

## **Food and Agriculture Development Centers: Moore High School Beef to School Program**

**The Project:** This past fall, Lexie Wichman of Moore High School introduced “Beef – It’s what’s for Lunch” to the Moore School District. This was accomplished by taking the idea of utilizing her family ranch’s culled cows to feed her fellow peers and working with her local FADC to make it a reality. The FADC at Snowy Mountain Development Corporation was a key player in this success. Director, Abby Byerly, assisted Lexie in establishing the scalability of the project and reviewing her overall project for FCCLA State and National competition.

When Wichman presented the project proposal to the school board, they were pleased to learn that the estimated cost on a school to offer donated local beef on their menu was around \$1.50 per pound. Her presentation and efforts led the school to adopt a new board policy which would make possible for local producers to donate their cattle to the school lunch program under the appropriate health and safety guidelines.

Shortly after this program was established, students and faculty at Moore enjoyed spaghetti and roast beef from meat donated by Wichman Ranch. Lexie received a gold medal and placed 1st at the FCCLA National Leadership Conference with her local beef to school program under the Public Policy Advocate project.

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