

Fact Sheet: Texas A&M AgriLife Research

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE RESEARCH



QUICK FACTS:

Established:
1887

Number of research projects:
533

2015 research funding:
\$202.5 million

Number of regional centers:
12

FY 2016 operating budget:
\$194 million

Agency Overview

Texas A&M AgriLife Research is the state's premier research and technology development agency in agriculture, natural resources, and the life sciences. Headquartered in College Station, AgriLife Research has a statewide presence, with scientists and research staff on other Texas A&M University System campuses and at 12 regional Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers.

We conduct over 500 projects each year, with more than \$200 million in research funding. AgriLife Research helps to improve the productivity, efficiency, and profitability of agriculture. At the same time, we focus on conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

AgriLife Research has approximately 550 doctoral-level scientists spanning many disciplines, from genetics and genomics to air and water quality. The annual economic gains from investments in Texas's public agricultural research are estimated at more than \$1 billion. By collaborating with other institutions and agencies, commodity groups, and private industry, AgriLife Research is helping to strengthen the state's position in the global marketplace by meeting modern challenges through innovative solutions.





INSTITUTES

In addition to collaborations with departments within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and TVMDL, AgriLife Research also includes 9 centers & institutes:

- Center for Bioinformatics & Genomic Systems Engineering
- Institute for Infectious Animal Diseases
- Institute of Plant Genomics & Biotechnology
- National Center for Electron Beam Research
- Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture
- Texas A&M Institute for Genomic Medicine
- Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources
- Texas Water Resources Institute
- Vegetable & Fruit Improvement Center

Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Centers serve Texas residents and agricultural producers within the distinctive regions of the state, with their unique agricultural commodities, urban and rural communities, regional soil types, and environmental conditions.

AGRILIFE RESEARCH DIRECTOR



Dr. Craig L. Nessler was named director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research in December 2009.

Dr. Nessler's began his 30-year career as an assistant professor of biology. During his 21 years on campus, he rose in rank to professor and associate head in the Department of Biology. He left in 2000 to head the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

In 2004, Dr. Nessler was promoted to director of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and associate dean for research in Virginia Tech's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. During his tenure leading the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station, the college rank rose from 14th to 5th nationally in National Science Foundation research expenditures among agricultural and natural resource programs.

Dr. Nessler earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology at the College of William and Mary. He earned his doctoral degree in plant science, with a pharmacology minor, from Indiana University in 1976.



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