

WINNING FOR LOSING IN TEXAS

Texas leads the nation in getting paid for pounds.

More than 50 companies and groups in the state have participated in competition-driven weight loss programs managed by New York-based **HealthyWage.com**.

HealthyWage.com's \$10,000 Team Weight Loss Challenge includes the **Austin Independent School District**.

Recently, Texas Agriculture Commissioner **Todd Staples** awarded \$809,979 to schools and community organizations statewide to expand or improve obesity prevention and nutrition programs. HealthyWage has paid dieters more than \$450,000 during 2011 and projects to surpass that this year.

Other Texas participants include **Huntsman International LLC**, **Noble Energy Inc.** (NYSE: NBL), and Houston- and Dallas-area independent school districts.

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