

Tony A. Valdez

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Education

Master of Arts in Agriculture and Extension Education, New Mexico State University
1989

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Extension Education, New Mexico State
University, 1986

Professional

Agricultural Agent and County Program Director, New Mexico State University
Cooperative Extension Service 1993 to Present. Thirty years of professional Extension
experience, served as a Program Coordinator in Taos County (Summer 1984 and 1985),
McKinley County in 1988, State 4-H Office Las Cruces 1989, 4-H Youth Agent Rio Arriba
1990-1993, and Rio Arriba County Agricultural Agent and director until 2012. Taos County
Agricultural Agent and director 2012 to present

NMSU ACES Rank

Assistant Professor

Responsibilities have included:

- Conducting educational programs for adult audiences within Rio Arriba County and Taos County in the area of production agriculture for livestock, hay, fruit, vegetable, field crops producers, and natural resource management (water conservation and range monitoring and management)
- Conducting education programs for adult audiences within Rio Arriba County and Taos County in the area of landscape and ornamental horticulture recommending the best management practices including integrated pest management (IPM) practices,
- Assisting agricultural producers in marketing of agricultural commodities through various marketing outlets, especially farmers markets
- Assisting communities within Rio Arriba County and Taos County with community and economic development issues,
- Assisting 4-H Youth Development Agents in conducting educational programming in the areas agriculture and natural resources,
- Conducting educational programs for adult audiences in the areas of volunteerism and leadership development,
- Conducting school enrichment programs and curriculum at public schools in Rio Arriba County and Taos County

- Providing oversight to the overall Extension Program within Rio Arriba County and presently in Taos County including dealing with administrative matters.

Personal Experience

Lifelong Rancher and Farmer for Valdez Land and Cattle LLC.

Leadership Roles and Memberships

Served as:

- State 4-H Leadership Team Advisor, 1990
- North-central New Mexico Small Farms and Ranch Task force, member 1993-present, Secretary 2005 – 2009, Chairman 2009-2010
- New Mexico Association of County Agricultural Agents Member 1993-2000
- New Mexico Apple Marketing Task Force, member, 1993-2001
- National Association of County Agricultural Agents, Member 1993-2000
- Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association, member, 2001-present.
- Cerro Azul Grazing Association , Member
- Valle Vidal Grazing Association, member
- New Mexico Hunter Education Instructor 1994 – present
- Northern New Mexico Cooperative Weed Management Area Secretary 2004-present
- Rio Arriba County Comprehensive planning member, 2005-present
- Rio Arriba County Food Policy Council member 2009-present
- Taos Tree Board
- Town of Taos and County pesticide policy development committee