# Texas Local Food for Schools Funding

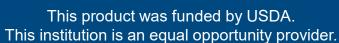
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## Texas Local Food for Schools (LFS)

- **\$22.3** *million* for Texas schools
  - Funded through the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service
  - Minimally or unprocessed foods served through NSLP
  - Allowable costs: direct food costs, storage, and transportation

- Food items must be produced in Texas
  - Intended to expand local and regional markets with an emphasis on purchasing from historically underserved producers

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LFS funds will be sub-granted to CEs

- CEs will <u>opt into the program</u>
- Awards will be made in the Fall 2023
- Program funds must be expended by *March 2025*
- More information will be provided on SquareMeals.org and eblasts.

# Minimally and Unprocessed Foods

### **Examples of Allowable Products**

- Fruits and vegetables, including 100% juices
- Grains pastas, rice
- Meats whole, pieces, ground meats
- Meat alternates beans or legumes
- Fluid milk and dairy products yogurt, cheese
- Variety of processing states (whole, cut, pureed) and forms (fresh, frozen, dried, canned)

#### **Examples of Unallowable Products**

• Baked goods, prepackaged sandwiches/meals, chicken nuggets, fish sticks, pre-made pizzas, etc.