TASN Summer Conference 2018

TDA UPDATE

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square meals

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Washington, D.C.
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CONGRESS

Secretary Perdue

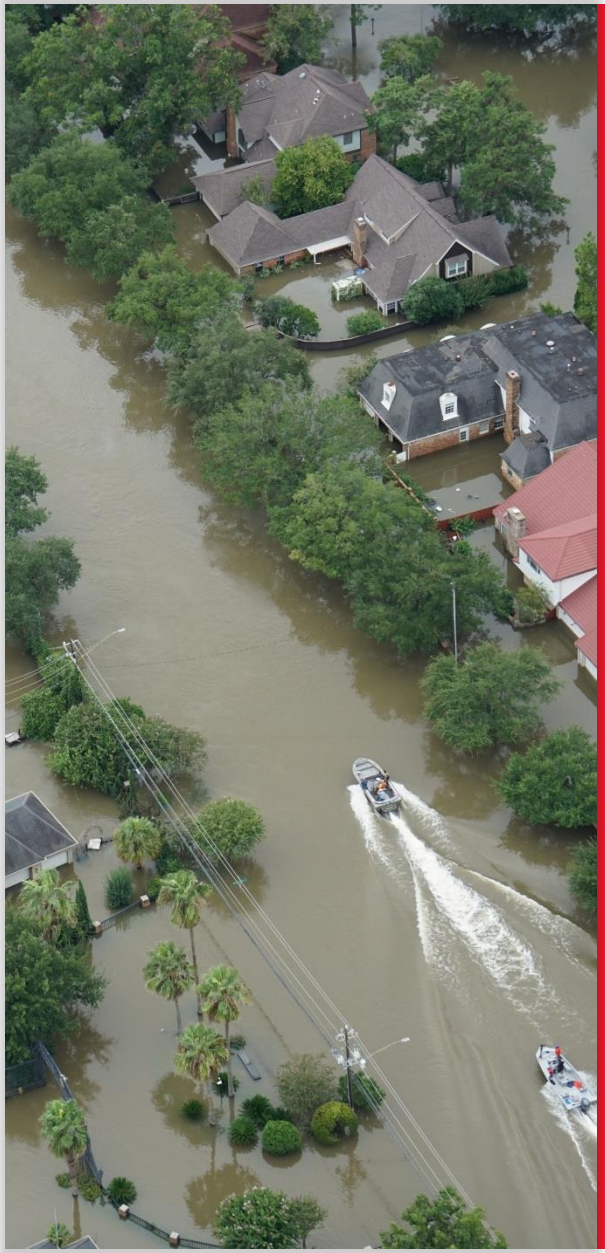
Farm Bill

USDA

Additional Guidance Coming

Texas Legislature

86th Regular Legislative Session
Begins January 28, 2019



Hurricane Harvey

TDA continues to evaluate the impact for contracting entities.

TDA exploring disaster protocols and procedures.

Compliance
for Success

School Nutrition Program Reviews

School Year 2018-19

Administrative

Three Year Cycle

Financial

Currently Part of Administrative Review

Procurement

Contracting Team Performing Desk Reviews Currently

WHOLE GRAIN-RICH

Exemption continues to apply

SODIUM

Sodium target 1 continues to apply

MILK

CEs have option to serve 1% milk

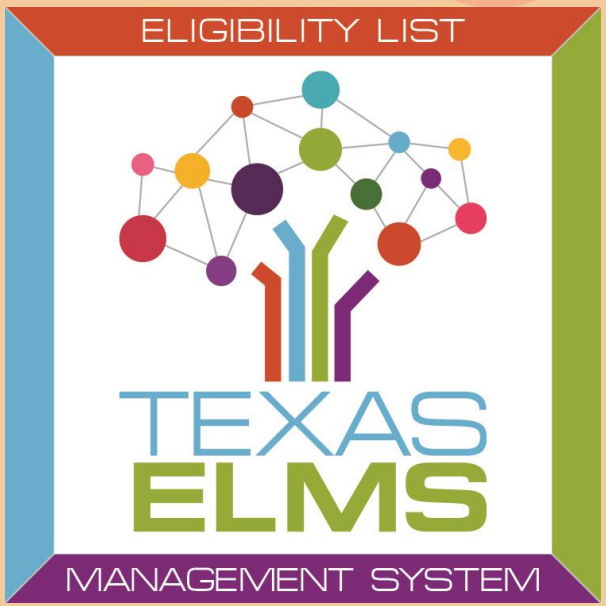
USDA Foods

Processor Final Rule

Buy American
USDA Requirements
Buy American Checklist
Assists in Documentation of
Exceptions

TX ELMS

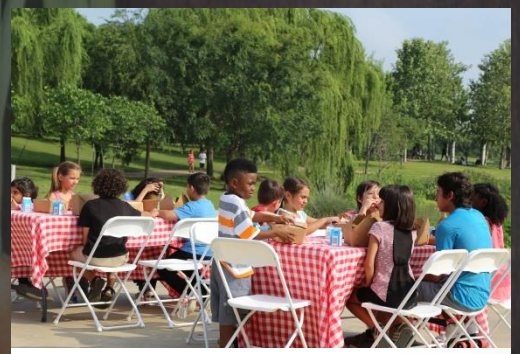
Texas Eligibility List Management System



