

# 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.



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## 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 **155,400 jobs** in Texas, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$4.6 billion** with its workforce-related continuing education and certification programs.

- AgriLife Extension's **Promoting Early Education Quality** trainings directly support 76,000 child care jobs with an annual wage base of **\$2.7 billion**.
- The federally designated **Pesticide Safety Education Program** in Texas directly supports 63,138 pesticide applicators in Texas, with a salary and time value of **\$1.2 billion**.
- The **School of Irrigation** directly supports over 1,169 jobs in the landscape irrigation industry, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$38.9 million**.
- The **V. G. Young Institute of County Government** directly supports 1,542 county officials, with an annual salary base of **\$111.2 million**.
- The **Onsite Wastewater System Management** directly supports 4,500 licensed service professional jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$200 million**.
- The **Mosquito Abatement Program** directly supports more than 620 jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$25.7 million**.
- Job training and continuing education through **Beef Quality Assurance trainings, Feedyard Camp and the Feedyard Technician Program** support 726 Texas jobs, with an annual wage base of **\$13.9 million**.
- The **Texas Watershed Steward Program** directly supports 406 jobs in Texas, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$18.9 million**.
- **Tax Workshops** directly support 689 jobs, with an estimated annual wage base of **\$54 million** by delivering continuing education to tax practitioners.
- **Food Safety Education Program** trains more than 7,000 food service managers and other employees, with a collective annual wage base of **\$213 million**.
- AgriLife Extension continuing education programs for **licensed realtors** in Texas supports 3,925 real estate jobs with average annual earnings of **\$79 million**.