

Project Title: Expanding the 3E's Grant Program (X3E)

Grant Period: August 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

RFA Issue Date: May 2020

Application Due Date: June 24, 2020

Award Amount: Total funding awarded to a single school district shall not exceed \$10,000 per campus or \$50,000 per district, whichever is less.

Grant Application Questions:

If you have questions about grant application, award, requirements, reporting, and budgets, please contact:

Julia Rico
Grants Specialist
Trade and Business Development
Texas Department of Agriculture
Phone: (512) 463-7448

Email: Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov

Texas Farm Fresh Initiative Questions:

If you have questions about the Texas Farm Fresh Initiative, please contact:

Emilee Case
Coordinator for Farm Fresh Projects
Food and Nutrition
Texas Department of Agriculture
Phone: (512) 463-2276

Hanneke Van Dyke
Farm Fresh Specialist
Food and Nutrition
Texas Department of Agriculture
Phone: (512) 475-0082

Email: FarmFresh@TexasAgriculture.gov

Please read all materials before preparing and submitting the application. Failure to follow the instructions and requirements described in this Request for Application may result in the disqualification of the application.

Table of Contents

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE	4
REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)- Expanding the 3E’s Grant Program (X3E)	4
PROJECTED TIMELINE	5
ELIGIBILITY	5
GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY	5
FUNDING PARAMETERS	5
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	6
BUDGET INFORMATION	7
EVALUATION AND SELECTION INFORMATION	8
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	9
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS	9
GENERAL INFORMATION	Error! Bookmark not defined.
GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS	Error! Bookmark not defined.
APPENDIX A: FARM FRESH IN TEXAS SCHOOLS	13
APPENDIX B: FARM FRESH RESOURCES	14

Please read all materials before preparing and submitting the application. Failure to follow the instructions and requirements described in this Request for Application may result in the disqualification of the application.

NOTICE REGARDING THE INCLUSION OF CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY, TRADE SECRET, OR PRIVILEGED INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION

Please take notice of the following:

If it is necessary for the applicant to include proprietary or otherwise confidential information in its application or other submitted information, the applicant must clearly mark and label all confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged material in bold 14 point or higher font on each page as it appears, and identify the specific exception to disclosure in the Texas Public Information Act (PIA) for each specific piece of confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged information. Additionally, all confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged information must be segregated in a separate and discrete section of the application, which must be able to be conveniently separated and detached from the other sections of the application. Failure to properly label, identify, and segregate any confidential, proprietary, trade secret or other privileged information in the application may result in all such information or material being disclosed as public information. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire application is protected from disclosure because it contains any amount of confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged information is not acceptable, and shall make the entire application subject to release under the PIA. In order to initiate the process of seeking an Attorney General opinion on the release of confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged information, the specific provisions of the application that are considered by the applicant to be confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged and confidential must be clearly labeled and segregated as described above. Any information which is not clearly identified as confidential, proprietary, trade secret or privileged shall be deemed to be subject to disclosure pursuant to the PIA.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is authorized by §12.0027 of the Texas Agriculture Code and §38.026 of the Education Code to administer the Expanding 3E's Grant Program (X3E) to promote better health and nutrition programs and prevent obesity among children in this state. The objective of the program is to increase awareness of the importance of good nutrition, especially for children, and to encourage children's health and well-being through education, exercise and eating right. The **X3E** is a grant program that rewards nutrition education programs in public schools only.

THESE ARE STATE FUNDED GRANTS AND THERE ARE **NO CFDA** NUMBERS OR TEA FUNDING IDENTIFIERS TIED TO THEM.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION (RFA)- EXPANDING THE 3E'S GRANT PROGRAM (X3E)

TDA is accepting applications for the **Expanding the 3E's Grant Program (X3E)** from any public school district or campus in good standing with the Texas Comptroller's Office and the Texas Department of Agriculture, to create, implement, improve or expand nutrition education related to Farm Fresh programs in their schools.

