

## Fact Sheet: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

### TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION



#### QUICK FACTS:

**Established:**  
1915

**Number of teaching contacts:**  
23 million in FY 2015

**Number of volunteers supporting extension programs:**  
96,794

**Number of counties with an Extension office:**  
250

**FY 2015 operating budget:**  
\$154 million  
*(includes \$33 million in local operating funds from county commissioners courts)*

## Agency Overview

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a unique outreach education agency with a statewide network of professional educators, trained volunteers, and county offices. It reaches into every Texas county to address local priority needs.

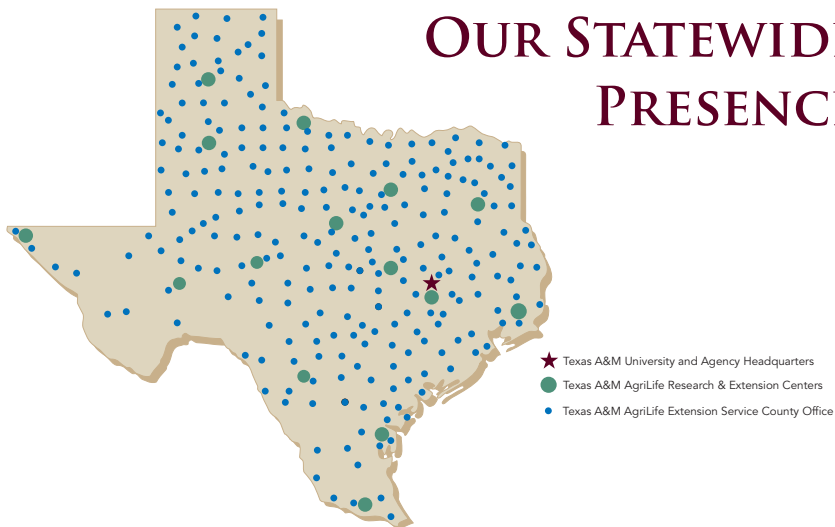
Some of our major efforts are in mitigating drought impacts; conserving water use in homes, landscapes, and production agriculture; improving emergency management; enhancing food security; and protecting human health through education about diet, exercise, and disease prevention and management.



AgriLife Extension demonstrates the latest technology and best practices to improve the state's food and fiber system, which serves all Texas consumers and contributes nine percent of the gross domestic product. Our Texas 4-H youth program, engages nearly 600,000 youth every year in learning projects, leadership development, and community service.

Collaborative programs enable extension educators and their partners to extend resources and prevent duplication of services. For 2014, extension program plans included 185 collaborators—diverse private sector and nonprofit entities—and hundreds of school districts.

## OUR STATEWIDE PRESENCE



### PROGRAMS

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offers a diverse array of educational programs, activities, and resources. But they go by many names! They're generally organized under one of our four broad program areas:

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- 4-H Youth Development
- Community Economic Development

The agency also conducts job-related training for thousands of individuals who provide important community services.

AgriLife Extension is always local with 251 offices serving all 254 counties. In addition, 12 collaborative AgriLife Research and Extension centers are located throughout the state.

### AGRILIFE EXTENSION DIRECTOR



The appointment of Dr. Douglas L. Steele as director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service was finalized on November 2, 2012.

Prior to this he was vice president for external relations and director of Extension for Montana State University. Steele previously held Extension positions at Colorado State University, where he had been assistant director and state 4-H program leader, and at Purdue University, where he served as an Extension specialist and assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. From 1981 to 1992 he held various Extension positions within The Texas A&M University System, including Extension agent, county director, and Extension specialist.

He is a past chair of the national Extension Committee on Organization and Policy, which works on vital issues of federal funding and national system initiatives. Dr. Steele holds a doctoral degree in educational human resource development from Texas A&M University.



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