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**COMMISSIONER STAPLES CELEBRATES OPENING DAY OF
GO TEXAN RESTAURANT ROUND-UP AT EDDIE V'S PRIME SEAFOOD**

Lunch showcases Texas-grown and raised products in support of farmers and ranchers

FORT WORTH – In honor of the first day of a weeklong Texas dine-out event, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples joined local legislators, members of the agriculture industry and media at Eddie's V's Prime Seafood in Fort Worth. A lunch, made with fresh Texas-grown ingredients, was served as part of the [GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up](#), presented by [Farm Credit](#). The Round-Up is the only statewide, weeklong dine-out event in Texas created to honor Texas farmers and ranchers who provide us with the safest and most affordable food supply in the world.

"Showcasing the best of Texas is what the GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up is all about," Commissioner Staples said. "When restaurants like Eddie V's Prime Seafood choose foods grown by Texas farmers and ranchers, more jobs are created and our economy benefits. Through the Round-Up, all Texans have the opportunity to celebrate Texas by dining at restaurants serving their customers locally grown and raised products."

"Some of the highest quality ingredients from produce and seafood to wine can be found right here in Texas," said John Carver, executive chef for Eddie V's Restaurant Inc. "Using these terrific local products while supporting local producers and food banks is a win for everyone."

The Eddie V's family of restaurants is participating statewide at locations, including Eddie V's Prime Seafood in Austin and Fort Worth, Roaring Fork in Austin and San Antonio, and Wildfish Seafood Grille in San Antonio.

In addition to supporting Texas agriculture, the GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up also benefits local communities, as many restaurants are donating a portion of their proceeds to local food banks. Eddie V's Prime Seafood in Fort Worth will be donating 5 percent of featured menu-item sales to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

The GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up runs Sept. 28-Oct. 2. For more information about the GO TEXAN Restaurant Round-Up, visit www.gotexanrestaurantroundup.com.

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