



February 2025 E-Harvest Newsletter

A Message from Commissioner Miller



Farm Fresh Sharing



Farm Fresh Sharing spotlights contracting entities (CEs) who prioritize farm fresh foods and nutrition activities.

This month's profile features Lake Travis ISD. Find the profile here [here](#).

Harvest of the Month

February Harvest of the Month is red leaf lettuce. Did you know that dry, hot conditions can affect the flavor of lettuce? When temperatures are too high or conditions are too dry, lettuce becomes bitter.

Find this recipe for Blueberry Chicken Salad on page 93 of TDA’s [Farm Fresh Cooking for the Seasons](#) cookbook.

Farm Fresh Funding

For current grant opportunities, visit our funding opportunities page [here](#).

Farm Fresh Learning

Let your students explore their artistic side while learning what foods are produced and grown in Texas with our coloring pages. Find them on SquareMeals here.

- [Fruits](#)
- [Vegetables](#)
- [Proteins, Grains, Milk, and Herbs](#)

Farm Fresh Producer

Funding Opportunities

Find current funding opportunities for Texas farmers, ranchers, and producers by visiting [TDA’s Grants & Services page](#).

Learning Opportunities

Not sure you’re ready to sell to schools and childcare providers? Try TDA’s Texas Food Companies Decision Tool. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Texas Farm Fresh Network

TDA is working on updating the Farm Fresh Network (FFN) map to make it more user friendly. The current map will continue to be available on SquareMeals.org until the new map is ready. New members not on the map can be found in a list at the top of the FFN page.

New FFN members for February:

Mustard Seed Farms Texas, LLC	Axtell	Protein	Amanda Crawford	acraw2003@yahoo.com
2F Akaushi Beef	Santa Elena	Protein	Stephanie Martinez	stephie@2fakaushibeef.com



Contact TDA

Email: FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov

Toll Free: (877) TEX-MEAL

Connect with Others

Texas Farm Fresh Network:

Use this tool to connect with Texas food companies that currently sell or are interested in selling to schools, childcare centers, adult care centers and summer meal programs. Company listings include contact information, product availability and distribution radius.

Funding Opportunities:

Financial support from organizations may help establish or advance local Farm Fresh initiatives. This list includes opportunities from TDA, USDA and other organizations.

Interested in learning more about Texas products?

Sign up for the [*Go Local. GO TEXAN E-zine*](#) today.



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