- TDA's program for directly certifying eligible students
- CEs successfully uploading current enrollment lists has improved percentages
- New system helping to track highly mobile students

Building a
Brighter Future

SUMMER MEALS



How to Find a Site

Text FoodTX to 877-877

Call 211

SummerFood.org

Community Notification

Federal Regulations Require CEs to Notify Families

SFSP Conference

Annual Conference Offers Tracks Geared to Schools

Above and Beyond

National School Breakfast Week
March 4-8, 2019

National School Lunch Week
October 15-19, 2018

You Art What You Eat
Statewide student art contest produces artwork displayed statewide

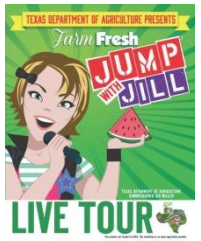
Meal Appeal University
Education service centers offer training for preparing meals students want to eat.

Farm Fresh Initiative

FarmFreshFriday.org
SquareMeals.org/FarmFreshNetwork
SquareMeals.org/HarvestoftheMonth
TDA YouTube

Jump with Jill

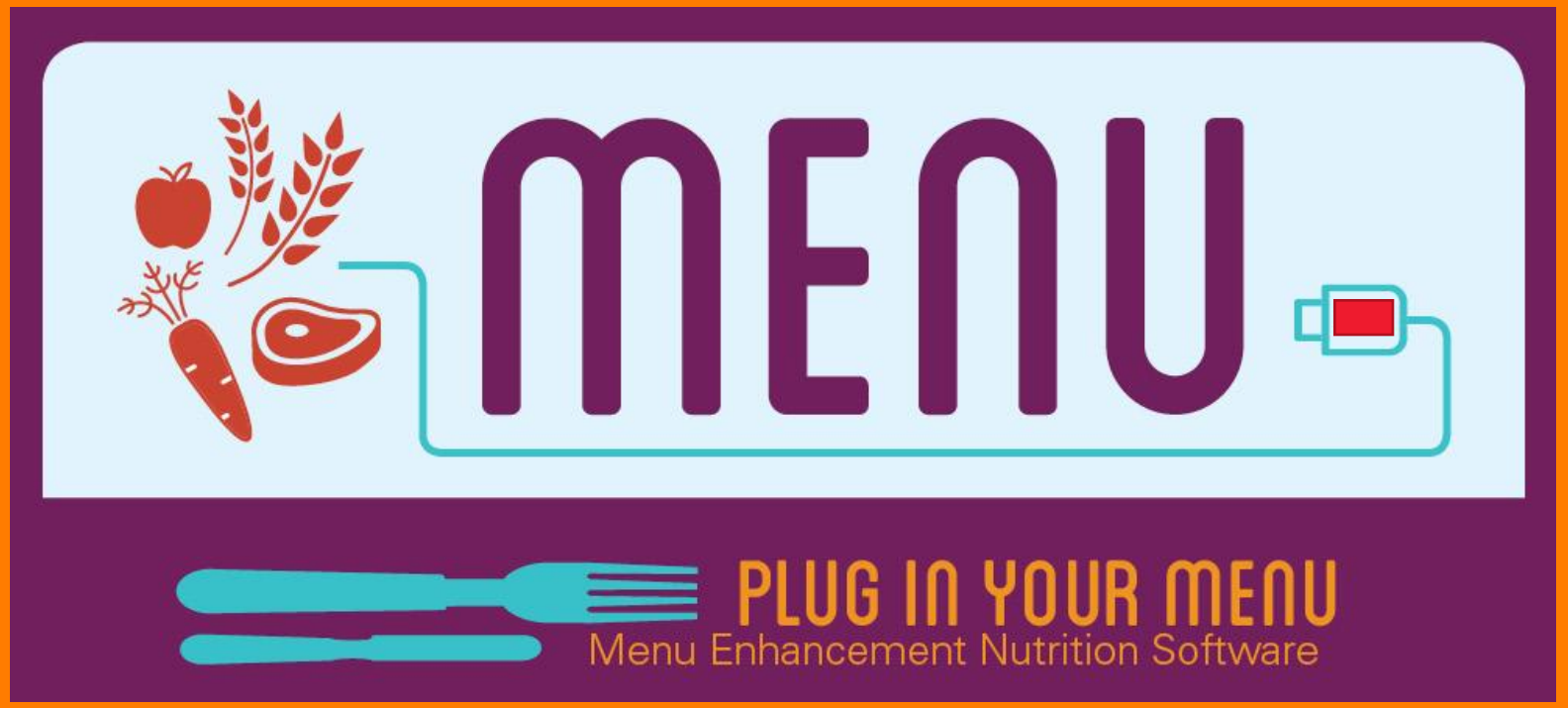
SquareMeals.org/FarmFreshTour



Farm Fresh Challenge **October 2018**

SquareMeals.org/FarmFreshChallenge

Register by Aug. 15 to Receive Toolkit



Program Resources

Leftovers and Food Waste

- **Sold in School Cafeteria**
- **Sharing Tables**
- **Donations**
- **Recycle/Compost**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Educational Opportunities**

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