

# Local Food for Schools

## April Office Hours

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# Meeting Agenda

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# Grant Updates



Community ISD – True Harvest Lettuce

# Reimbursement Process Updates

## Important Deadlines

1. Deadline to make LFS Purchases – **March 31, 2025**
2. Deadline to submit LFS Reimbursement Requests – **May 9, 2025**

## Notifications

- Click “send me a copy of my responses” box when filling out form to receive email copy receipt
- If denied, informed with a denial email notification with reason
- If accepted and approved by finance, email with the request details, total amount requested, and amount of LFS funds you have left to spend
- Reimbursement should be received within 30 days of Finance approval

**Review Reimbursement Process at [www.squaremeals.org/LFS](http://www.squaremeals.org/LFS)**





**\*\*  
Beets, Gold V/F**  
985-8027 | 5/5 lb



**\*\*  
Beets, Red V/F**  
984-0020 | 5/5 lb



**\*\*  
Cabbage, Green**  
06-8838 | 1/2 ct  
980-0067 | 1/sack ea



**\*\*  
Collard Greens**  
980-0194 | 1/12 ct



**\*\*  
Leek, Fresh**  
06-8305 | 1/12 ct



**\*\*  
Lettuce, Kale  
Green**  
981-5275 | 1/6 ct  
981-5267 | 4/6 ct



**\*\*  
Watermelon  
Radish**  
985-8887 | 1/5 lb  
981-2502 | 5/5 lb



**\*\*\*  
Grapefruit, Ruby**  
980-4147 | 1/5 lb  
980-4097 | 6/5 lb



**\*\*\*  
Oranges**  
980-5020 | 1/40 lb



**\*\*\*\*  
Spinach  
Clean & Trim**  
980-3232 | 4/2.5 lb



**\*\*\*\*\*  
Trueharvest One  
Cut Romaine**  
983-1010 | 1/18 ct



**\*\*\*\*\*  
Trueharvest One  
Cut Crispy Leaf**  
980-6665 | 4/1.5 lb



**\*\*\*\*\*  
Trueharvest One  
Cut Romaine**  
980-6664 | 4/1.5 lb



**\*\*\*\*\*  
Trueharvest One  
Cut Truemix**  
980-6667 | 4/1.5 lb

### Vendor Sourcing Information

- \*\*** Val Verde Vegetable Co. (El Sabino Farms) - 200 Trophy Dr, McAllen, TX 78504 (LFS Approved)
- \*\*\*** Wonderful Citrus - 4000 East Goodwin Road, Mission, TX 78574 (Not LFS Approved)
- \*\*\*\*** L&L Farms - 750 CR 1005, Batesville, TX 78829 (LFS Approved)
- \*\*\*\*\*** True Harvest - 111 Trueharvest Wy, Belton, TX 76513 (LFS Approved)

### Contact Us:

210.661.4216  
505.515.1558  
www.labattfood.com

Please Place Your Order 7 Days in Advance  
Pricing subject to change based on availability



# Reimbursement Process Updates

This is the information we are looking for regarding vendor/producer information



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# Reimbursement Process Updates

✓47	F	923-1146	2	180	2 OZ	BRIDGFORDROLL DOUGH WHITE WHEAT WG	6	01251	26.73	C	53.46
✓48	F	923-1242	1	24	1 LB	RICH'S COBBLER CRUST DOUGH SHEET	6	14138	60.37	C	60.37
✓49	F	934-2800	3	120	2 OZ	BAKE CRAFTBUN, HAMBURGER WW WHITE 3.75	6	245300	31.99	C	95.97
✓50	D	939-9183	3	200	9 GM	PPI MAYONNAISE PC	1	521570	11.66	C	34.98
*✓51	R	980-6665	1	4	1.5 LB	TX GROWN TRUEHARVEST 1CUT CRISPYLF	8		37.33	C	37.33
✓52	D	980-8098	1	1	10 LB	ONION ONION YELLOW MEDIUM 10 LB * 90			5.95	C	5.95
✓53	R	983-0051	1	1	5 LB	CELERY CELERY STICKS 3-4 INCHES	90	00080	13.63	C	13.63
Fuel Surcharge											.00

The item number is linked to a local producer on this supporting document from the distributor



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# Reimbursement Process Updates

This invoice needs more information:

- Which items are local?
- What supporting documents to verify local?

This request will be returned and not processed until more details are provided.

