

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY – APRIL 22

8:00 – 9:05 AM | Breakfast and Registration

Register, grab coffee, and join us for a farm to table breakfast and plenary opening remarks.

9:05 – 9:50 AM | Food Summit Overview

Opening remarks and panel on **Building a Resilient Regional Food Economy** in the RGV.

~ 9:50 – 10:05 AM | Networking Break ~

10:05 – 11:05 AM | 1st Panel and Short Film

Identifying Infrastructure Gaps and Removing Structural Barriers panel, and screening of the Regional Food Business Center short film.

11:10 AM – 12:10 PM | 2nd Panel and Short Film

The Future of Local Food: Youth Perspectives panel, and screening of Brownsville ISD Film by BBC.

~ 12:10 – 1:30 PM | Lunch and Networking Break ~

1:30 – 5:00 PM | Concurrent Sessions

Room Name:	Hidalgo & Cameron Co	Starr Co	Brooks Co	Fort Ringold	Fort McIntosh
Tracks:	Farmworker Rights	Food Production	Food Distribution	Access to Finance	Thought Leadership
1:30 – 2:30 PM	The Role of Farmworkers in the Food System	Research Insights for South Texas Crops	Turning Purchasing Buyers into Values-Aligned Procurement Architects	Financial Assistance through USDA NRCS including the Regenerative Pilot Program	Storytelling as a Leadership Skill in Food and Community Systems 12:40 – 2:45 PM
2:45 – 3:45 PM	Sowing Seeds of Support: Understanding Migrant Education Programs in South Texas	Research Insights for Cattle Raisers	How to Work with TDA's GO TEXAN Marketing Program	Accessing SSARE and TDA Grants	
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Technical Assistance	Produce Safety for Small Producers	Farm and Ranch to School Success Stories	Accessing USDA AMS and RD Grants	

DAY 2 – THURSDAY – APRIL 23

8:00 – 8:30 AM | Grab and Go Breakfast

Grab coffee and a quick breakfast to get you started.

Room Name	Hidalgo & Cameron Co	Starr Co	Brooks Co	Fort Ringold	Fort McIntosh
Tracks:	Thought Leadership	Food Production	Food Distribution	Access to Finance	TDA FRESH TRAYS
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Technical Assistance	Opportunities for Small-Scale Meat Processing	The Role of Food Banks in a Regional Food System	Accessing USDA FSA, NRCS, RD Loans and Loan Guarantees	TDA FRESH TRAYS – Advanced Local Procurement Training – for schools
9:45 – 10:45 PM	AFT Learning Circle for Women Farmers and Ranchers	Policy Landscape for Texas Producers	Texas A&M AgriLife FRESH TRAYS – for producers	Accessing Capital thru Farm Credit, SBA, CDFIs	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:40 – 2:45 PM	The State of RGV Water	Setting Up for Success at the Farmer’s Market	Profit / Loss Workshop – Financial Statements 101	

~ 12:15 – 1:15 PM | Lunch and Networking Break ~

1:15 – 2:30 PM	<p>Time for Networking, Exhibitor Booths, and Seed Exchange</p> <p>1:15 – 2:15 PM</p>	<p>Fort McIntosh</p> <p>Buyer Supplier Event: Bringing the Farm to School</p>
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2:30 – 3:30 PM | Keynote

Expanding Local Food Efforts & Access: Partnerships with Faith Based Organizations

3:45 – 5:00 PM | Panel 3 + Closing Remarks

From Discussion to Action: Calls to Action, Commitments, and Next Steps

~ 6:00 – 10:00 PM | Mixer ~

Join us at the Museum of South Texas History for drinks, farm to table bites, student art work, and a complementary Magic Valley exhibit.