



Muleshoe Independent School District

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RECOGNIZES Muleshoe Independent School District FOR SUCCESS IN LOCAL PRODUCTS CHALLENGE

Muleshoe - Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) today honored the Muleshoe Independent School District child nutrition department with a *Best of the Bunch Award* for its achievement in Commissioner Miller's 2016 Local Products Challenge. Winners of this award successfully incorporated local ingredients from Texas in at least three of the following meal components: milk, protein, fruits, vegetables or grains. These winning schools also offered students an opportunity to learn about agriculture and local food.

"Teaching children about healthy lifestyles and the importance of agriculture by introducing them to nutritious, Texas-grown foods is a top priority at TDA," Commissioner Miller said. "When our school nutrition partners accepted our Local Products Challenge, they strengthened Texas agriculture and demonstrated their commitment to developing good nutritional habits for the young Texans they serve and their local communities."

Participation in TDA's Local Products Challenge continues to grow year-after-year. More than 140 school districts participated in the 2016 Local Products Challenge. Seventy-seven districts earned a *Best of the Bunch Award* representing their commitment to serving three or more local products in the school meal served to students.

"Our child nutrition team works tirelessly throughout the year to prepare healthy and appealing school meals, ensuring our students are ready to learn and achieve their academic goals," said Muleshoe ISD Child Nutrition Director Savannah Box. "The *Best of the Bunch Award* highlights our efforts to serve local products in the cafeteria and make our district a leader in nutrition for the Lone Star State."

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