

TDA UPDATE 2017

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY WELLNESS ALLIANCE





Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Food & Nutrition Division

- **Conduit between USDA and food assistance providers**
- **Funding provided by Congress**



TDA oversees 12 programs

- **National School Lunch**
- **School Breakfast**
- **Child and Adult Care Food**
- **Summer Feeding**
- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable**



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- **Food Distribution for Child Nutrition Programs**
- **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**
- **Farmers Market Nutrition Program**



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- **Food Assistance for Disaster Relief**
- **Special Milk**
- **Emergency Food Assistance**
- **Commodity Supplemental Foods**



- **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Texas Legislature**



NEWADMINISTRATION

- **AGRICULTURE SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE**
- **MEAL PATTERN FLEXIBILITIES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018**
 - Whole grain waiver
 - Sodium target 1
 - Low-fat (1%) flavored milk



85th TEXAS LEGISLATURE

- **SENATE BILL 725 – STUDENT FAIRNESS IN FEEDING ACT**

Donating leftover food items that cannot be used for another meal service

- **SENATE BILL 1566 – Powers and Duties of School Board Trustees**

Requires school boards to adopt charge policies



- **PROCUREMENT**
- **RULES AND UPDATES**
- **CACFP MEAL PATTERN**
- **COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION**
- **CHARGE POLICY**
- **DIRECT CERTIFICATION**

PROCUREMENT

- PROCEDURES
- PLANS
- CONTRACTS



RULES UPDATES

- LOCAL WELLNESS POLICIES
- PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



CACFP MEAL PATTERN

- **PRE-K CHILDREN AND AT-RISK PROGRAMS**
- **EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, 2017**
 - **Impacts any district serving pre-k students**



**COMMUNITY
ELIGIBILITY
PROVISION**

More students served



CHARGE POLICY

- CONSISTENCY
- COMMUNICATION
- GRACE PERIOD
- LOWEST COST MEAL



TX-UNPSDIRECT CERTIFICATION

- **UPDATES TO THE DC/DV SYSTEM**
- **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**





- **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**
- **FARM FRESH**
- **LEFTOVERS AND FOOD WASTE**

249 ENTRIES
FOR 2017-2018



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- EMPOWERING STUDENTS
- CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH AGRICULTURE
- YOU ART WHAT YOU EAT! 2017
 - ❖ SquareMeals.org/ArtContest



LOCAL PRODUCTS CHALLENGE

2016

More than 3,000 campuses
and more than 2.1 million
students

2017

More than 2.4 million
students



SQUAREMEALS.ORG/LOCALPRODUCTSCHALLENGE



CONNECTING CHILDREN & AGRICULTURE



FARMTOSCHOOL

- FARM FRESH NETWORK
- NEW GARDEN RESOURCE
- TEXAS FARM FRESH JUMP WITH JILL LIVE TOUR

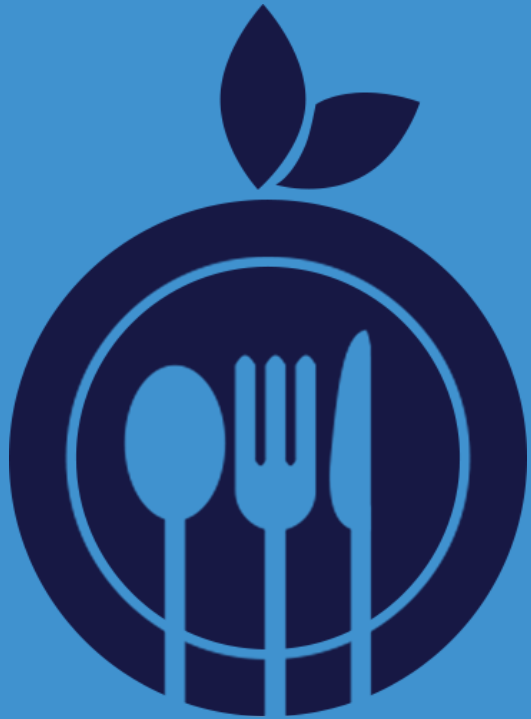
LEFTOVERSFOODWASTE

- Donations
- Share tables
- Sold in cafeterias
- Leftovers brochure

RECYCLECOMPOST

- TDA resources
- Community engagement
- Educational opportunities
- Food waste brochure

