

Pesticide Training: The Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Category.

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2002- 2006: Classes offered: 28 classes, for a total of 188 class hours, 19 classes were for English landscape workers (741 participants) and nine classes were for Hispanic workers (338 participants), which equals about 200 participants per year. This agent taught 104 of the 188 class hours.

In 2001, 21 individuals took the Limited Commercial Landscape Pesticide exam. No Hispanic workers took the exam, none of the current certificate holders (16) at that time were Hispanic. Since 2001, Collier County now (June 2006) has:

- Increased the number of legal applicators by 10 times. The number of certificate holders has grown from 16 to 166 over the last five years.
- In 2001, there were no Hispanic certificate holders, now 33% (54) of the certificate holders are Hispanic.
- 2006: Of 58 that attended the English classes and took the exam, 54 passed for a 93% pass rate.
- 2006: Of the 67 Hispanic individuals that have taken the pesticide exam during our classes, 43 passed for a 64% pass rate.