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# Agenda



<b>Project Update</b>	5 minutes
<b>TANS Feedback Log</b>	20 minutes
<b>TANS on SquareMeals</b>	15 minutes
<b>Open Q&amp;A</b>	20 minutes



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# Project Update



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# Project Update



**PY26 SNP Applications** will NOT be completed in TANS.

This April, plan to submit [PY26 SNP applications in TX-UNPS.](#)



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# Project Update



**Due to the delays, our team is actively assessing a revised timeline.**

**Taking this extra time before rolling out TANS allows us to:**

- Enhance system performance to better support your operations.
- Conduct thorough testing to ensure a seamless experience
- Develop thorough training to ensure you have the resources you need
- Incorporate valuable feedback gathered from TANS Talks

**Stay tuned!**



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# TANS Feedback Log



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## When will we begin to use TANS?

## Will we start the PY2026 SNP application in TX-UNPS?

Due to project delays, PY26 SNP applications will be completed in TX-UNPS.

The timeline for SNP and other programs to begin in TANS is currently being evaluated by the project team and division leadership. We are aiming to align each program's rollout with its regular program year calendar, and we do not intend to switch systems for any program mid-program year.



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**What day will we find out the new timeline? Our organization is large, and we are trying to plan ahead.**

The purpose of reassessing the timelines is, in part, to allow for more preparation and resources ahead of the rollout.

We have not announced a new timeline or a date the new timeline will be shared. Our teams are actively and thoroughly assessing a few different options to ensure we are clearly and accurately communicating to you all when we do.

Once we've confirmed our new timeline, we will share it with you all.



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**Will TANS training take place before May?**

**Will training take place prior to the SNP application submission deadline?**

Training materials will be made available on SquareMeals prior to program deadlines and prior to the associated program rollout in TANS. Because of the revised timelines, training is very unlikely to take place before May.

As we assess the timelines, we are aiming to include more opportunities to see and engage with TANS before using it, including through training sessions and materials. Continue to check SquareMeals for updates on upcoming training opportunities.



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## Will ESCs be providing TANS trainings? Will there be in-person trainings for TANS?

Yes and yes.

Once training materials are ready, ESCs will be very important partners in getting you all up to speed. We expect to have in-person and instructor-led training opportunities available to users as we prepare for each program rollout in TANS.



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## What if I'm not able to attend a training?

You're in luck! Our training materials will also be available as needed through self-service modules, including short videos and one-pagers explaining key aspects of your process. These will be available on SquareMeals anytime you need to access them.



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## Where will trainings be posted?

When TANS training materials are available, they will be posted in the “Resources & Training” section of the TANS SquareMeals page.



## Will our previous data remain accessible in TX-UNPS for audit purposes?

Data in TX-UNPS will remain accessible as long as the system is in service. However, when the contract ends, all users will lose access to the interactive website. A select group of TDA technical staff will maintain ongoing access to raw data in accordance to records retention requirements.

Key user-friendly, datasets are already available on the Open Data Portal. TDA is actively working to create and provide additional historical datasets based on your feedback collected in the December 2024 TANS Talk.



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I find it difficult to navigate and find information on the Open Data Portal (ODP). Can TDA let us know what is on ODP and where to find it?

Yes! In our January TANS Talk, our team provided an in-depth walkthrough of what is available, how to find it, and best practices for easily accessing your most used datasets.

Additionally, ODP itself has guidance to help ensure you understand the data provided.

## TANS Updates

### UPCOMING TANS TALKS

[Click here to join the monthly TANS Talk Session](#)

Webinar ID: 872 4073 8556

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**February 19, 2025: TANS Talk Session**

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## Will organizations be assigned new identification numbers?

Organizations active in TX-UNPS at the time of the transition will have the legacy ID migrated over. These are the 5-digit IDs you are familiar with and that begin with a 0. **For example, Org ID 00001**

Organizations that join after the transition to TANS and had no active profile in TX-UNPS at the time of the transition will receive a new TANS ID. These will be 5-digit IDs beginning with a 1. **For example, Org ID 10001.**



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**Will sites have a Site ID in TANS?**

**Will sites be assigned new identification numbers?**

Yes, TANS automatically assigns a totally unique identification number to each new site, so it is very unlikely your sites will have the same site IDs in TX-UNPS and TANS.

However, TDA plans to migrate the associated TX-UNPS site ID for reporting purposes only. You will not see or use this legacy site ID in TANS.



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## Will the term Contracting Entity (CE) be changed to Organization?

Yes, TANS uses the term “organization” where you may be used to hearing “contracting entity” or “CE”. These and other terms are being adopted as we transition to TANS to support better alignment with USDA regulation and make use of the existing system features.



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# TANS on SquareMeals



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# Open Q&A



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## Open Data Portal

Free online access to F&N data 24/7

<http://data.texas.gov/>

## TANS on SquareMeals

Timelines, updates, and more

Training resources will be housed here as they become available.



**Get Started**

**Previous Presentations**

**Feedback Form**

Accessible under “Contact Us”

Submit your questions, concerns, and other feedback to help us improve our communication and resources supporting the TANS transition

**Resources  
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**Frequently Asked Questions**

Covers questions on the timeline, training, data and reporting, and more.

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