X3E Grant funds may be used to expand, improve, and begin Farm Fresh Activities such as, but not limited to the following categories:

1. Implementing a garden-based learning curriculum;
2. School garden development or improvement including, but not limited to:
 - a) building garden beds;
 - b) planting an orchard;
 - c) creating a pollinator garden;
 - d) adding shaded areas to new or existing gardens to encourage outdoor learning;
 - e) improving walking areas and/or height of garden beds for students with disabilities;
 - f) creating walking trails to encourage physical activity near garden spaces;
 - g) paying for staff time for garden maintenance;
3. A garden-to-plate program to increase the number of garden products served in school meals and snacks;
4. A compost program that uses cafeteria food waste for enriching school or community gardens;
5. Taste testing activities focused on seasonal products, using a framework such as, but not limited to TDA's Harvest of the Month program;
6. Networking events that strengthen local purchasing relationships with Texas farmers and ranchers;

7. Other experiential learning opportunities that teach students about Texas agriculture such as, but not limited to, field trips to farms and/or farmers' markets.

PROJECTED TIMELINE

RFA Issue Date	May 2020
Application Due Date	June 24, 2020
Grant Project Period	August 1, 2020-August 31, 2021

ELIGIBILITY

Grant applications will be accepted from any **public school district or campus** in the State of Texas, in good standing with the Texas Comptroller's Office and, if applicable, the Texas Department of Agriculture. **If multiple campuses in a district are applying for this grant, the requests should be combined into one application from the school district.** Administrative rules relating to X3E are located in Title 4, Chapter 26, Subchapter C of the Texas Administrative Code.

GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Selected applicants (grantees) will be responsible for the conduct of the project supported by the X3E Grant Program and for the results achieved. Each grantee shall monitor the day-to-day performance of the grant project to assure adherence to statutes, regulations, and grant terms and conditions. The grantee must carry out the activities described in the approved scope of work outlined in the application.

The grantee will be accountable for documenting the use of grant funds and must ensure funds are used solely for authorized purposes. The grantee must ensure:

1. Funds are used only for Farm Fresh activities covered by the approved project;
2. Funds are not used in violation of the restrictions and prohibitions of applicable statutes; and
3. All budget and performance reports are completed in a timely manner.

Each grantee must ensure it has an adequate accounting system in place and good internal controls to ensure expenditures and reimbursements are reported and maintained for three (3) years after the conclusion of the project, or longer if required by TDA.

FUNDING PARAMETERS

A Notice of Grant Award is anticipated to be made in July 2020. All approved projects have an anticipated grant project period of August 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Awards are subject to the availability of funds. If no funds are appropriated or collected for this program, applicants will be informed accordingly.

The grant application will require the applicant to list participating campus names and the requested amount per campus. Applicants may seek up to \$10,000 per campus for expenses related to the implementation, supplementation, improvement, or expansion of farm fresh activities proposed in the application. Total funding awarded to a single school district shall not exceed \$10,000 per campus or \$50,000 per district, whichever is less.

Other restrictions or funding limitations may also be considered during the award process.

Selected applicants will receive funding on a cost-reimbursement basis. **Funds will not be advanced to grantees.** Selected applicants must have the financial capacity to pay all costs up-front.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be considered, Application Form GTBD-121 must be complete and include all of the information described in this section. The application, instructions, and FAQ document can be downloaded from TDA's website at: www.texasagriculture.gov under the Grants & Services tab.

Direct Link to 3E's Grant Programs Web page:

<http://www.texasagriculture.gov/GrantsServices/TradeandBusinessDevelopment/3EsGrantPrograms.aspx>

The Application Form GTBD-121 is broken down into the following sections:

1. Applicant Information

Section A. Organization Information - This is the applicant organization (school district) that will be the recipient of funds and held accountable for reporting and project performance.

Section B. Contact Personnel

- i. Primary Program Contact - Identify the individual who can answer questions about the project's activities and performance.
- ii. Secondary Program Contact - Identify an alternate individual who can answer questions about the project's activities and performance.
- iii. Authorized official - This is the person legally able to bind the organization in contracts or agreements.

Section C. Project and Funding Selection – Select the Farm Fresh project you plan to create, implement, or expand upon using X3E funds. Indicate your desired amount of grant funds to support your project.

Section D. Certifications

i. Authorized Official's Signature - Signature of an individual authorized to execute contracts and/or agreements on behalf of the applicant.

