

EARLY AG TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Who: 1st-5th-year teachers who are teaching courses that fall into the Ag, Food, and Natural Resources cluster to the recommended grade levels as defined by the Texas Education Agency in a public or accredited non-public elementary/secondary educational institution.

What: A two-day professional development opportunity that immerses teachers in hands-on classroom/laboratory instruction focused on areas addressed in an agriscience classroom (i.e., instruction, SAEs, and FFA). This opportunity incorporates presentations by agricultural experts who specialize in education. It also includes site visits to an area ranching operation and TSTC for a truly hands-on experience.

Educators will also learn from Texas Ag in the Classroom staff and other education and agricultural experts.

Educators will receive information about classroom resources and other giveaways!

Cost: None

Lodging: Hotel will be provided for the nights of June 1 and June 2

When & Where: June 2-3 in Waco

Texas Farm Bureau Training & Conference Center
7410 Fish Pond Rd.
Waco, TX 76710

Registration and Deadline: Register by May 1. Applications will be reviewed and granted admission on a rolling basis until all 40 seats are filled. We will maintain a waiting list and contact those applicants if/when seats become available.

Registration Link: <https://txfb.us/agteacherPDreg25>

Contact Information: If you have any questions, please call or email the Educational Outreach team at 254.751.2258 or edoutreach@txfb.org.

A tentative agenda is available on the following page.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, June 2

***NOTE: Everyone arrives on Sunday night**

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| 7:45 a.m. | Load Bus at Hotel |
| 8:00 a.m. | Travel to TFB Conference and Training Center |
| 8:30-9:00 a.m. | Welcome/Overview
<i>Welcome – Mr. Si Cook</i>
<i>Executive Director/COO, Texas Farm Bureau</i> |
| 9:00-11:00 a.m. | Educational Outreach: Ag in the Classroom Resources
<i>Jordan Bartels, M.S. Ed., Associate Director, Organization Division, Educational Outreach</i>
<i>Carson Read, Educational Outreach Coordinator</i> |
| 11:00-11:45 a.m. | Lunch
<i>Speaker: Mr. Ray Pieniazek</i>
<i>Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, Executive Director</i> |
| 11:45-12:45 p.m. | Travel to Site Visit |
| 12:45-2:45 p.m. | Beef Cattle Site Visit |
| 2:45-3:45 p.m. | Travel to TSTC - Waco |
| 3:45-4:00 p.m. | Break |
| 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Meat Lab Demonstration
<i>Mr. Eric Harwell</i>
<i>Tarleton State University Meats Lab Manager and Instructor</i> |
| 6:00-7:00 p.m. | Dinner |
| 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Keynote Speaker
<i>Dr. Tobin Redwine,</i>
<i>Executive Director, Montgomery County Fair Association</i> |
| 8:00 p.m. | Release from TSTC – Waco |

Tuesday, June 3

*NOTE: Breakfast at Hotel

- 7:30-8:00 a.m. Check In at TFB Conference & Training Center
7410 Fish Pond Rd., Waco, TX, 76710
- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Youth Outreach: Student Success Series & Other Programs
McKenna Bush, M.S.
Youth Outreach Coordinator
- 9:00-9:10 a.m. Break
- 9:10-11:10 a.m. Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAEs)
Dr. Candice Carraway-Scallan
Associate Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University
- 11:10-11:20 a.m. Break/Giveaways
- 11:20-12:00 p.m. Group Round Table Discussion
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30-1:45 p.m. Moderated Panel Discussion
- 1:45-2:45 p.m. Guest Speaker
Dr. Scott Burris
Department Chair – Agricultural Education and Communications, Texas Tech University
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Wrap Up