

# Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

## The Texas A&M University System

The Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences of The Texas A&M University System invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. A state agency headquartered in College Station, AgriLife Extension has a network of 250 county extension offices and some 830 statewide professional educators who are dedicated to improving the lives of people, businesses and communities across Texas and beyond through high-quality, relevant education. AgriLife Extension is an integral component of The Texas A&M University System and extends the land-grant mission of teaching, research, extension and service by partnering with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University, Texas AgriLife Research, Texas Forest Service and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

The Director serves as AgriLife Extension’s Chief Executive Officer and reports to the Vice Chancellor for Agriculture and Life Sciences of The Texas A&M University System. Preferred candidates will have a minimum of five years of significant administrative/management experience. An earned doctoral degree in agriculture, extension education, family and consumer sciences, natural resources, educational administration, or related areas is required.

A thorough understanding and appreciation of the land-grant university system and AgriLife Extension’s experience and relationship with teaching, research and service is essential. As an advocate for extension programming at the county, state, national and international level, the ideal candidate should be business-minded and an effective external representative with enthusiasm for interacting with a wide range of constituencies.

Candidates should have a proven record of enthusiastically leading and implementing innovative change in complex organizations, promoting diversity and working with elected officials at the county, state and national level.

In meeting with the Search Advisory Committee, relevant constituency representatives, the Vice Chancellor, and other State and System leaders, candidates should be prepared to describe their experiential preparation as well as articulate a vision regarding AgriLife Extension’s opportunities.

Additional agency and search information is available at <https://agrilife.org/extension-director-search/>

Nominations and applications will be accepted through February 15, 2019; the Search Advisory Committee will begin screening candidate credentials at that time. Applications should be accompanied by a letter of interest, a one-page summary of experience, a curriculum vitae/resume, and the names and contact information for at least three professional references. References will not be contacted without notification to the candidate.

The Texas A&M System is being assisted in this effort by Chuck Jordan and Ellen Pennow of the executive search firm Spencer Stuart. Nominations, applications, and other input are welcomed via the confidential email address TAMUExtensionDirector@SpencerStuart.com

## Tom Boggus, Chair

**Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Search Advisory Committee**