



## July 2025 E-Harvest Newsletter

A Message from Commissioner Sid Miller



Texas Agriculture Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sid Miller'. The signature is stylized with a long, sweeping horizontal line at the beginning.

Farm Fresh Sharing



*Farm Fresh Sharing* spotlights TDA partners prioritizing farm fresh foods and nutrition activities.

Carlette Drabek is a child nutrition director dedicated to farm to school. She is the head of the Child Nutrition Department at Navarro ISD, located north of Seguin. Find the Navarro ISD Farm Fresh profile [here](#).

*The image on the left was provided by Navarro ISD.*

# Harvest of the Month

**July’s Harvest of the Month are cherry tomatoes.** Pair your local tomatoes with local cucumbers in this delicious **Cucumber Tomato Salad** from page 18 of TDA’s own Farm Fresh Cooking for the Seasons Cookbook.



# Farm Fresh Funding Opportunities

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

## Farm Fresh Learning

TDA’s [menu calendar templates](#) for the 2025-2026 school year are ready for use. Find them in English and Spanish on SquareMeals.

## Farm Fresh Producer

### Funding Opportunities

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

## Texas Farm Fresh Network

TDA is updating the Farm Fresh Network (FFN) map with new features to enhance user-friendliness. The current map will remain 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.

The Refugee Collective	Elgin	Fruit/Vegetable/Protein	Matt Simon	<a href="mailto:matt@therefugeecollective.org">matt@therefugeecollective.org</a>



### Contact TDA

Email: [FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov](mailto: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.

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