

# 2023 Turnip the Beet Awards

The Turnip the Beet Award, by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), recognizes outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious.



**Congratulations to the 38 Texas Awardees**



- Birdville ISD
- Channelview ISD
- Copperas Cove ISD
- Duncanville ISD
- Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD
- Frankston ISD
- Galena Park ISD
- Garland ISD
- Grapevine-Colleyville ISD
- Kilgore ISD
- Lamar CISD
- Laredo ISD
- Magnolia ISD
- Mission CISD
- North East ISD
- San Antonio ISD
- San Marcos CISD
- The Right Start Summer Program at TAMUK
- Yes Prep Public Schools

## SILVER



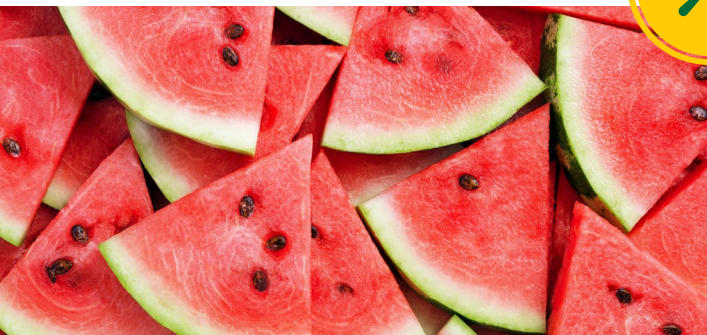
- Anahuac ISD
- Brenham ISD
- Brownsville ISD
- College Station ISD
- Dickinson ISD
- Fort Bend ISD
- Grand Prairie ISD
- Hempstead ISD
- Katy ISD
- Killeen ISD
- Lewisville ISD
- Marble Falls ISD
- Northwest ISD
- Pasadena ISD
- Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD
- Rio Hondo
- Rockdale ISD
- South San Antonio ISD
- Temple ISD

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# Texas Fruit and Vegetable Day

## April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The 88th Texas Legislature designated the first Friday in April as Texas Fruit and Vegetable Day in public schools to promote awareness of the health benefits of eating fruits and vegetables at school



### Digital Resources

- Fillable Press Release
- Celebration Templates
- Fruit and Vegetables Across Texas
- Activity Sheets
- Taste Testing Resources
- Gardening Resources
- Farm Fresh Network

**APRIL 5TH, 2024**  
**TEXAS FRUIT & VEGETABLE DAY**

Dive in and explore a plate bursting with a rainbow of tasty fruits and vegetables!

**HARVEST OF THE MONTH**

- NOVEMBER: Root vegetables (Region 1 & 6)
- DECEMBER: Greens (Region 1, 6 & 8)
- JANUARY: Citrus fruit (Region 8)
- FEBRUARY: Lettuce (Region 1-8)
- MARCH: Mushrooms (Region 3 & 4)
- APRIL: Cruciferous (Region 6 & 8)
- MAY: Berries (Region 3)
- JUNE: Stone fruit (Region 3 & 4)
- JULY: Tomatoes (Region 3 & 8)
- AUGUST: Peppers (Region 1-8)
- SEPTEMBER: Melons (Region 1, 3, 6, & 8)
- OCTOBER: Apples (Region 1 & 4)

**GROWING REGIONS**

- The High Plains
- North Texas
- East Texas
- Central Texas
- Trans Pecos
- Winter Pecos
- Coastal Bend
- Rio Grande Valley

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# School Lunch Hero Day

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

This annual observance is a chance to showcase what a difference school nutrition professionals make in the lives of every child who comes through the cafeteria.

**SCHOOL LUNCH  
HERO DAY**



## Digital Resources

Implementation Toolkit

Coloring Sheets

DIY Cards and Aprons

SLHD Poster

SLHD Graphics



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# Upcoming: Celebration Week Themes

2024 National School Lunch Week

- October 14-18, 2024



2025 National School Breakfast Week

- March 3-7, 2025

