

## Professional food manager training set May 21 and 22 in Lubbock

Certification course covers safe food preparation, handling, serving

A two-day food manager certification training course is scheduled May 21 and 22 in Lubbock. [The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service](#) event is designed for food service managers; the certification is valid for five years in the state of Texas.

The cost is \$125 and the training will be held at the AgriLife Extension office in Lubbock County, 916 Main St, in the meeting room. For information on registering for the course, please call the Extension Office at 806-775-1740. The cost includes the training, materials, and a national food manager certification examination.

“We’re excited to offer this in-person, two-day training to fully prepare those who are required to have the food manager’s certification to be confident in providing safe food to the public and to pass the [ServSafe exam](#),” said Cory Edwards, AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health Agent, Lubbock.

[The Texas Department of State Health Services](#) requires a certified food protection manager shall be present at the food establishment during all hours of operation as required in Food Code.

### Food safety training topics

Edwards said that 3,000 people die each year due to foodborne illnesses, the majority of which could be prevented by following simple food safety practices. The course will cover food safety topics including:

- Identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling.
- Preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food.
- Teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees.
- Complying with government regulations.
- Maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings.
- Controlling pests.