2. Project Narrative

Provide detailed responses to each question asked in the Project Narrative section of the application. These sections should provide a thorough description of your proposed project implementation. The application is designed to be completed electronically and boxes will expand. A maximum of ten pages may be used to fully answer the project narrative questions.

BUDGET INFORMATION

1. Payment. Grant funds will be paid on a cost-reimbursement basis. Grantees will be required to submit payment requests at least quarterly, but no more frequently than monthly, in order to show significant financial and programmatic progress. Payment requests must include sufficient documentation that details each expense. Acceptable documentation may include, but is not limited to, invoices, receipts, or detailed information regarding personnel costs, as determined by TDA, in its sole discretion. No in-kind donations or matching funds are required. *Payment requests shall only be submitted by the grantee to TDA for reimbursement after the grantee purchases the approved budget item.*

2. Payment Schedule. Upon timely receipt of payment requests and documentation, approved reimbursement of up to 90% of the total grant award will be paid prior to submission of the Final Performance Report.

The remaining 10% will only be disbursed once all reporting requirements have been met, including, but not limited to, the final periodic report (if applicable) and the Final Performance Report.

3. Eligible Expenses. Generally, expenses that are necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration directly related to the project are eligible. Grant funds may not be used to supplant normal business costs but instead must be used to cover the costs incurred for the approved proposed activities. Examples of eligible expenditures are:

- a) Personnel costs – both salary and benefits directly related to project implementation;
- b) Supplies and direct operating expenses – items that cost less than \$5,000 per unit with a useful life of less than one year, office supplies, postage, telecommunications, printing, etc. that are directly related to the project activities;
- c) Contracts – agreements made with educational institutions or private parties to perform a portion of the award; and

- d) Other direct expenses – any expenses that do not fall into the above categories directly related to the proposed activities.

4. Ineligible Expenses. Certain expenses may be prohibited by state or federal law or determined to be ineligible by program guidelines. Examples of these expenditures include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Alcoholic beverages;
- b) Contributions-charitable or political;
- c) Controlled assets (small equipment) are defined as certain items valued \$500.00 - \$4,999.99 which must also be inventoried, link to Controlled Property Listing. These items include Audio Equipment, Camera (Portable, Digital, SLR), TVs, Video Players/Recorders, Computer, Projectors, Smartphones, Tablets & Other Hand Held Devices;
- d) Entertainment;
- e) Equipment – Tangible personal property costing over \$5,000 per unit and having a useful life over one year (e.g., freezers, kitchen equipment, etc.);
- f) Expenses falling outside of the contract period;
- g) Expenses for items not listed in the project budget or that fail to meet the intent of the program;
- h) Expenses that are not adequately documented or that do not meet the intent of the grant program;
- i) Gift cards;
- j) Indirect Costs;
- k) Tips; and
- l) Travel – No reimbursement for transportation, lodging, meals, or any food items related to travel.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION INFORMATION

An administrative review will be conducted by agency staff to determine whether the applicant was adequately responsive to the requirements of this Request for Application.

Based on the application requirements set forth above, a panel will evaluate applications and make funding recommendations. The panel will consist of representatives including, but not limited to the following: the Texas Department of Agriculture, as well as experts in the fields of health, nutrition education and childhood education.

TDA may also consider the following evaluation criteria in its review of each application:

- ability for the proposed project/activity to incorporate sustainability or otherwise support continuation of the project/activity long-term or beyond the grant award period;
- whether nutrition education conveyed by the program is acceptable to TDA nutrition experts;

- percentage of the population to be reached by the project that is comprised of children/families of lower socio-economic status;
- number of children overall impacted by the project;
- amount of exposure students have to proposed activities and/or information;
- inclusion of other components such as physical activity and/or education;
- geographic distribution of funds across Texas; and
- whether or not the applicant is in good standing and has a clean administrative review report with TDA as a contracting entity in Food and Nutrition Division programs.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Grantees will be responsible for managing and monitoring the progress of the grant project activities and performance. The grant agreement will indicate the reporting schedule for submitting project reports to TDA. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in the withholding of requests for reimbursement and/or termination of the award. Grantees must complete the following reports, as prescribed by TDA:

1. **Baseline Report** – Due at the start of the project to establish a benchmark against which the progress and achievements of the grant project **can** be measured and assessed.
2. **Progress Reports** - These periodic reports must be no more than three (3) pages in length and detail the accomplishments of the project objectives for the specified reporting period.
3. **Final Performance Report** - Due thirty (30) days after project completion, or termination of the Grant Agreement, whichever occurs first. Analyze your entire project. Compare the actual accomplishments of the project with the intended results, outcomes, and impacts you identified in your proposal.

