



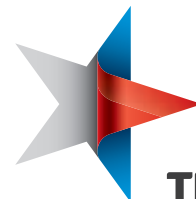
# MEET YOU IN THE VALLEY

## **Young Farmer & Rancher Fall Tour Harlingen • Sept. 9-11, 2016**

Enjoy the unique activities and Rio Grande Valley culture at the 2016 Young Farmer & Rancher Fall Tour in Harlingen. There's something for everyone, regardless of your interests and tastes. Our promise is a little education and a lot of fun!

### **About the Fall Tour**

Each year, the YF&R Fall Tour provides an opportunity for young people in agriculture to join together in a unique part of the state. The tour has become quite a tradition and affords participants the opportunity to see old friends, make new ones and have some fun in a location that is pure Texas.



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## Rio Farms

Rio Farms is a unique and historical 18,000-acre private farming operation located in Hidalgo and Willacy counties. It was chartered by the U.S. government as a “charitable, benevolent institution” that helped hundreds of tenant farmers get their start in agriculture. Today, the fruitful operation focuses on agricultural research, education, land improvements and facilities.



## Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc.

A strong sweetener industry is part of the area’s heritage. The Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers, Inc. is a member-owned cooperative made up of more than 126 growers in a three-county area. It employs up to 500 employees and is one of the top 10 producers of raw sugar in the U.S. It’ll be a sweet stop, for sure!



## Progreso International Bridge

The Progreso International Bridge has been in operation at its current location since 1952. It connects Progreso, Texas and Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas. Countless trucks and thousands of pedestrians cross the bridge daily, making it one of the most popular crossings in the Rio Grande Valley.



## Agricultural Tours

Tours of several farm and ranch operations—including corn, soybeans, sugarcane and cattle—are also a highlight of the Fall Tour.

