BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

Pesticides are an important piece of pest management in Florida and their application may have beneficial or detrimental consequences, largely based on the training of the individual applicator. The use of pesticides is a requirement in many occupations including controlling invasive species in natural areas, pests in agricultural production and maintaining visually appealing landscapes. Both Federal and State law require licensing of pesticide applicators to ensure basic knowledge of pesticide use. This program provides training and service to meet those requirements. According to 2009 Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) records, Polk County has more than 1,580 FDACS pesticide licenses registered.