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 2016:
- **30,000** pesticide applicator licensees trained,
- **41,000** certified in Green Industry Best Management Practices, and
- **2,600** attended the UF/IFAS Pest Management University.

**UF/IFAS pesticide programs support:**

- **55,000** pest control workers and pesticide applicators with a wage base of **$1.75 billion**
- **2,975** new and renewal pesticide applicator licenses in 2015
- **$55 million** in economic benefit to the state.\(^1\)

21% of applicator licenses issued in 2016 went to **state & local government** employees.

**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

\(^1\)Direct benefit of $25m due to salary differential ($8,382 x 2,975) and additional $30m in indirect benefits due to additional income being spent in the economy.