

Supporting Texas Jobs through CONTINUING EDUCATION



Challenges

- > Due to the critical role of certain occupations, state and federal regulations require certification, licensing or continuing education to maintain minimum competency standards.
- > High-quality training and continuing education are essential for service providers and employees in the occupations with these requirements.



Contact

Jeff Hyde

Director, Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service

979.862.3932

jeff.hyde@ag.tamu.edu

AgriLife Extension Response

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offers numerous educational programs recognized by state and industry accreditation authorities for meeting continuing education and certification requirements. These programs serve thousands of people who render vital community services, enabling them to obtain or keep a job, start a business or stay in business.

Economic Impacts

AgriLife Extension directly supports **79,448 jobs** in Texas, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$1.5 billion** with its workforce-related continuing education and certification programs.

- > AgriLife Extension's **Child Care Conferences** directly support 447 child care businesses and 1,710 jobs, representing an estimated annual revenue of **\$289 million** and an annual wage base of **\$39.5 million**.
- > The federally designated **Pesticide Safety Education Program** in Texas directly supports 63,949 pesticide applicators in Texas, with a salary and time value of **\$980 million**.
- > **EPA Water Sense** and other programs directly support over 1,233 jobs in the landscape irrigation industry, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$35.4 million** through the School of Irrigation.
- > The **V. G. Young Institute of County Government** directly supports 1,508 county officials, with an annual salary base of **\$98.3 million**.
- > The **Cotton Ginners Schools** directly supports 92 ginning jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$2.5 million**.
- > **Food Safety Education Program** trains more than 7,800 food service managers and other employees, with a collective annual wage base of **\$198.2 million**.
- > Job training and continuing education through **Beef Quality Assurance trainings, Feedyard Camp** and the **Feedyard Technician Program** support 198 Texas jobs, with an annual wage base of **\$5.2 million**.
- > The **Texas Watershed Steward Program** directly supports 369 jobs in Texas, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$15.5 million**.
- > The **Tax Practitioner Workshops** directly support 2,049 jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$139 million** by delivering continuing education to tax practitioners.
- > The **Mosquito Abatement Program** directly supports more than 500 jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$22.8 million**.



EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE | PROVIDING SOLUTIONS

2020

AGRILIFEEXTENSION.TAMU.EDU/IMPACTS