



DISASTER READINESS & RECOVERY FOR TEXAS

Experts in Response and Recovery

Past disasters such as Hurricane Harvey and the recent Panhandle Wildfire demonstrate that many Texas counties are strained by the complexities of disaster preparedness, response and long-term recovery. That is why our agency has stood up the Disaster Assessment & Recovery (DAR) Unit with support from the Texas Legislature. The award-winning DAR unit works in response to Texans' needs during natural disasters and pandemics, assisting counties and local personnel during both blue and grey sky days. The unit works in partnership with the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), part of The Texas A&M University System.

Emergency Preparedness

- **Plan for Risk Reduction**
- **Support Community Health**
- **Teach mitigation and recovery**
- **Collaborate with other agencies**



Emergency Response & Recovery

- **Operate animal supply points**
- **Assess damage**
- **Teach recovery workshops**
- **Conduct Mental Health First Aid trainings**
- **Act as liaisons**
- **Provide expert help**



Demonstrated Community Need

AgriLife Extension is uniquely positioned to provide this assistance due to its statewide network of educators, volunteers and offices serving all 254 Texas counties. The agency can rapidly deploy specialized professionals to the disaster impact zone and, as a member of the Texas Emergency Management Council, continue its support of lead state agencies during such operations.

250

offices serving every county in Texas



20.6M

annual direct teaching contacts



83,477

volunteers giving 3.19 million hours of service valued at \$101 million



407,000

youth reached through participation in 4-H activities



Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is an equal opportunity employer and program provider. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Working in advance of, and in response to, Texans' needs

Through the force multiplier of the Extension Agent Network, our agency provides unique specializations in support of Texans, including:

- **Preparation, Recovery, & Response**, ensuring adept handling of crises;
 - **Economics**, to help commodity partners and producers navigate financial challenges;
 - **Environmental and Natural Resources expertise**, that enables sustainable strategies;
 - **Livestock Production proficiency**, ensuring agricultural stability; and finally
 - **Long Term Program Support**, both in Ag and Natural Resources, alongside Family and Community Health, to fulfill our commitment to community resilience and recovery after the emergency ends.
- Aligned with the Council of Governments (COGs) across the state and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) service regions.
 - Coordinates the rapid deployment of DAR agents, the Extension agent network and agency strike teams to assist with recovery resources, volunteer management, and other needs as directed by local county management officials.
 - Provides a dedicated presence at the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to coordinate greater engagement at the statewide level.

Response & Recovery	Mental Health First Aid	Community Risk Assessment	Animal Supply Points	Flood & Stormwater Mitigation
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Economic Impact



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Serving Texans Where They Need Us

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a unique education agency that provides programs, tools, and resources on a local and statewide level that teach people how to improve agriculture and food production, advance health practices, protect the environment, strengthen the economy, and enrich youth.

Through a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices, Extension addresses the diverse range of contemporary and emerging issues that affect local communities, and we provide educational programming that addresses the needs of Texans.

Visit AgriLife Extension's website for more information about specific programs and contact information for your local county AgriLife Extension office.

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