# FARM FROM SCHOOL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

# **SPRING 2024**

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- ► K-5 Texas teachers in public, private, and homeschool settings are eligible to sign up for their class(es) to participate. If you do not teach K-5, please do not sign up for this program.
- ▶ This program is only for classrooms in Texas. Please do not register if you are located outside the state of Texas.

### **HOW IT WORKS!**

- ▶ In an effort to keep the program as streamlined as possible and so we know where our link(s) are going, please have all participating teachers sign up individually. For example, if the principal, instructional coach, counselor, department head, grade-level lead, STEM coordinator, etc. wants to bring this program to your school or to an entire grade level, please have all participating teachers sign up with information specifically for their class(es). Example 2: If one teacher teaches all 120 third grade students in science/STEM class and will facilitate the program exclusively in their classroom, only that teacher needs to register. However, if all third-grade teachers will facilitate in each one of their classrooms, each of those third-grade teachers needs to sign up. One teacher should not sign up for every student (an entire grade level) if that teacher will not be the one facilitating the program to all those students.
- ► Classes will meet with a different farmer or rancher during the months of February, March, April, and May. The goal is for students to see how diverse agriculture is through live visits to farms and ranches across Texas.
- ▶ A date will be selected each month for the live farm or ranch visit.
- ▶ Teachers will be sent an access link for the live visit the day prior to the scheduled date.
- ▶ Any classes that are unable to engage with the live visit will be sent a link to the recording.
- ▶ Teachers will be asked to complete a short participation survey so we can track participation each month. \*Please note: Completion of the participation survey is important as we continuously evaluate the value of our programs to teachers and students across Texas.
- ▶ Student questions are highly encouraged and can be submitted via the Q&A function on the Zoom platform. The chat function will be turned off to eliminate disruptions.
- ▶ All registered teachers receive a suggested, TEKS-aligned lesson plan and other resources that are relevant for each month's topic.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For questions, contact Educational Outreach staff at edoutreach@txfb.org or 254-751-2569.

More information about Ag in the Classroom resources can be found at **texasfarmbureau.org/aitc**.