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Integrated Food Security Research Center (IFSRC)



The Integrated Food Security Research Center (IFSRC) is an organization located on the Prairie View A&M University Campus dedicated to research. The center seeks to understand and alleviate issues that result in food insecurity among persons and communities in Texas and the surrounding region.

The IFSRC will:

Be a resource of information about food security

Encourage and foster interdisciplinary research on food security

Support the education of professionals about food security

Support outreach efforts to prevent food insecurity

More than 800 million people world wide lack adequate food supplies. This problem is expected to get progressively worse as the population of the world grows from of seven to nine billion people by the year 2050. In the United States, it has been estimated that 12% of the population is food insecure. Compared to the national average, Texas ranked among the highest rates of food insecurity in the United States at about 17% in 2015. Moreover, the same data showed that three counties in the state of Texas; Harris, Dallas, and Tarrant, ranked 4th, 6th, and 10th respectively in the United States in the number of food insecure persons. Since it was established in 1876, Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) has focused on the needs of the underserved persons and limited resource clientele. In the state of Texas, many if not most, are food insecure. The new IFSRC will help PVAMU and the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences meet its mission of education, research, and outreach by establishing the campus as one of the leading institutions researching food security in the United States.

