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### Education

1988 B.A. Physics, Rutgers University

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Edmund Gomez serves as Assistant Department Head and College Professor under New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service's Extension Economics Department. He also serves as director for the Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project and the Northern New Mexico Outreach Project based at the Sustainable Agriculture Science Center at Alcalde, NM. He also serves as coordinator for the Northern New Mexico Small Farm Task Force.

These projects are committed to rural economic development and outreach in north central New Mexico and provide extension education programs in leadership and organizational development, value added agriculture, sustainable agriculture, and small business development serving predominantly Hispanic and Native American small-scale, limited resource producers. He has served fifteen years in this position.

Gomez received his B.S. in Agricultural Biology and Agronomy as well as his M.A. in Agricultural and Extension Education from New Mexico State University, and his C.D.S from the University of Central Arkansas.

Edmund Gomez served as agriculture agent on the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation and the Southern Ute Indian reservation for three years. Prior to working with extension, he managed the family farm and ranch in northwestern New Mexico for fifteen years and taught adult education classes on the Jicarilla Apache Indian reservation for three years. Currently Gomez serves as state coordinator for the USDA National Small Farm Program and served on the National Commission on Small Farms, with major contribution to Policy Goal 6 and minority farmer and rancher issues. He serves as a member of the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Advisory Committee, chair of the Diversity Committee. He served as national co-chair and as state host chair for the Third National Small Farm Conference and served on both the steering and the program committees for the Fourth and Fifth Conferences. Gomez has been asked to testify by the U.S House of Representatives, Committee on Resources on the impact of federal land use policies on rural communities in northern New Mexico. He received the USDA National Small Farm Program Appreciation Award in 2000, 2002 and 2005 along with the USDA Forest Service National Range Conservation Award in 2000 for assisting in developing the Valle Grande Grass Bank Project. In 1999, 2002 and 2008 he received the USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award and in 1999 the National Association of County Agriculture Agents Achievement Award.

Under his leadership and guidance, the Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project Staff received the 2008 National Award for Diversity from the USDA CSREES, Extension Committee on Organization and Policy and the National Extension Diversity Taskforce.