

CRAIG S. PAINTER

Curriculum Vita

EXPERIENCE

2014-Present New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
State 4-H Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Responsible for the 4-H youth development program in the areas of agriculture and natural resources state-wide. This includes, but not limited to, livestock production, plant production, and the shooting sports program. Serves as a resource to agents in the thirty-three counties around the state and develops state-wide programs as needed and requested. Assists with 4-H curriculum development and 4-H in-service. Responsible for all state-wide agriculture related contests as well as the state shooting sports contest.

1999-2014 New Mexico State University San Juan County, NM
San Juan County Program Director/Extension 4-H Agent

With over 600 members, 200 leaders and 32 community clubs, San Juan Co. is the largest traditional 4-H program in the state. As the 4-H Agent I manage all aspect of the program. Duties include volunteer recruitment and training, member recruitment and training in related subject material, serve as a resource person as well as organize many activities in the 4-H program. The county is very active in many areas including shooting sports, rodeo, horse showing, and junior livestock to name a few. 4-H judging teams have won first in the state in meats, parliamentary procedure and shooting sports as well as many top five finishes. While as an agent, have planned and executed district contest and district horse show and have been instrumental many livestock jackpots. Have assisted with state and national 4-H shooting sports events. Have served on various committees including Reporting and Change Agent States for Engagement this year. Became the County Program Director in 2008 and responsible for all aspects of the county extension program.

1996-1999 Aztec Municipal Schools Aztec, NM
Agricultural Education Teacher

Instructed students in grade 9-12 in a number of agriscience classes. Classes included production agriculture, leadership, horticulture, and agriculture mechanics. Duties included lesson preparation, discipline, maintenance of agriculture department, inventory of supplies, and coaching numerous judging teams as well as serve as the FFA Advisor. Coached the state wining livestock and agriculture issues team that both placed sixth at the national competition.

Was instrumental in planning and designing new agricultural facilities including a new greenhouse and starting a horticulture program to compliment the production. program. Also, restarted the swine production facilities that benefited many students in this field.

1994–1996 Corona Public Schools Corona, NM
Agricultural Education Teacher

Instructed students in grade 7-12 in various agricultural education classes. Duties included lesson preparation, discipline, maintenance of agriculture department, inventory of supplies, and coaching numerous judging teams. Serve as the FFA Advisor and take a strong interest in student projects and activities. Prepared and motivated students to participate in FFA activities at the local level and beyond. Organized and planned numerous extracurricular trips including the National FFA Convention. I also served as the coordinator of the cooperative work/study program.

1987–1994 Bartow High School, Polk Co. School Board Bartow, FL
Agricultural Education Teacher

Instructed students in Agriscience at a large, two teacher agriculture department. Responsible for instruction, lesson planning, discipline, and counseling of students. Served as the FFA Advisor and trained a top ten poultry team and livestock teams that placed in the top four statewide during my last three years in this position.

1979–1987 (Summers) Philmont Scout Ranch Cimarron, NM
Retail System Operations Manager

Served in many positions in a million dollar per season retail operation. During my last three summers, served as the Systems Operations Manager of the entire retail system. Duties included supervising 38 employees, ordering and maintaining inventory for all stock available at Philmont, and training and evaluation of the retail staff. Was considered extremely successful.

EDUCATION

2002	New Mexico State University	Las Cruces, NM
M.A., Agricultural Extension Education.		
1991-94	University of Florida	Gainesville, FL
Seven hours completed in Agricultural Education and Supervision.		
1987	Texas Tech University	Lubbock, TX
B.S., Agricultural Education.		

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

- Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout Award, 1978
- Outstanding Polk County Agriculture Teacher 1991-1992
- New Mexico FFA, Leader of Leaders Award 1999-2000; 1995-1996
- Epsilon Sigma Phi, State Early Career Award 2003
- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Achievement in Service Award 2004
- National Association of Extension 4-H Agents, Distinguished Service Award 2006