Item	Quantity Ordered	Quantity Shipped	Description	Product of	Unit Price	Extended Price
01012	1	1 CS	APPLES GRANNY SMITH	88 CT	36.69	36.69
03564	1	1 CS	APPLES SLICED RED	100/2OZ USA	29.25	29.25
01020	1	1 CS	BERRY STRAWBERRY FANCY	8/1#	33.14	33.14
22096	1	1 5#	CELERY STICKS	5# USA	9.98	9.98
01936	1	1 CS	KIWI- 1 LAYER	36CT	20.00	20.00
01062	1	1 CS	LETTUCE ROMAINE CHOPPED	6/2# USA	21.35	21.35
22312	1	1 5#	LETTUCE SHREDDED 1/8"	5# USA	6.57	6.57
00138	1	1 CS	TOMATO GRAPE RED	12CT	37.50	37.50



# LFS Resources

## New LFS Resources on SquareMeals

- [www.squaremeals.org/LFS](http://www.squaremeals.org/LFS)

## LFS Vendor Resource List

- *Contains list of vendors previously used by grant recipients for reimbursement of LFS funds. It is not required to use these vendors; however, if interested in pursuing procurement from any of the vendors listed, you must follow all federal, state, and local procurement regulations and processes.*

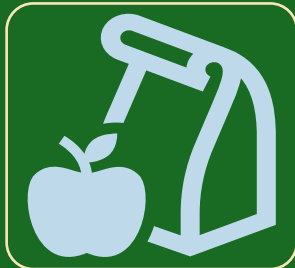


# Announcements



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# Healthy Meal Incentives (HMI)



## HMI Recognition Awards

- 8 Categories – Awarded on rolling basis
- Applications Close June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Visit [HMI Homepage: healthymealsincentives.org](http://HMI Homepage: healthymealsincentives.org)
- [Squaremeals.org/HMI](http://Squaremeals.org/HMI)

With a year left to apply, consider the Innovation in Nutrition Education since 1 of the 2 requirements are met with LFS participation!

**Breakfast Trailblazer**

**Lunch Trailblazer**

**Innovative School Lunch Makeover**

**Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals**

**Small and/or Rural Breakfast Trailblazer**

**Small and/or Rural Lunch Trailblazer**

**Innovation in the Cultural Diversity of School Meals**

**Innovation in Nutrition Education** ★

# Farm Fresh Survey

*TDA is kindly asking NSLP & CACFP Operators to respond to the Farm Fresh Survey 2024!*

- **What is it?**
  - 5–10 minute survey for NSLP & CACFP CN Directors
- **What does it do?**
  - Informs TDA about Farm Fresh activities across the state
  - Provides feedback on the Farm Fresh programs and resources provided by TDA
- **Why should I take it?**
  - Helps guide TDA's Farm Fresh Initiative direction and resource development
  - Supports future Farm Fresh programming in Texas schools and childcare settings

Click [HERE](#) to complete this important survey.



# Farm Fresh at MegaCon

- **Session #1: Farm Fresh Foundations**
  - Overview of the Texas Farm to School programs and important updates.
  - Panel of child nutrition directors will share how to get started with Farm Fresh activities.
- **Session #2: Farm Fresh Roundtables**
  - Farm Fresh Program Updates
  - Panel of seasoned Farm Fresh SFA experts to discuss F2S best practices, earning Farm Fresh challenge recognition, partnerships with local producers, and more!
  - Roundtable of panelists and participants to answer your Farm Fresh questions
  - Click [HERE](#) to submit pre-session Farm Fresh questions.
- **Session #3: Local Food for Schools—How to Spend Grant funds and more!**
- **Farm Fresh Expo Table**
  - Farm Fresh Challenge Intent to Pledge and Incentives
  - Farm Fresh Selfie Station



A collage of fresh produce. The top left shows sliced and whole apples on a dark wooden surface. The top right shows several white mushrooms with dark spots on a dark background. The bottom left shows several ripe peaches, some whole and some sliced, with green leaves on a wooden surface. A red banner with white text is overlaid across the center.

# Poll Questions

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# FAQs

*Updated FAQs available now!*

# Sharing Session





# Questions?



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Portal: [Reimbursement Form](#)

TDA LFS Website: [www.squaremeals.org/LFS](http://www.squaremeals.org/LFS)



Farm Fresh Network: [www.squaremeals.org/FarmFreshNetwork](http://www.squaremeals.org/FarmFreshNetwork)

Comptroller Vendor List: <https://mycpa.cpa.state.tx.us/tpasscdblsearch/>

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