

TEXAS FARM FRESH INITIATIVE



Planting the Seeds *for* Student Achievement *while*
Supporting Texas Farmers *and* Ranchers

Texas Statewide Farm Fresh Initiative

Engage young minds with strong, sustainable connections to local foods, farmers and ranchers.

Texas schools can access the Texas Department of Agriculture support and resources they need to establish farm to school activities.

FARM TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Gardening on campus
- Using farm to school lessons in the garden and the classroom
- Taking field trips to farms and ranches
- Tasting local foods
- Featuring local products on school menus

FARM TO SCHOOL BENEFITS

- Support of local economy
- Connections for schools and local producers
- Student understanding of agriculture
- Awareness of healthier food choices
- New food options for students

FARM TO SCHOOL RESOURCES

- Tips on getting started with farm to school
- Local produce availability map
- Menu planning ideas
- Purchasing information
- Farm to school lesson plans

Farm to school is a win-win-win for students, schools and agricultural producers.

Explore the possibilities at [**SquareMeals.org/FarmtoSchool**](http://SquareMeals.org/FarmtoSchool).



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