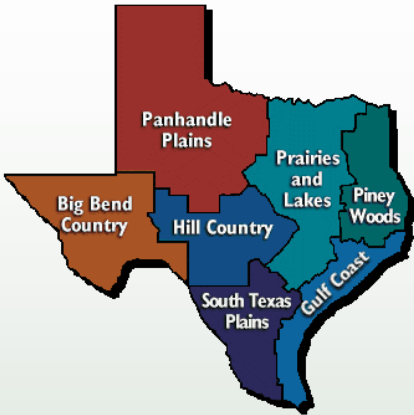


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Expected Program Outcomes

Participants will have the opportunity to see production practices many have never seen. Hopefully this will give an insight to career opportunities some might not have considered. One thing is for sure, students will be exposed to many quality programs and will have the chance to better their understanding of the agricultural food producing industry that feeds a growing world population.

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July 15 - 20, 2018

The Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership opportunity is a 6 day exploration for youth in Texas to experience South Texas agricultural production.

4-H members that have a strong interest in production agriculture who are outgoing high school freshmen through outgoing seniors or ages 15–18 as of September 1, 2017 are invited to apply and 30 youth will be selected. Application deadline is June 18th and the balance is due July 12th.



Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership

Participants learned the value of technology in livestock & crop production from a commercial perspective. Crop related technology will include the role genetic modification plays in reducing production costs to producers & helps in limiting the use of pesticides. Though some groves are still coming out of production, the Texas citrus industry is gaining acreage & the future looks bright for the famed Texas red grapefruit & its companion orange crop.



The participants got to visit border control at the Anzalduas port of entry in Mission, Texas. The youth learned about regulations regarding the millions of pounds of produce checked so it can enter United States.



The youth also got a chance to visit the only sugar mill in Texas. Here they were able to learn not only how the sugar was milled but how it was grown and harvested. They also learned about the challenges faced by sugar cane producers in South Texas and how the producers overcome them.



A stop in Corpus Christi at a redfish hatchery allowed the youth to look at wildlife management in a different way. The participants learned that this hatchery released over 15 million redfish into the gulf every year.



While many youth are interested in some aspect of agriculture production for a career, many are unfamiliar with all of the job opportunities that exist in commercial agriculture production. One of the primary purposes of the YALL tour is to provide them with a tour of some of the premier agriculture universities in the state. While each university may offer differing degree programs, they will notice a similarity in the friendly, outgoing educators when it comes to agriculture education.

Tour attendees will also be challenged in a variety of ways to improve on their leadership skills as agriculture spokespersons. Participants were asked to come up with their definition of leadership by the end of the week to share with the group.

Haley Fair – Kerr Co.

“I hope to gain knowledge in agriculture & hopefully learn what I want to study when I go to college & see some agriculture that I haven’t seen before.”



Hannah Thompson— Kerr Co.

“I want to visit the different colleges and see different career paths & find one that interests me that I can pursue for the rest of my life.”



Katherine Haile— Kendall Co.

“As a graduating senior, I have already selected my college & degree plan, but I would like to find a career path & make contacts that will help me after college.”

Dylan Sione—Gillespie Co.

“I want to learn about other aspects of agriculture technology that I’m not familiar with that I can use in the future & possibly find career opportunities that I’m not aware of.”

To watch the promotional video from the 2015 YALL Tour visit:

www.youtube.com & search **Youth Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Tour**