# 3rd Texas Hispanic Farmer and Rancher Conference

**Growing Together, Creciendo Juntos**

## Farming Sessions
### Tuesday, January 5th  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Samantha Salinas, NRCS  
  *Resources and Regs*
- Juan & Shakera Raygoza, Terra Preta Farm and UTRGV  
  *Farming Equipment & Tools (Spanish)*
- Rafael Guerrero, Director of Central National Technology Support Center  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Colin Mitchell, NCAT  
  *Stephannie Kasper, UTRGV  
  *Panel: Soil Health with Cover Crops*  

## Small-Scale Sessions
### Wednesday, January 6th  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Michael Higgins, Urban Conservationist  
  *NRCS Urban Conservation Program*
- Cruz Salinas, Salinas Farm and UTRGV  
  *High Tunnel Uses & Resources (Spanish)*
- Mike Morris, NCAT  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Bertha Venegas, NRCS  
  *Erika Archie, Rural Development*
- Veronica Crum, Farm Service Agency  
  *Shelly Bilderback, Risk Management Agency  
  *Panel: USDA Beginning Farmer Team*

## Ranching Sessions
### Thursday, January 7th  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Michael Margo, National Grazing Lands Coordinator  
  *National Grazing Lands Coalition*
- Alejandro Carrillo, Pasicultores del Desierto  
  *Regenerative Agriculture (Spanish)*
- Kristy Oates, Texas NRCS State Conservationist  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Kara Kroeger, NCAT  
  *James Jones, Juxtapor Ranch Company  
  *Panel: Conservation on the Ranch*

## Small-Scale Sessions
### Tuesday, January 12  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Justin Duncan, NCAT  
  *Cover Crops for Hot & Humid Regions*
- Vidal Saenz, AgNR Texas A&M AgriLife  
  *Farm Loans (Spanish)*
- Hernan Colmenero, IDEA Farm Manager  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Yahweh Natural Farm  
  *Panelist  
  *Panel: Marketing During a Pandemic*

### Wednesday, January 13th  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Kara Kroeger, NCAT  
  *Soil Diversity*
- Diana & Saul Padilla, HOPE  
  *Farm Diversification (Spanish)*
- Salvador Salinas, Regional Conservationist  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Nelda Barrera, Texas Dept of Agriculture  
  *Sergio Perlata, Sustainable Food Center  
  *Panel: Marketing During a Pandemic*

### Thursday, January 14th  
1pm to 4:30pm
- Megan Clayton, Texas AgriLife  
  *Livestock Grazing Practices to Protect Soils*
- Jessica Benavides Paredes, District Conservationist  
  *NRCS Programs for Ranchers (Spanish)*
- Alexis Racelis, UTRGV  
  *Inspirational Leadership*
- Dustin Peele, D&P MeatWork  
  *Stephanie Martinez, 2F Akaushi Beef  
  *Panel: Marketing During a Pandemic*