Applicants should expect the reports to include:

- a) Process Evaluations – qualitative and quantitative indicators of progress toward the objectives and accomplishments of grant funded projects.
- b) Outcome Evaluations – to determine whether the objectives were met and what impact they had.

Any additional reporting requirements will be identified in the award terms and conditions.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

Applicants must submit one complete, signed application to be considered for award. The application packet, including the signed application must be **received by TDA before 5:00PM CT on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 (see submission options below)**. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the timely delivery of all required materials. Only materials actually **received** by TDA by 5:00 pm CT will be reviewed as part of the proposal. Applicants will not be

allowed to supplement the proposal after the application deadline. **Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances.**

For questions regarding submission of the proposal and/or TDA requirements, please contact TDA's Grants Office at (512) 463-7448, or by email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.

There are 2 options for submission: email and hard copy (mail or hand delivery). Please only use ONE method. (Please note that faxed applications are not accepted.)

1. **Preferred. Email submission of complete application packet:**
Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov

The e-mail subject line must reference the RFA title and applicant (**Ex: 2020-2021 X3E – "Applicant Name"**), and the email must be received by TDA before close of business (5:00 p.m. CT) on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**. The applicant is solely responsible for ensuring that their complete application, regardless of method of delivery, is sent to, and actually received by, TDA in a timely manner and at the proper destination server, including all attachments. TDA will send a confirmation email after the application has been received.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Email size limits may require applicants to submit one application in multiple e-mails. Applicants must make sure that each email subject line references the RFA title and applicant. Unreadable submissions may be deemed unresponsive and will not be reviewed for funding consideration.

If you are submitting multiple emails be sure to label your email:

X3E 2020-2021 – ABC Organization email 1 of X

X3E 2020-2021 – ABC Organization email 2 of X, etc.

TDA program staff will send an email acknowledging the receipt of the application as soon as administratively possible with an application ID number.

2. **Hard copy mailed– If not submitted by email**

All applications must be received by TDA before close of business (5:00 p.m. CT) on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. TDA will affix or place a date and time stamp on each application it receives via U.S. mail. If an applicant uses U.S. mail for delivery of its application to TDA, the agency strongly recommends that the applicant send their application certified mail, return receipt requested, or equivalent delivery confirmation service provided by USPS.

Applications may be sent to TDA to the following addresses:

By U.S. Mail:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Trade & Business Development- Grants
P.O. Box 12847
Austin, TX 78711

Physical Address:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Trade & Business Development- Grants
1700 North Congress, 11th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701

TDA program staff will send an email acknowledging the receipt of the application as soon as administratively possible with an application ID number.

For questions regarding submission of the application and/or TDA requirements, please contact the Grants Office at (512) 463-7448 or by email at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Selected applicants will receive a Notice of Grant Award (NGA) letter and an official Grant Agreement from TDA. The NGA is not legally binding until a grant agreement is fully executed.

TDA reserves the right to fund projects partially or fully. TDA reserves the right to negotiate individual elements of any application and to reject any and all applications. Where more than one application is acceptable for funding, TDA may request cooperation between grantees or revisions/adjustments to an application in order to avoid duplication and to realize the maximum benefit to the state.

Applications

TDA reserves the right to reject all applications and is not liable for costs incurred by the applicant in the development, submission, or review of the application, or costs incurred by the applicant prior to the effective date of the grant agreement.

Right to Amend or Terminate Program

TDA reserves the right to alter, amend, or clarify any provisions, terms, or conditions of this program or any grant awarded as a result thereof, or to terminate this program at any time prior to the execution of an agreement, if TDA deems any such action to be in the best interest of TDA and of the State of Texas. The decision of TDA will be administratively final in this regard.

