



## **Texas A&M Offers New Online Food Regulatory Science Classes beginning January 2012**

The increased focus on the science behind the regulation of food and feed products, the globalization of the economy and advances in analytical technology contribute to a growing need for education in the emerging field of regulatory science. To fill this need, Texas A&M University will offer two new online courses titled *Regulatory Science: Principles and Practices*, and *Managerial Economics for Regulatory Science* beginning January, 2012.

The Regulatory Science curriculum at Texas A&M University is designed to provide feed and food regulators and industry personnel access to distance learning courses that will equip them with the tools to improve the protection, efficacy, and quality of regulated products in the feed and food industry.

The curriculum is developed and taught by faculty from three Texas A&M University departments including Soil and Crop Sciences, Agricultural Economics, and Veterinary Pathobiology and regulatory officials from the Office of the Texas State Chemist, a regulatory agency housed within Texas AgriLife Research in the Texas A&M System.

Students who complete all the regulatory science courses will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Apply a science-based approach to risk management and be part of a risk management team;
- Interpret and implement the U.S. and international laws, regulations, and standards that govern the development, manufacturing, and distribution of food and feed products;
- Assess the significance and impact of existing and emerging regulations and standards on business operations;
- Help companies navigate an increasingly complex regulatory environment, and
- Communicate the benefits of regulatory decision-making and compliance to management and consumers.

The two classes are offered for graduate credit and continuing education as part of a larger curriculum in regulatory science. Future courses will include Laboratory Quality Systems, Comparative Global Standards, and Regulatory Science Methodology.

Registration begins November 17<sup>th</sup> for courses starting in January 2012. For more information or to enroll in the online Regulatory Science courses at Texas A&M University, visit the Regulatory Science website ([regsci.tamu.edu](http://regsci.tamu.edu)) or contact Mary Sasser at (979) 845-1121 or [mary@otsc.tamu.edu](mailto:mary@otsc.tamu.edu).