IMPROVING FLORIDA’S
Workforce, Economy, and Natural Resources

UF/IFAS pesticide programs support:

- 56,000 pest control workers and pesticide applicators with a wage base of $1.7 billion
- 3,131 new and renewal pesticide applicator licenses in 2015
- $60 million in economic benefit to the state.

UF/IFAS Extension partners with state agencies, professional organizations, and pest management and landscaping businesses to provide training that helps thousands of Florida’s workers improve their skills, knowledge and job opportunities.

Between 2007 and 2015:

- 27,000 pesticide applicator licensees trained,
- 37,000 certified in Green Industry Best Management Practices, and
- 2,200 attended the UF/IFAS Pest Management University.

Economic Benefits

- A well-trained workforce
- Higher profits and lower costs for Green Industry businesses
- Reduced liability
- Less damage due to termites and bed bugs

Environmental/Health Benefits

- Reduced chemical exposure
- Safe and effective pesticide use
- A safer water supply, safer environment

**Direct benefit of $27m due to salary differential ($8,760 x 3,131) and additional $33m in indirect benefits due to additional income being spent in the economy.**