

**East Region AgriLife Conference and Expo  
Scheduled for January 7 in Tyler  
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The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting the East Region AgriLife Conference and Expo on January 7, 2025, at the W.T. Brookshire Conference Center located at 2000 West Front St. Tyler, Texas 75702.

This educational event is geared towards professionals working for city parks departments, athletic fields, golf courses, school districts, pest control services, landscapers, lawn care services, and agricultural producers who are seeking continuing education. The program for Structural Applicators (SPCS) begins at 8:00 am and the program for Texas Department of Agricultural (TDA) Private, Commercial & Non-Commercial Applicators begins at 9:15 am.

Registration for everyone begins at 7:15 am. 6 SPCS CEUs will be offered (1 Termite, 1 Pest, 2 General, 1 Lawn and Ornamental, 1 Weed). 5 TDA CEUs will be offered (2 General, 1 Laws and Regulations, and 1 Integrated Pest Management and 1 Drift). Registration is online at [smith.agrilife.org](http://smith.agrilife.org) for both events. The cost is \$10 per person if registered online with on-site registration (pay at the door) \$20 per person. Cash, checks, or credit cards will be accepted on site. Lunch will be provided. For online registration, go to [smith.agrilife.org/erace](http://smith.agrilife.org/erace). The flyer and schedule are posted on the Texas A&M AgriLife-Smith County Facebook page. If you have any questions contact the Smith County Extension office at 903-590-2980.

**Topics and speakers for Structural License:**

*Termite Identification & Control* - Janet Hurley, Senior Extension Program Specialist - IPM Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Dallas

*Pest Identification & Control Using IPM Strategies* – Jacob Wightman, Extension Program Specialist – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-College Station

*Pesticide Safety* – Dr. Mark Matocha, Professor and Extension Specialist- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – College Station

*Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update* - Dr. Mark Matocha, Professor and Extension Specialist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- College Station

*Water x Weeds: An Approach to Integrated Weed Management* – Brad Voss CEA-Horticulture Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Collin County

*Turfgrass Diseases and Control* – Dr. Greg Grant, CEA Horticulture, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Smith County

**Topics and speakers for TDA AG License:**

*Pest Identification & Control Using IPM Strategies* – Jacob Wightman, Extension Program Specialist – Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service-College Station

*Pesticide Safety* – Dr. Mark Matocha, Professor and Extension Specialist- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – College Station

*Pesticide Laws and Regulations Update* - Dr. Mark Matocha, Professor and Extension Specialist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service- College Station

*Weed I.D. & Control in East Texas Forage System* – Dr. Scott Nolte, Associate Professor & Extension Weed Specialist- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – College Station

*Spray Drift Management* – Dr. Scott Nolte, Associate Professor & Extension Weed Specialist- Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service – College Station

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents from Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Kaufman, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties will be on hand to assist attendees.

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**Image caption: *Turfgrass diseases will be among the many topics addressed at the East Region AgriLife Expo.***