



# Beth Bolles

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Horticulture

Northwest Extension District

## Profile

As Horticulture Agent in Escambia County, FL, I develop educational programming for horticulture professionals and homeowners. Programming relates to best management practices of landscapes, pesticide certification, and diagnosis of plant problems.

The Escambia County Horticulture Program has a county Horticulture Specialist to assist with homeowner programs and consultations, along with certified Master Gardener Volunteers to help educate homeowners and youth.

Our program utilizes a variety of teaching formats to reach audiences with information.

My specializations are in entomology, urban horticulture, and customer service.

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## Educational Programs

**Best Management Practices for Home and Commercial Landscapes:** Program teaches science-based landscaping practices to grow healthy landscapes and protect the local environment. It includes Green Industry Best Management Practices and pesticide certification for horticulture professionals and Florida Friendly Landscaping™ for homeowners.

**Master Gardener Volunteer Education and Development:** Volunteers extend the educational outreach of the horticulture program to both homeowners and youth. The program includes recruiting and training volunteers in horticulture related topics and to manage certified volunteers in their community educational projects.

## Experience

Horticulture Agent  
UF/IFAS Extension – Escambia County  
1997-present

Commercial Horticulture Agent  
UF/IFAS Extension – Collier County  
1996-1997

## Education & Certifications

Master of Science in Entomology and Plant Pathology, University of Tennessee, 1995

Bachelor of Science in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design, University of Tennessee, 1993

Florida Department of Agriculture Pesticide Certification