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Dear Texas Center for Local Food,

We, at Hope Full Farm in Dripping Springs, Texas, are a non-profit dedicated to growing high quality, nutrient dense produce through regenerative agriculture to address food insecurity among Central Texas students and their families. We also support new farmers who are committed to sustainable practices. Therefore, we are very interested in participating in the development of the Texas Farm-Based Education Workbook.

If your application is selected for funding, our farm will support this project through participation in the topic team which will review and develop the Texas Farm-Based Education Workbook. Our team consists of farmers who have extensive experience in farm-based education to those that are new to farming but passionate about sustainable agriculture to address hunger and climate change. Together, we will select a participant who can provide critical insights on the content and formatting of the curriculum.

The Texas Farm-Based Education Workbook is a unique opportunity to support farmers while shaping the next generation of the Texas food system through education and community building. We will participate in and support the 2024-25 Texas Farm-Based Education Workbook proposal for the period of April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026 in the following ways:

- Participation in at least 5 virtual meetings to provide feedback during the workbook development process
- Occasional asynchronous work throughout the process
- Providing farm space and co-hosting 1 in-person field day workshop
- Participation in 1-2 in-person field day workshop events

Sincerely,

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