



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

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Dear Partner:

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is committed to providing students with the nutritious foods they need during this difficult time while ensuring the public health is maintained.

In partnership with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, TDA will be working to support meal delivery to nearly 1,000,000 meals to students. The meals are targeted to rural schools that are closed due to COVID-19. The Meals-to-You program will provide shelf-stable, easily prepared, kid-friendly meals to students during unexpected school closures lasting four weeks or longer to eligible families at no cost.

Rural school districts in Texas can utilize the resources provided by Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty to connect with a meal delivery vendor and verify family eligibility for meal service.

This delivery method will be implemented on a first come first serve basis. Districts that wish to participate should meet the following criteria:

- Be a school food authority **in good standing** with the Texas Department of Agriculture
- Be located in a **rural county** within Texas
- Have announced a school closure lasting **four weeks or longer**

Districts interested in applying should visit: <https://mealstoyou.org/>.

Thank you for joining USDA and the state of Texas to make a difference in Texans lives.

Sincerely,

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