



IMPROVING FLORIDA'S

Workforce, Economy, and Natural Resources

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.

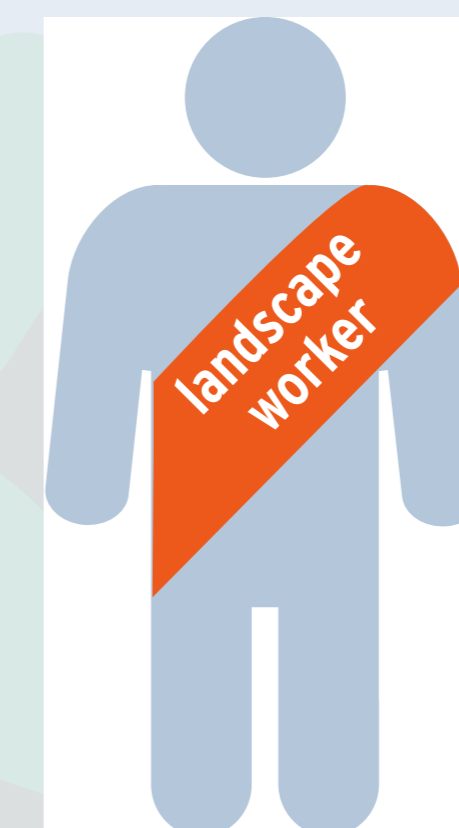
UF/IFAS pesticide programs support:

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.¹

47%
of applicator licenses issued in 2014 went to
state & local government employees.



\$23,760
ANNUAL WAGE



\$32,520
ANNUAL WAGE

Average annual wage is
37% or
\$8,760
higher for licensed applicators.

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

¹Direct 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.