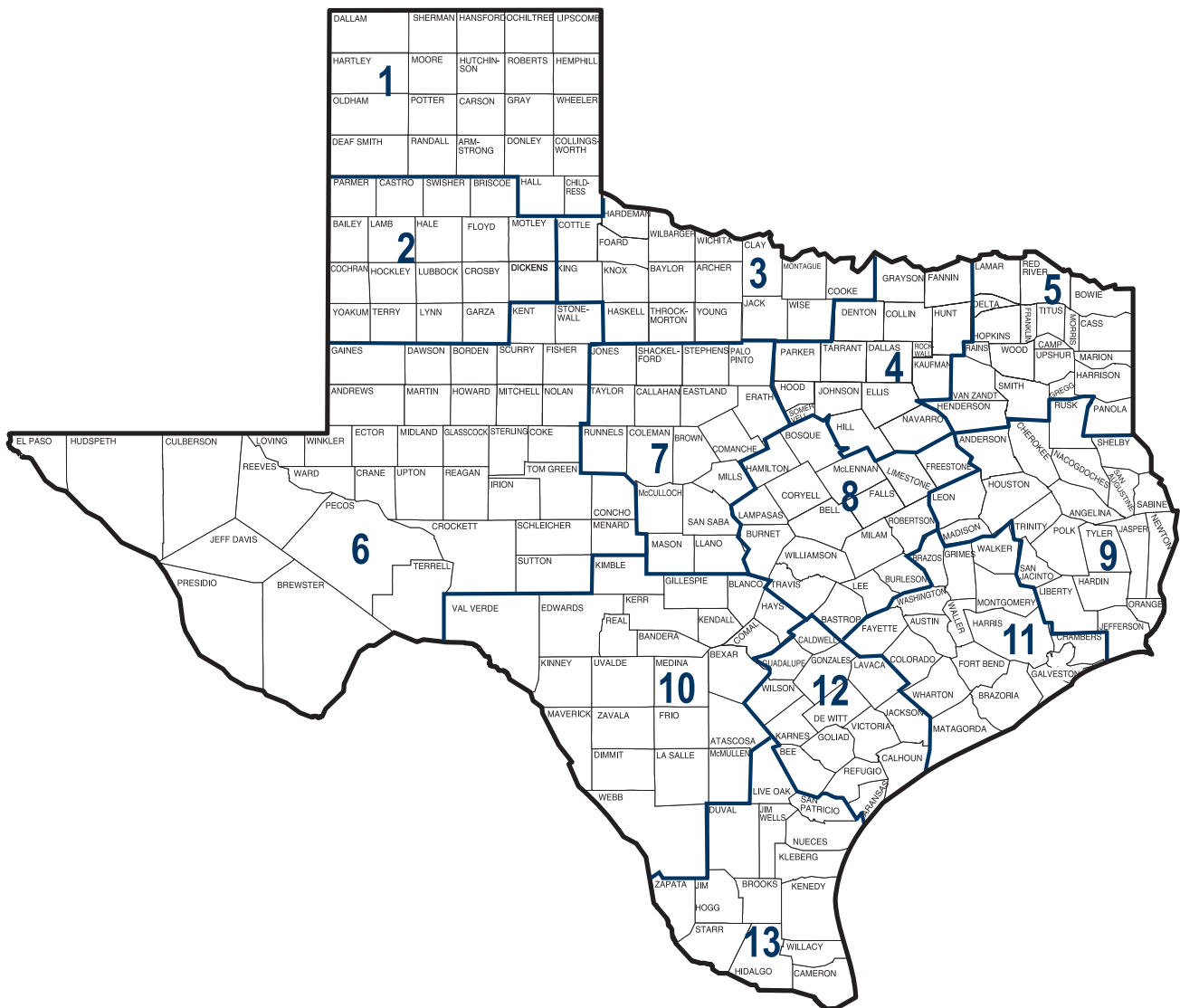


FARM FROM SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR TEACHERS

- ▶ K-2 teachers can sign up to join the program for the Spring 2021 semester.
- ▶ 10 teachers per each Texas Farm Bureau district (13 districts) will be selected to participate. If more than 10 teachers in a particular TFB district apply to participate in the program, a waitlist will be created.



- ▶ Classes of students will be assigned to a farmer in the school's TFB district for the entirety of the spring semester.
- ▶ Each farmer will be assigned to multiple classes that they “meet” with virtually on designated days determined by TFB staff and selected farmers. The idea is that all classes in the district will tune into “meet” with the farmer on the same day. For the classes that cannot join for the live sessions, a link to the recording will be sent to those specific teachers ONLY.
- ▶ The goal is for the classes to virtually engage with the farmer once a month (February-May), participate in a letter writing activity that is sent to the farmer once a month (this can include pictures of class projects, science lessons that incorporate agriculture, information on how the class has incorporated ag into the classroom, what the students have learned about agriculture on their own, etc.), connect concepts learned during each virtual meeting to concepts being learned in class, and develop one to two questions, prior to the virtual meeting, to ask the farmer.
- ▶ The virtual meeting will be set up as a Zoom Meeting where we ask that teachers turn off their video and instead display a picture of either a school mascot or a class drawing that serves as a class logo. The platform will allow classroom microphone use so teachers and students can ask the farmer verbal questions.
- ▶ We ask that each teacher report via a Google form each time their class/es engage with the farmer outside of the video time (i.e. writing letters to farmers, etc.). This will help track completion of the program.

RESOURCES/REWARDS

- ▶ Each teacher who registers will receive a Texas Farm Bureau Commodity Map to aid instruction and understanding of where the farmer is located.
- ▶ All classes that complete the semester-long program will receive a program t-shirt for each student. Each primary, participating teacher will have access to TFB Educational Outreach information, will receive one 32-cell starter tray gardening kit for their classroom, and an accurate ag book to implement into the classroom.

SIGN UP

- ▶ Teachers will sign up for the program via the following Google form: <https://forms.gle/xa7YgdsSzuJVh3N66>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For questions, contact Jordan Walker, TFB director of Educational Outreach, at jwalker1@txfb.org or 254.751.2569.

More information about Ag in the Classroom resources can be found at <https://texasfarmbureau.org>.