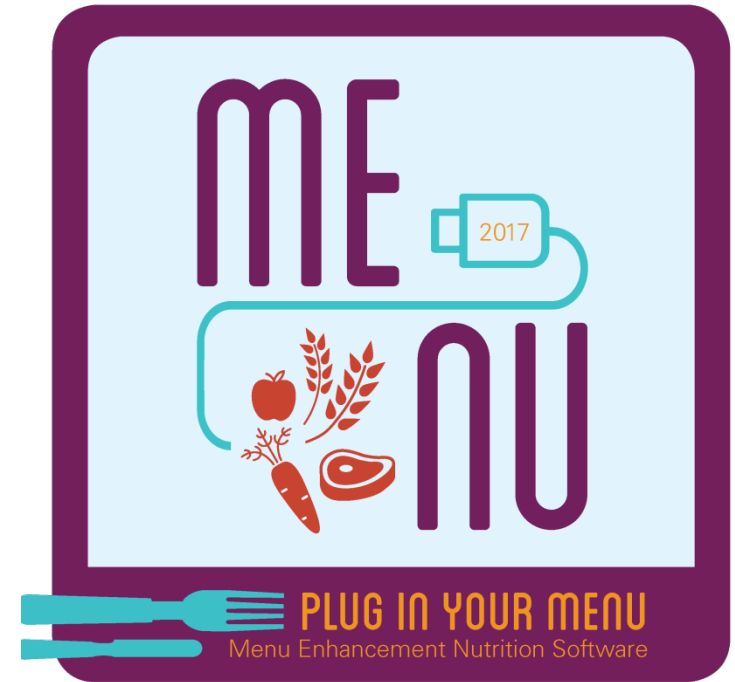




- **MENU MODULE**
- **USDA FOODS**
- **SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM AND SEAMLESS SUMMER OPTION**

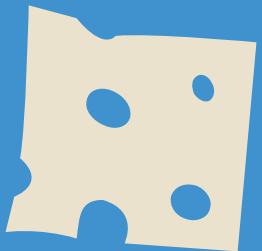
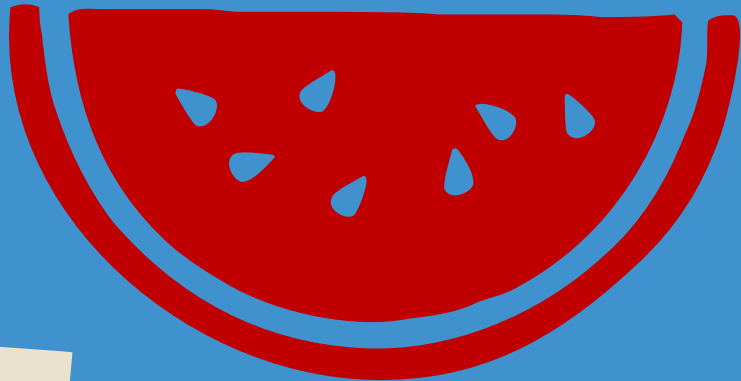
MENUMODULE

- No Cost
- Pre-loaded with Data
- Electronic Production Records
- Nutrient Analysis
- Simplify Administrative Reviews
- Spanish Options
- Meal Marketing Option
- Student/Parent Mobile App
- Training, Technical Assistance and Quick Reference Guides



USDA FOODS

- DoD FRESH
- WAREHOUSES



MEALAPPEAL UNIVERSITY

LAUNCHED IN 2016

- 527 Directors, Managers and Staff Graduated

FIVE MAUs in 2017

- Two Remaining – Region 11 and Region 6

SquareMeals.org/BoostMealAppeal



SUMMERFOODSERVICE PROGRAM

2018 CONFERENCE

- February 26-28, 2017
- Georgetown
- Register now!

THREE WAYS TO FIND A SITE

- SummerFood.org
- Text FOODTX or COMIDA to 877-877
- Call 211





THANK YOU

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