impacts

- **Safety programs reach over 2,000 youth** annually, providing hands-on training on ATV safety, lawnmower and home chemical safety, how to make a 911 call, water safety, and first aid.
- **Diabetic cooking schools** are conducted throughout the district, increasing participants' knowledge of healthy food choices and meal planning and providing hands-on opportunities to learn cooking techniques.
- **Agricultural programs** are conducted in beef production, range management, and crop production. Programs centered on sustainable production enable the district to produce over 66% of the state's agricultural cash receipts.
- **District 4-H programming reached 107,350 youth.** More than 1286 adult volunteers contributed over 30,000 hours valued at \$821,400.
- **Extension Home Economists provide programs** on cancer screening, day care provider training, home business development, family health screening, and nutrition, helping to extend the lives of clientele and improving family resources.
- **Demonstrations and on-farm trials** located throughout the district help clientele refine growing practices and evaluate new and potential varieties for specific locations.
- **Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition programs** reached over 18,249 clientele, 12,329 being youth participants. With 429 programs delivered which taught healthy food choices, food preparation, food safety, and food resource management.
- **Extension agents have established** community gardens, local food cooperatives, and farmers' markets, providing rural citizens a source of produce and stimulating economic development.
- **Extension agents are working** with local communities to provide programs for military families, conduct hospitality training for businesses, and provide assistance in community resource development to build stronger communities and encourage economic development.
- **Natural resource programs** are helping to monitor drought conditions and teach wise water use and alternative energy technologies.



Selected Partnerships and Collaborators

- Colfax County Commission
- Union County Commission
- Harding County Commission
- Quay County Commission
- Curry County Commission
- DeBaca County Commission
- Guadalupe County Commission
- Roosevelt County Commission
- Chaves County Commission
- Lea County Commission
- Eddy County Commission
- Agricultural chemical companies
- Wheat and grain sorghum producer associations
- Livestock associations
- New Mexico dairy producers
- Progressive Ag Foundation
- NM Farm and Livestock Bureau
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
- USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- NM Livestock Board
- Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center
- 35 school districts
- NMSU Agricultural Experiment Station: Clovis and Artesia Agricultural Science Centers and Clayton Livestock Research Center
- Plateau Communications
- Clovis Community College

Faculty, Areas of Expertise, and Location

Department Head

- **Patrick Kircher**, Eastern District Department Head

Colfax County

- **Boe Lopez**, County Director/Agriculture
- **Lacey McCurry**, 4-H Youth

Chaves County

- **Tamara Schubert**, County Director/Family & Consumer Science
- **Drew Garnett**, Agriculture
- **Katelynn Wright**, 4-H Youth

Curry County

- **Mindy Turner**, County Director/Family & Consumer Science
- **VACANT**, Agriculture
- **Kandy Hutchins**, 4-H Youth

DeBaca County

- **Kari Henry**, County Director/4-H/Agriculture

Eddy County

- **Wayne Shockey**, County Director/4-H
- **Vonda Frost**, Family & Consumer Science
- **VACANT**, Agriculture

Guadalupe County

- **Susann Mikkelson**, County Director, Agriculture/4-H

Harding County

- **Courtney Mitchell**, County Director/ Agriculture/ 4-H

Lea County

- **Chelsey Wilson**, County Director/4-H
- **VACANT**, Family & Consumer Science
- **VACANT**, Agriculture

Quay County

- **Jason Lamb**, County Director/Agriculture
- **Erin Smith**, Family & Consumer Science

Roosevelt County

- **Patrick Kircher**, County Director/Agriculture
- **Ryan Craig**, 4-H Youth
- **VACANT**, Family & Consumer Science

Union County

- **Talisha Valdez**, County Director/ Agriculture