



January 2025 E-Harvest Newsletter

A Message from Commissioner Miller



Farm Fresh Sharing



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

This month's profile features Seminole ISD, a small but vibrant school district Southwest of Lubbock. The profile can be found [here](#).

Harvest of the Month

The January Harvest of the Month is **red grapefruit**. This fruit was discovered in Texas in the late 1920s. It was a mutation found on a pink grapefruit tree.

Try this recipe for [Orange Glazed Carrots](#) to get a burst of citrus in your winter meals.

Farm Fresh Funding

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

Farm Fresh Learning

Teach your little scholars about when Texas produce is in season with TDA’s Build Your Own Seasonality Wheel activity. Find the link to the activity [here](#).

If you’re interested and able to start a school garden, check out TDA’s “Let’s Get Growing” series of booklets designed to assist with getting your garden growing by visiting TDA’s Farm Fresh Resources page on SquareMeals.

Links:

- [Plan](#)
- [Grow](#)
- [Harvest](#)
- [Connect](#)



Farm Fresh Producer

Funding Opportunities

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

Learning Opportunities

To learn more about connecting with schools and childcare providers and adding your food to their meals, TDA’s Resources for **Farm Fresh Network Members** is the page for you. There, you can find tools to help you market your products to child nutrition operators and 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 January:

D-Bar Farm	Ponder	Fruit/Vegetable	Keith Copp	keith.copp@gmail.com
Goble Cattle Co LLC	Christoval	Protein	Russell Goble	russellgoble@yahoo.com
Plateau Provisions Co	San Angelo	Protein	Nathan Urias	sales@plateauprovisionsco.com
Walnut Creek Farm	Alvarado	Fruit/Vegetable	Chaz Forster	orders@wcftxfoods.com
Pleiades Ranch Oasis	Campbell	Fruit/Vegetable	Bridget Gray	bridget@pleiadesranchoasis.com



Contact TDA

Email: FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov

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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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