

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 2017:

- **33,000** pesticide applicator licensees trained,
- **46,000** certified in Green Industry Best Management Practices, and
- **2,900** attended the UF/IFAS Pest Management University.

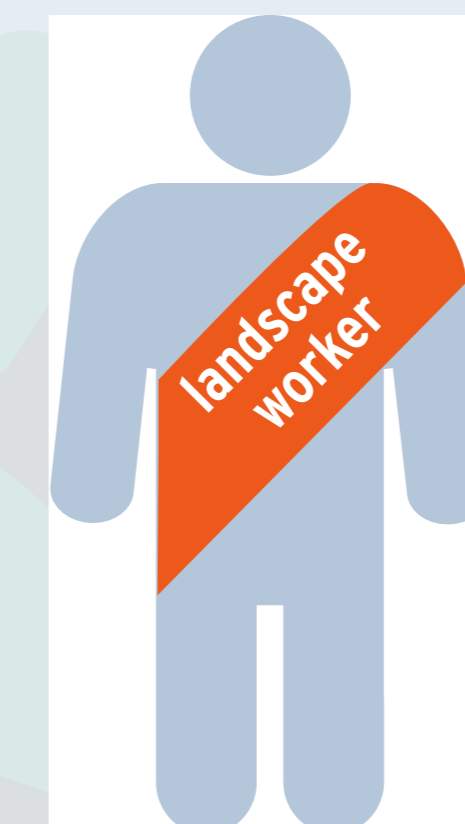
UF/IFAS pesticide programs support:

56,000
pest control workers and pesticide applicators with a wage base of
\$1.96 billion

2,807
new and renewal pesticide applicator licenses in 2017

\$66 million
in economic benefit to the state.¹

23%
of applicator licenses issued in 2017 went to
state & local government employees.



\$26,083
ANNUAL WAGE



\$34,715
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Average annual wage is
33% or
\$8,632
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

*Direct benefit of \$24m due to salary differential (\$8,632x 2,807) and additional \$42m in indirect benefits due to additional income being spent in the economy.