



Reducing Recidivism Through **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and CERTIFICATION**

UF/IFAS Extension provides training opportunities for inmates at the Federal Correctional Complex, Coleman (FCC Coleman), a U.S. federal prison. Through horticulture and culinary programs, inmates can receive certificates such as

- the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe® and ManageFirst Professional®,
- UF/IFAS Green Industries-Best Management Practices (GI-BMP), and
- the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association's Certified Horticulture Professional (FCHP).

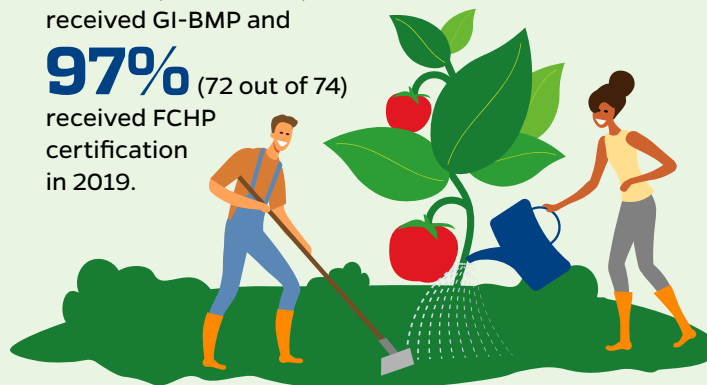
UF/IFAS Extension programs at FCC Coleman are designed not only to provide credentials that are useful or required for employment, but also skills and assistance that improve an inmate's likelihood of being hired after release, thus reducing their chances of being reincarcerated.

HIGH SUCCESS RATES

Horticulture

98% of FCC Coleman students (57 out of 58) received GI-BMP and

97% (72 out of 74) received FCHP certification in 2019.



Culinary

78% (62 out of 80) of medium security inmates and

61% (44 out of 72) of high security inmates received ServSafe® and/or ManageFirst certificates in 2019.



LOWER RECIDIVISM

5.4% rate of recidivism among **500** FCC Coleman students who completed the horticulture program over the past 9 years

vs.

the national average rate of recidivism within 8 years of release from federal prison, which is

49.3%.¹



BIG SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS

\$8.2 MILLION in estimated taxpayer savings due to dramatically lower recidivism rate.²



¹United States Sentencing Commission (2016)

²The average annual cost of incarceration for each federal inmate in 2018 was \$37,499 (Bureau of Prisons, Federal Register, November 2019). The estimated cost of incarceration is \$9.2M at higher recidivism rate (500 x 49.3% x \$37,499) vs. \$1M at the lower rate (500 x 5.4% x \$37,499).