

Helpful Resources for Local Farmers

Local Harvest www.localharvest.org

Website listing local producers and farmers markets.

Farm & Ranch Freedom Alliance www.farmandranchfreedom.org

The Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance (FARFA) is leading the fight to save family farms and individuals from expensive and unnecessary government regulations.

Bountiful Sprout www.bountifulsprout.org

A local, organic food buying community serving Wimberley/DS/Blanco and Fredericksburg customers. Twice per month drop-off at central site on RR 12 between DS and Wimberley. Pick-ups there and in Fredericksburg.

Texas Organic Farmers & Gardeners (association) www.tofga.org

Texas Department of Agriculture <http://www.agr.state.tx.us>

Click on Programs to see the wide range of regulatory, marketing, and educational programs and grant opportunities that TDA administers. A few notable ones:

Go Texan (marketing program): <http://www.gotexan.org>

Handling or Marketing of Perishable Commodities (license):

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_5610_0_0,00.html?channel=5610

Nursery Floral (license required to sell plants and cut flowers):

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_5649_0_0,00.html?channel=5649

Organic Certification Program (license):

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_5609_0_0,00.html?channel=5609

Weights and Measures (scale license):

http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/program_render/0,1987,1848_5615_0_0,00.html?channel=5615

Texas Department of State Health Services <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>

Extensive regulatory site involving retail food establishments, egg sales, food manufacturing, milk producers, etc. Some pertinent examples:

Egg Sales at Farmers Markets:

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/foodestablishments/pdf/RegClarifications/E23-13195_FEGRC_9.pdf

Milk Rules: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/milk/rules.shtm>

Food Manufacturing: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/foods/foodmangen.shtm>

Texas AgriLife Extension <http://texasextension.tamu.edu/>

Hays County Extension Office <http://hays-tx.tamu.edu/>