

May 2025 E-Harvest Newsletter

A Message from Commissioner Miller



Texas Agriculture Commissioner

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Farm Fresh Sharing





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

As the Executive Director of Operations, Jarvis Walker leads the Crowley ISD team on their Farm Fresh journey. Find the Crowley ISD profile **here**.

The image on the left was provided by Crowley ISD.

Harvest of the Month

May's Harvest of the Month is blueberries. Did you know blueberries are one of the only fruits native to North America?

Use this recipe for <u>Chips and Fruit Salsa</u> from TDA's Farm Fresh Cooking for the Seasons (p.15) to use Texas blueberries in a new way.

Farm Fresh Funding Opportunities

For current grant opportunities, visit our Funding Opportunities page <u>here</u>.

Farm Fresh Learning

This <u>set of cards</u>, created as part of TDA's partnership in the Outdoor Learning Experience (OLE!) collaborative, includes information on growing conditions for some of the most common fruits, vegetables, and nuts grown in Texas.

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.

New FFN members for May:

11:15 Cattle Company	Alto	Protein	Stephanie Johnson	stephanie@1115cattl ecompany.com
Graham Meats & Market	Graham	Protein	Melissa Perry	meatsgraham@gmail .com
Black Hills Land & Cattle	Muleshoe	Protein	Cody Black	blackhillslandcattle@ gmail.com
BRK Meats, LLC	Carthage	Protein	Cameron Barton	cam@brkmeats.com
Monterey Mushrooms, LLC	Madisonville	Fruit/Vegetable	Benjamin Mossing	bmossing@montmus h.com



Contact TDA

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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.

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