

I Endorse Nate Sheets for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture—Vote for Nate this November! What Tarrant County Voters Should Know About Nate

Nate Sheets is the Republican nominee for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture in the November 3, 2026 election. He is a fifth-generation Texan who grew up in the Hill Country in a military family. He earned a business degree from Texas State University and served six years in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

He is also a businessman, beekeeper, and rancher.

Sheets founded Nature Nate's, which grew from a small honey business into one of the leading branded honey companies in the country. Nate sold the company to Blue Road Capital in 2021 but remained its CEO until 2024.

Today, Sheets owns and operates Honey Rock Ranch, a 10,000-acre ranch in West Texas. The operation includes cattle, horses, wildlife management, and regenerative ranching.

In other words, when it comes to agriculture, Sheets is not all hat and no cattle.

He has also spent years in Christian ministry. He worked with Global Missions Fellowship, which later became E3 Partners, and served as its communications director. He also helped develop the Christian media project I Am Second.

Sheets describes himself as a conservative Republican. His campaign emphasizes private enterprise, less regulation, border security, Texas agriculture, food policy, rural economic growth, pro-life views and Second Amendment rights.

What in the Heck Does the Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Do? Why should I care about the Commissioner of Agriculture?

The answer is simple. The job covers a whole lot more than cows and cotton.

The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture is elected statewide for a four-year term and runs the Texas Department of Agriculture, or TDA.

The department deals with agriculture, consumer protection, school nutrition, rural development, trade, and other programs.

So the Commissioner of Agriculture is not just Texas's "chief farmer."

The department's work can reach families even if they have never set foot on a ranch.

Among other duties, TDA works with:

- School breakfast and lunch programs

- Summer and other nutrition programs
- Agricultural products and markets
- Organic certification
- Weights and measures
- Pesticide regulation
- Rural development
- Agricultural financing
- Pest detection and agricultural biosecurity
- Promotion of Texas-grown products

That means decisions made at TDA can eventually reach your grocery store, your child's school lunch, Texas farms and ranches, and rural communities across the state.

Texans Should Feed Texans

One of Nate's major themes is "**Texans should feed Texans.**"

The basic idea is easy to understand and common-sense conservative.

Texas grows and raises an enormous amount of food. Nate wants Texas farmers and ranchers to have more chances to sell that food to Texas schools, public programs, and other buyers.

He wants to put more locally grown whole foods into schools. He also supports more scratch cooking, school gardens, and nutrition education.

In other words: Make America Healthy Again!

Nate believes that Texas tax dollars used to buy food should create more opportunities for Texas producers when possible. Common sense!

Screwworm and Texas Biosecurity: A Threat to Texas

Biosecurity sounds like a ten-dollar word, but the idea is simple: **Keep diseases and pests from hurting Texas agriculture. And bad actors. Think countries like China and Iran!**

Texas received a hard reminder of that problem in 2026 when USDA confirmed New World screwworm in a calf in Zavala County, Texas. More cases followed.

New World screwworm is a parasite whose larvae feed on living tissue. It can attack cattle, wildlife, pets and, in rare cases, people.

That is bad news not only for Texas cowboys and ranchers, but it is also bad news for Texas consumers in Tarrant County.

A serious animal disease can kill livestock, increase costs, interfere with trade, and reduce supply. Eventually, trouble on a ranch can show up in the price of meat at H-E-B.

Nate Sheets is ready to fight for Texas! Agricultural biosecurity is high on Nate's list. He will lead TDA to conduct trapping and surveillance along the Mexican border, at export pens and around major port regions in Texas.

What other threats are there to Texas? Communist China! Iran! Hostile foreign actors (like Chinese or Iranian agents) could introduce disease and pathogens into our Texas food supply. Nate wants the TDA to have stronger Texas investigative and prosecutorial capabilities to go after these hostile agents.

Bringing Jobs Back to Rural Texas!

Sheets also wants more agricultural products processed here in Texas.

Think about cattle, crops or other products being raised in one place, shipped somewhere else for processing, and then shipped again.

Sheets argues that more processing plants and other agricultural businesses should be located closer to Texas farms and ranches.

That could mean more jobs in rural Texas.

It could also mean Texas keeps more of the economic value created by the things Texans grow and raise.

Sheets wants to use TDA's business-development, market, and rural-development programs to encourage that kind of investment.

Other Issues Sheets Emphasizes

Sheets has also campaigned on issues that go beyond the day-to-day management of agricultural programs.

He identifies as pro-life and supports Second Amendment rights.

He supports stronger border enforcement and use of E-Verify.

He has also argued for reducing dependence on foreign suppliers and promoting Texas and American businesses.

Who Has Endorsed Sheets?

Nate Sheets has received endorsements from a number of Republican officials and agricultural organizations.

His campaign lists endorsements that include our great, soon to be the longest serving governor in our state's history, Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, former Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Susan Combs, Texas Farm Bureau AGFUND, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association PAC and the Texas Aquaculture Association.

Why This Race Matters in North Fort Worth

Agriculture may seem a long way from a subdivision in North Fort Worth.

It isn't.

Every Texas grocery store depends on agriculture.

Every Texas school cafeteria depends on a food supply.

Texas jobs depend on farms, ranches, food processors, truckers, and exporters.

Animal disease can affect the prices Texans pay for food at Kroger, H-E-B, Costco.

Water policy affects cities and farms alike.

And when government spends billions of dollars running food and agricultural programs, Texans have every reason to pay attention to who is minding the store.

That is why the race for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture deserves your attention as a Tarrant County voter!

I emphatically endorse Nate Sheets for Texas Commissioner of Agriculture in this November's election. **Please go out and vote, make our Texas republican voices heard across the country!**