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.

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

Average annual wage is **33%** or **$8,632** higher for licensed applicators.

$26,083 ANNUAL WAGE

$34,715 ANNUAL WAGE

1 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.

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