



Agricultural Science Center at Los Lunas

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.



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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.

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