

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
2018 Quilt Block Competition
Theme Information Sheet

'Celebrate Agriculture' – Sew Your Texas Roots!

In conjunction with this year's Family Land Heritage (FLH) event, which recognizes Texas farmers, ranchers and the land they own, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller is asking quilters from all across the Lone Star State to participate in TDA's **2018 Quilt Block Competition** and submit patterns that depict scenes that 'Celebrate Agriculture' and define our 'Texas Roots.'

As in previous years, participating quilters will create patterns from a selection of natural fibers provided by TDA and up to three additional cotton fabrics provided by the participant. Quilters should include one special piece of cotton fabric that personally represents family, history or heritage.

Once all the entries have been collected, a panel of independent, outside judges will select the winning blocks, which will be pieced together into a quilt and unveiled at this year's FLH event in November at the Texas Capitol in Austin, Texas.

So get your thinking caps on and tap into some Texas pride. Remember, Texas agriculture is a story of innovation and preservation that continues to be written. But if you need some creative, quilting inspiration, below are three words that 'define' every Texan and make the Lone Star State such a wonderful place to call home.

Family:

A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household.

Land:

The part of the earth's surface that is not covered by water, as opposed to the sea or the air.

Heritage:

Valued objects and qualities such as cultural traditions, unspoiled countryside and historic buildings that have been passed down from previous generations.

If your block is selected, you will be embroidered in Texas quilting history. This one-of-a kind piece will be seen, displayed and featured at activities and events throughout the Lone Star State.

Sew, what are you waiting for...**Ready. Set. Stitch!**

For more inspiration, [click here](#) to find information about the Family Land Heritage Program.

If you have questions regarding the competition theme, call (512) 463-8215 or email gotexan@TexasAgriculture.gov.