

# 2019 End of Year Report

## Central Texas Young Farmers Coalition

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### Overview

This was our first full year as elected officials of this chapter, and our first year as a team. Together, we organized educational and social meetups, tabled at conferences, lobbied on behalf of local farmers and raised over \$2,300 at our first fundraiser. Through our fundraising efforts, were able to send Tiffany from Dobbin-Kauv Farm and Ali from Farmshare Austin to the 2019 Convergence. We also recently granted our first conference scholarship. We have continued our strategic planning with a two-part goal-setting process near the end of 2019. From the survey, it looks like we'll be getting some new and exciting projects off the ground in 2020! This process was designed to be centered around the question, 'what projects would you like to see, and more importantly, what are you willing to take the lead on?' We hope that this will encourage involvement and ownership among our young and beginning farmers.



### 2019 Timeline

#### January

We hosted a Texas Farm Policy workshop taught by Judith McGeary from the Farm and Ranch Freedom Alliance (FARFA). 18 attended.

We hosted a panel on opportunities for young farmers at the Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association conference in Corpus Christi. Panelists included Leah Gibson from Boxcar Farm & Garden, Derek Emadi from Emadi Acres, Sue Beckwith from Texas Center for Local Food and Hannah Beall from Hairston Creek Farm.

#### February

We hosted our social meetup. 6 attended.

#### March

On March 11, a Dutch young farmer group, NAJK, toured Texas. They stopped by and visited where they shared about their organizations and the challenges young farmers face in the Netherlands. We toured Green Gate Farms and Agarita Farms.

### April

We hosted our social meetup. We were invited by the Texas Agrilife Extension Team by the Travis County Extension Agent to attend the Texas Community Futures Forum. We were able to voice the priorities for Travis County agriculture services.

### May

We hosted a panel on buying farmland. On the panel, we had Capital Farm Credit, Foodshed Investors and Lorig Hawkins (Middle Ground Farm). Amy attended the Local Food Lobbying Day at the Texas State Capitol and met with 18 State Representatives to advocate for bills to help small farmers.

### June

Cara taught a food safety training hosted by Farmshare Austin. We hosted a social meetup where we were lucky enough to have Cara and Maggie from NYFC attend. 20 attended.

### July

We hosted a small meetup at Green Gate Farms to beat the heat and swim in the river. 6 attended.

### August

We hosted a social meetup. 6 attended. We also tabled at the FARFA Leadership conference in San Marcos.

### September

We hosted a goal-setting meeting where we planned out what we wanted to accomplish in 2020. 13 attended.

### October

We hosted a social meetup at a new location in addition to our first fundraiser. 7 attended.

We had over 100 attendees (guests and volunteers) at the Fall Farm Party which included a tour of the farm on site.

### November

Katherine Tanner from Hat & Heart Farm taught a workshop on using instagram to tell your farm's story. It was a small turnout, but phenomenal information. 9 attended.

Tiffany and Ali attended the NYFC Convergence.

### December

We all took a well-deserved break.

## Finances

CTYFC became fiscally sponsored by [Sustainable Food Center](#) in February of 2019. We now have use of a 501(c)3 designation and can receive donations, which we used to great effect in our Fall Farm Party this past October. You can see a snapshot of our budget below.

CTYFC Budget 2019 YTD	
Individual Donations	\$400.76
Corporate Donations	\$500.00
Farm Party Income	\$2,590.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$3,490.76</b>
Farm Party	\$971.91
Website and Email Management	\$231.23
Meetings and Workshops	\$400.00
Conferences	\$294.93
<b>Total Withdrawal</b>	<b>\$1,898.07</b>

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