Proprietary Information/Public Information

The applicant is responsible for clearly designating any portion of the application that contains proprietary or trade secret information and must state the reason(s) the information is designated as such. Merely making a blanket claim that the entire application is protected from

disclosure because it contains proprietary or trade secret information is not acceptable, and may subject the entire application to release under the Public Information Act.

In the event that a public information request for the application is received, TDA shall process such request in accordance with §552.305 of the Texas Government Code. Applicants are advised to consult with their legal counsel regarding disclosure issues and to take appropriate precautions to safeguard trade secrets or any other proprietary information.

All applications submitted under this program are subject to release as public information, unless the application or specific parts of any such application can be shown to be exempt from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act, Chapter 552 of the Government Code.

GRANTEE REQUIREMENTS

1. Grantee (an applicant who receives a grant under this program) must comply with TDA's reporting requirements and financial procedures outlined in the grant agreement. Any delegation by the Grantee to a subcontractor regarding any duties and responsibilities imposed by the grant award must be approved in advance by TDA and shall not relieve the Grantee of its responsibilities to TDA for performance of those duties.
2. Grantees must remain in full compliance with state and federal laws and regulations. Non-compliance may result in termination of the grant or ineligibility for reimbursement of expenses.
3. Grantees must keep separate records and a bookkeeping account (with a complete record of all expenditures) for a project. Records shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years after the completion of the project, or as otherwise agreed upon with TDA. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action is initiated prior to the expiration of the three-year retention period, then all records and accounts must be retained until their destruction is authorized in writing by TDA. TDA and the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO) reserve the right to examine all books, documents, records, and accounts relating to the project, including all electronic records, at any time throughout the duration of the agreement until all litigation, claims, negotiations, audits or other action pertaining to a grant is resolved, or until the expiration of the three-year retention period or a final judgment in litigation, whichever is longer. TDA and the SAO shall have access to: all electronic data or records pertaining to the grant project; paper or other tangible documents or records, including the physical location where records are stored; and all locations related to project activities.
4. If the Grantee has a financial audit performed during the time the Grantee is receiving funds from TDA, upon request, TDA shall have access to information about the audit, including the audit transmittal letter, management letter, any schedules, and the final report or result of such audit.
5. Grantees must comply with Texas Government Code, Chapter 783, Uniform Grant and Contract Management, and the Texas Uniform Grant Management Standards (UGMS).

APPENDIX A: FARM FRESH IN TEXAS SCHOOLS

1. What are Farm Fresh activities in schools?

While individual Farm Fresh programs are shaped by their unique community, geographic region, and scope, the terms ‘Farm Fresh activities’ and ‘farm to school’ are generally understood to include efforts that connect schools with local farmers, food processors, and manufacturers in order to serve Texas foods in school cafeterias. Bringing more locally sourced milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternates into school cafeterias is a seminal activity of many Farm Fresh efforts in Texas. TDA considers Farm Fresh activities to be inclusive of many types of producers, such as farmers, ranchers, and fishermen, as well as many types of food businesses, including food processors, manufacturers, distributors, and other value-added operations.

In addition to procurement activities, Texas Farm Fresh programs often include food, agriculture and nutrition-based educational efforts including standards-based curriculum and a whole host of hands-on experiential activities, such as school gardens, field trips to local farms, and cooking classes. Connecting Farm Fresh activities to the classroom might include activities such as students dissecting vegetables in science class, running farm stands using school garden produce to learn business skills, or practicing data visualization techniques using plant growth measurements, all contributing to a holistic approach to learning centered on food, agriculture and nutrition. To implement Farm Fresh activities into school culture, promotional and outreach efforts often aim to keep Farm Fresh activities front and center in both the school and broader community through social media, school newsletters, etc. Ultimately, Farm Fresh programs are aimed to strengthen children’s and communities’ knowledge about, and attitudes toward, agriculture, food and nutrition, increase children’s consumption of fruits and vegetables, increase market opportunities for Texas producers, and support economic development.

