March 2026 E-Harvest Newsletter

A Message from Commissioner Sid Miller

Howdy Neighbors! Welcome to Your E-Harvest Newsletter.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Soon, the Texas Department of Agriculture will kick off MegaCon 2026 to provide training and networking for professionals operating federal nutrition programs in Texas. **This year's MegaCon will take place in Waco from April 6-8** and feature a Texas-sized focus on connecting agriculture and nutrition programs.

I am inviting Texas agricultural producers to join us on the banks of the Brazos to learn more about selling products to partners in programs such as the National School Lunch Program, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. This is a great opportunity for farmers and ranchers to engage with nutrition professionals and potentially expand the market for their products.

Learn more and **register here!**

Harvest of the Month

March's Harvest of the Month is mushrooms. This **recipe from the Institute of Child Nutrition** can be made with Texas products.

Farm Fresh Sharing - Recipes

This month's Farm Fresh Sharing features quick scratch recipes submitted by Magnolia ISD Child Nutrition Director Kimberly Ohlendorf. The **Stir-Fried vegetables recipe** includes broccoli, onions, carrots, and bell peppers. The **Mango Habanero Chicken Sandwich** is made with spicy chicken breast, pepper jack cheese, and a spicy-sweet mango habanero sauce.

Find Texas producers to source your ingredients on the **Farm Fresh Network map**.

For current grant opportunities, visit our Funding Opportunities page **here**.

Farm Fresh Learning

Call for Recipes

TDA invites Texas school districts and childcare providers to submit go-to recipes they would like to share with TDA and E-Harvest readers. If you have recipes your students love that you'd like to share, **please submit them and a photo here**.

Farm Fresh Producer

Learning and Networking Opportunities

Texas producers interested in selling to child nutrition providers are invited to join Commissioner Sid Miller and TDA in Waco for MegaCon 2026. TDA hosts this learning and networking conference each year for nutrition operators across the state. This year's event features producer-centered sessions and an opportunity for agricultural producers to network in the producer exhibit hall.

Learn more and register here!

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 excited to welcome the following producers to the Farm Fresh Network:

My Lady's Farm, LLC	Cameron	Protein	Manuel Estrada	myladyfarmtx@gmail.com
My Texas Roots	Palestine	Other	Tabitha Charanza	3mig4s@gmail.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.

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