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February 2026 Monthly Newsletter

Get Ready for MegaCon 2026!

Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) invite you to MegaCon 2026! This year, the conference will be held on April 6-8, in Waco. Be sure to save the date! More information will be available soon!

February Community Call!

Thank you for taking some time to join and participate in our February Community Call. [Click here](#) to find a recap presentation of the talking points that were discussed and a video recording of the webinar.

You can also find the webinar recording on SquareMeals on the [CACFP Resources](#) page.

March 2026: The CACFP Quick Bites Webinars!

The next CACFP Quick Bites webinar will be hosted on **Wednesday, March 11th and March 18th**.

Join us for a bite-sized session packed with tips and best practices to help you run compliant CACFP programs. More details will be provided in the March newsletter. Be sure to Save the Date!

For questions, please reach out to the training team at: FND.Training@TexasAgriculture.gov

RELEASE: School Data for Area Eligibility Report

On an annual basis, TDA must publish a list of schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in which at least one-half of the children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The School Data for Area Eligibility 2025-2026 report, based on October 2025 claims data for non-CEP schools and the April 2025 CEP ISP report for CEP schools, has been posted to SquareMeals in the following locations:

- [CACFP Administration Forms](#)
- [Summer Feeding Administration Forms](#)
- [NSLP Administration Forms](#)

RELEASE: 2026 Ramadan Non-Congregate Service Waiver Request Form

TDA has posted the 2026 Ramadan Non-Congregate Feeding Waiver Request Form to TX-UNPS Download Forms. This waiver allows eligible NSLP and CACFP operators in good standing to offer meals that participants in attendance and observing Ramadan can take off-site and consume after fasting.

Click the headline to view the [full article](#).

Join us for the February TANS Talk!

Mark your calendar for [Thursday, February 12 from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. \(CDT\)](#)!

TANS Talk is an office hours session that will allow Organizations (formally known as CEs) to review TANS related updates. We are excited to share all of the new updates about this platform and answer any questions.

How to Participate in TANS Talk:

Use this [TANS Talk Feedback Form](#) to submit any TANS questions you would like to see reviewed during the call. We will cover questions received at least 48 hours prior to the call, allowing our team time to prepare for the meeting. Visit the [TANS homepage](#) and [Resources page](#) for access to past TANS Talks, updates, trainings, and more.



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