



2025 TEXAS FARM BUREAU
YOUNG FARMER & RANCHER

FALL TOUR

COASTAL BEND  SEPTEMBER 4-7



2025 Fall Tour Agenda

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration
Hilton Garden Inn Victoria
123 Huvar St., Victoria, TX 77901

6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Entertainment – Franklin's Backyard Bayou

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

6:30 a.m.

Early Registration at Hotel

8:30 a.m.

BRC Ranch | Boling, TX
Breakfast & Ranch Tour

BRC Ranch is a top tier seedstock cattle operation based in Texas, offering elite Brahman, Angus, and Hereford genetics. Founded in 2019, BRC combines tradition, innovation, and a passion for excellence to serve ranchers worldwide. With a focus on superior genetics, education, and integrity, BRC is shaping the future of the global beef industry.



10:00 a.m.

United Ag, Danevang Gin | Danevang, TX
Tour Cotton Gin & Baggging Operation

United Ag operates two advanced cotton gins in Danevang and Hillje, processing over 2,400 bales per day with cutting-edge technology to preserve cotton quality. As a leader on the Gulf Coast, United Ag offers real-time cotton classification, moisture control, and efficient logistics through TELCOT and PCCA systems. They support growers with flexible marketing options, warehousing for 30,000 bales, and detailed variety recaps to guide future planting decisions. United Ag is committed to innovation, service, and supporting local farmers.



12:00 p.m.

Prasek's Family Smokehouse | El Campo, TX
Lunch

Prasek's Family Smokehouse began in 1974 when Mike and Betty Jo Prasek purchased Hillje Grocery in Hillje, Texas, driven by a passion for quality, service, and community. What started in a small home kitchen has grown into a Texas institution known for its handcrafted kolaches, smoked meats, and warm hospitality. Prasek's now boasts two expansive locations, a major meat processing facility, and a nationwide presence through wholesale and mail-order offerings. Prasek's continues to deliver unforgettable experiences rooted in tradition and Texas pride.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 *(continued)*

2:30 p.m.

Bowers Homegrown Seafood | Palacios, TX **Shrimp Operation Tour**

Bowers Homegrown Seafood is a third-generation family-owned aquaculture operation based on the Texas Gulf Coast. Founded in 1989 with just 13 shrimp ponds, it has grown into the nation's largest producer of farm-raised hybrid striped bass, red drum, and Pacific white shrimp. The 433-acre Collegeport shrimp farm, supported by hatchery and processing facilities in Palacios, ensures full traceability and peak freshness. With deep roots in local communities, Bowers & Saha Aquaculture blends tradition, innovation, and sustainability to deliver premium, responsibly raised seafood from pond to plate.



4:15 p.m.

Turtle Creek | Palacios, TX **Operation Tour**

Turtle Creek Aquaculture is a family-owned redfish farm in Palacios that is dedicated to sustainable, science-based aquaculture. Founded in 2008 by Nasir Kureshy, the farm raises red drum in outdoor ponds while restoring surrounding saltmarsh to support healthy ecosystems. Their climate-resilient practices and local focus ensure responsibly raised, Texas-grown seafood for restaurants and wholesalers. Turtle Creek blends environmental stewardship with high-quality, traceable seafood from tide to table.



Speaker: Amy Nowlin

Amy Nowlin is the Coastal & Marine Resources Agent for Matagorda County with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Texas Sea Grant. She leads outreach and education efforts focused on coastal conservation, workforce development, and environmental literacy. With a background in public service, natural resource education, and emergency management, Amy is also a certified Texas Master Naturalist and an active community volunteer.



6:30 p.m.

Briggs Ranches | Bloomington, TX **Operation Tour and Dinner**

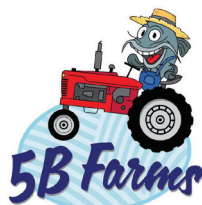
Briggs Ranches, established in 1942, is an historic South Texas cattle operation known for its elite Santa Gertrudis and Brangus genetics. Operating across three divisions, the ranch maintains purebred and commercial herds while preserving native wildlife and ranching traditions.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 a.m. **5B Farms—Bowers Catfish | Inez, TX**
Breakfast and Operation Tour

5B Farms is a family-owned operation in Inez, Texas, specializing in catfish, corn, and grain sorghum. Since 2003, the Bowers family has grown the farm into one of the largest catfish producers in Texas, known for delivering fresh, locally raised fish. With a focus on innovation and sustainability, 5B Farms combines traditional agriculture with modern aquaculture to feed communities across the state.



9:30 a.m. **Tour Stop TBD**

Lunch & Devotional | Location TBD

1:00 p.m. **Hanslik's Homegrown Vegetables | Victoria, TX**
Tour and Vegetable Picking

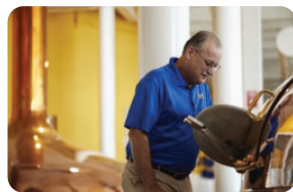
Hanslik's Homegrown Vegetables is a family-run farm in Victoria County. They grow a variety of fresh, seasonal vegetables including carrots, garlic, onions, and leafy greens. Founded in 2008 by Kenneth Hanslik, the farm emphasizes hands-on care, resilience, and sustainable practices.



3:00 p.m. **Arrive at hotel to offload goodies**

4:30 p.m. **Spoetzl Brewery & Distillery | Shiner, TX**
Dinner and Tours

Founded in 1909 in Shiner, the K. Spoetzl Brewery is the state's oldest independent brewery and home of the iconic Shiner beer. What began in a tin shed with old-world recipes has grown into a modern brewery and distillery producing award-winning beers and craft spirits. From surviving Prohibition to expanding across the U.S., Spoetzl blends tradition, innovation, and Texas pride.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast on your own.

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