Our mission, since 1957, has been to conduct research on forage crops, vegetables, fruits, and other crops important to New Mexicans in the Middle Rio Grande Valley. Through a cooperative agreement with the USDA-NRCS Los Lunas Plant Materials Center (PMC), the ASC–Los Lunas and PMC work together to solve agricultural and conservation issues.

Current Research and Projects
• Grain and forage trials (including alfalfa variety trials).
• Pecan and chile research.
• Blue corn and dry bean production for seed.
• Jujube research.
• Preemergence herbicide trials for chile.
• Comparative research of drip versus furrow irrigation.
• Urban/Small Farm Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program.
  - Aims to improve the environment, health, and economic competitiveness of the state’s small-scale growers, organic producers, land managers, and other clients by increasing awareness and implementation of IPM.
  - Reduce unnecessary insecticide use through increased knowledge, understanding, and use of alternatives to chemical controls, including biological, cultural, and physical control tactics.
• IPM research.
  - Biology and management of squash bug and the newly established Bagrada bug.
  - Management tactics for tree fruit pests for small-scale growers.
  - Habitat management for pollinators and other beneficial insects.
• Cooperative Extension Service support.
  - 4-H programs, such as Kids, Kows and More and the Annual Fall Festival program.
  - Drip tape and plastic mulch demonstrations.
  - Science Center tours for agricultural associations and elementary schools.
  - River XChange Education Program.