

## Making a Difference in Education

In 2023 alone, over 83,000 volunteers partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service professionals to dedicate their time and effort into educating youth and adults across the state.

Volunteers are local residents who possess an interest in a particular subject. AgriLife Extension provides further training and expertise to increase their knowledge and skills in that subject. Volunteers then use what they have learned to facilitate and promote AgriLife Extension education programming in their local communities.

AgriLife Extension's volunteer program offers endless possibilities, including the Extension Master Volunteer program. Master Volunteers teach youth or adults, train other volunteers, and work on projects around their community.

AgriLife Extension offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that range from working outdoors to acting as a mentor to youth. These programs include:

- Master Gardener
- Texas Master Naturalist
- Master Wellness
- 4-H Livestock Project Mentors
- Master Marketers
- 4-H Youth Development

The work and dedication that is contributed by our volunteers not only positively impact our Texas communities, but also impacts the state economy.

In 2023, 83,477 Extension volunteers provided 3.19 million hours of service valued at over \$101 million to their local communities.



250 offices serving every county in Texas



20.6M

annual direct teaching contacts



83,477

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407,000

youth reached through participation in 4-H activities



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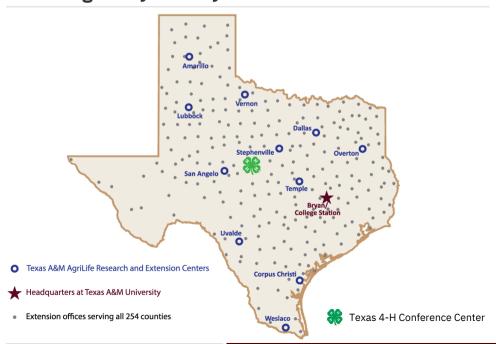
#### **Building Better Communities**

In addition to the countless number of volunteers who dedicate their time and effort to bettering themselves and their communities, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service also offers educational programs for elected county officials and community leaders across the state.

Our V.G. Young Institute of County Government is a valuable source of continuing education for county officials in Texas, providing accredited hours that apply toward the state-mandated continuing education requirements for county judges and commissioners, county tax assessor-collectors, and government HR professionals.

Similarly, the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program is a comprehensive leadership enhancement program administered by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The TALL program is a two year study of agricultural issues, policies, markets and environmental issues for emerging leaders in Texas agriculture. This program was implemented to train the next generation of agriculture leaders to support our most valued national security issue — our food and fiber.

### **Reaching Every County in Texas**



# 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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