2. Defining Local Foods

If you are considering using X3E funds to incorporate more local foods into school meals, like in a taste test event, for example, then you are probably wondering what constitutes local. Local and regional food systems typically centralize within a specific region of the activities associated with producing, processing, distributing, and marketing foods. How a school defines “local” can depend on geographic, social, governmental, physical, or economic parameters, seasonality, or other factors. TDA fully expects applicants of this RFA to have varying definitions of “local” specific to their individual contexts. TDA’s [Defining Local Decision Tool](#) will walk you through two questions that will help you identify a definition of local, based on your goals.

3. [Farm Fresh School Spotlight Stories](#)

Checkout how these Texas schools have implemented Farm Fresh activities and helped to increase the awareness of the vital role Texas agriculture plays in our lives.

APPENDIX B: FARM FRESH RESOURCES

The following links point to resources developed to assist schools in Farm Fresh programming and celebrating Farm Fresh Fridays at any stage of program development. These resources may be incorporated into the grant application. These resources and more can be found at www.Squaremeals.org/TexasFarmFresh.

1. Downloadable Videos

[Growing Cherry Tomatoes](#)

[How to Make Cheddar Cheese](#)

[Jason Witten Supports Farm Fresh Fridays in Texas](#)

[Making the Farm Fresh Choice](#)

2. Garden-Based Learning

Let's Get Growing

Connect kids to Texas Agriculture and introduce them to new foods through garden-based learning. Download TDA's four-part resource to help you plan, grow, harvest and connect with a sustainable garden. For more information on the *Let's Get Growing* series visit the [Garden-Based Learning](#) page.

3. Resources for Engaging Families in Farm Fresh Fridays

Participation by parents and other family members can expand the reach and success of Farm Fresh Friday events. These fliers outline ways to engage more family members in garden activities.

[Farm Fresh Fridays: Parent Involvement](#)

Three steps parents can take to bring Texas Farm Fresh to their child's school.

[Farm Fresh Fridays: Participación de los padres](#)

Tres cosas que los padres pueden hacer para que Texas Farm Fresh venga a sus escuelas locales.

[Farm to School Planning — The Ready. Set. Go! Approach](#)

This guide provides a blueprint for parents interested in supporting the creation of a robust farm to school program in their child's K-12 setting. Parents also will find connections to resources offering ideas, inspiration, and funding for farm to school projects.

4. Cookbooks and Menu Resources

[Cooking for the Seasons](#)

Menu-ready recipes focused on fresh produce available in Texas throughout the seasons. All recipes have been tested up to 25 servings and analyzed for nutritional value.

Sample Menus from Best of the Bunch Winners in 2017

[Bryan ISD - Elementary Menu](#)

[Lake Travis ISD](#)

[NSLW Menu with Recipes](#)

TDA's suggested menu for National School Lunch Week provides school nutrition inspiration with new recipes that feature seasonally available, local products.

[Harvest of the Month](#)

Harvest of the month materials spotlight fruits and vegetables grown in Texas. Posters are designed to be displayed in a K-12 setting.

[5. Farm Fresh Taste Testing Toolkit](#)

Step-by-step guide to build local foods taste tests into the framework of any school nutrition program.

6. Downloadable Tools for Planning a Farm Fresh Fridays Celebration

Farm Fresh Fridays offers a great way for schools to incorporate farm to school activities and celebrate Texas agriculture while teaching students lessons about local food. Use these activity inspirations to plan a local Farm Fresh Fridays celebration.

[Farm Fresh Fridays Activities: for students in all grades](#)

[Farm Fresh Fridays Activities: for students in grades K-5](#)

[Farm Fresh Fridays Activities: for students in grades 6-12](#)

[Texas Produce Flash Cards](#)

[Unscramble the Texas-grown produce](#)

[Build your own seasonality wheel](#)

7. Farm Fresh Education Curricula by Program Type

[Click here](#) to access valuable educational materials for teaching students and young children about agriculture and nutrition. These educational materials are organized by program type. Choose a curriculum that is tailored to serve participants all year round or pick from many one-day activities for a special event.

[8. Farm Fresh Challenge](#)

Started in 2013, the Farm Fresh Challenge provides an opportunity for NSLP contracting entities to serve more local foods in meals and snacks during October. Participants will complete actions related to serving Texas foods, teaching agricultural focused lessons and promoting their participation in their communities.