

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Gregg County

Texas · Longview · FIPS 48183 · Population 124,245 ·
Crosodo Index #1013*

STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; \$150,000 annual sales cap (2025); no registration; no inspection; direct and limited indirect sales; state preempts local health inspections

STATE TIER	ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)	CONFIDENCE	LAST VERIFIED
Great	150000	MEDIUM	2026-05-05

IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE

This report compiles publicly-available statutes, regulations, and county zoning rules into a research reference. It is **not legal advice** and is provided **without warranty** as to accuracy, completeness, or current applicability.

Cottage food law changes frequently. Counties may amend zoning, health departments may issue new permits, and state legislatures may update statutes after the publication date shown above.

Always verify rules directly with your state department of health/agriculture and your county health and planning offices before relying on them for any business or regulatory decision. Consult a licensed attorney for advice specific to your situation.

How to start — 60-second path

Gregg County, Texas — permit, pickup, and label steps before the full county rules.

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

150000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

BEFORE YOU SELL FROM THIS ADDRESS

- ☐ **1. Menu** — Confirm each product under Texas cottage food rules (county cannot expand a state ban).
- ☐ **2. Pickup & zoning** — Home occupation and porch pickup cells above; HOA/lease may still block customer traffic.
- ☐ **3. Local tax / license** — Business license or sales tax certificate if your city/parish requires it (common even with no state food permit).
- ☐ **4. Training** — Food handler or state registration before market day.
- ☐ **5. Labels** — Disclaimer, allergens, ingredients, net quantity, producer info.
- ☐ **6. Call if unclear** — County health and planning for your exact address.

LABEL FIELDS TO INCLUDE

- ☐ Product name · producer name · address (or allowed alternative)
- ☐ Ingredients by weight · major allergens · net weight/quantity
- ☐ Texas home-kitchen disclaimer (see live label one-pager)

CONTINUE ONLINE

[Open the live county page →](#)

[Texas label one-pager →](#)

[Local notes & questions →](#)

Planning path only — not legal advice. Rules change. Always verify with state and local offices before selling.

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QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes (Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County follows state baseline.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Varies (Gregg County unincorporated areas and the city of Longview may have separate home occupation permit requirements under local zoning. No specific county-level cottage food permit details found. Texas state law §559.955 requires cottage food operators to comply with home-based business rules. Contact Gregg County or Longview city planning for zoning specifics.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Texas law explicitly prohibits health departments from inspecting cottage food operations except to prevent immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water required per state food safety standards.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety handwashing practices; no mandatory training or certification for Texas cottage food.
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards. TCS foods not permitted under cottage food framework.

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allowed. Products may not be sold at wholesale. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	No specific state limit; local home occupation rules may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; Tex. Bus. & Com. Code §559.955

RESEARCH NOTES

State baseline applied (TX tier Great). Texas cottage food law (as amended by SB 541, 2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No county-specific URLs provided in input and no county-specific overlay found. Gregg County is the seat of Longview, TX (pop ~81K), which has its own city zoning. Confidence medium: state law well-documented; county/city zoning overlay not researched due to no input URLs.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.greggcounty.gov>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

Questions about this county? Local notes and a place to leave a question: crosodo.com/nb/texas/gregg-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Gregg County	Smith County	Harrison County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific Texas state requirement; standard food safety practices recommended.	Not specified in state statute	Not specified in state law
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Texas allows direct sales and limited indirect sales (not through wholesale distributors or retail chains). Online sales and delivery allow...	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.	Direct and limited indirect sales at designated venues; delivery by producer permitted in-state
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	Conditional	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Texas state law allows cottage food production from a home kitchen. Health departments cannot inspect cottage food operations. Gregg County...	No license, registration, or inspection required. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label m...	Annual sales cap \$150,000. No food handler cert required. No state registration required. No inspection required. Non-TCS foods only. Limit...
FOOD STORAGE	Shelf-stable non-TCS products stored per food safety standards. TCS foods not permitted under cottage food framework.	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods	Appropriate storage for shelf-stable products
POPULATION	124,245	234,667	69,098

State context — Texas cottage food law

Gregg County's rules sit on top of Texas's state cottage food framework. The state law sets the floor — counties can add but cannot remove protections.

STATUTE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

150000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

No

FOOD HANDLER CERT

No

KITCHEN INSPECTION

No

DIRECT SALES ONLY

No

INDIRECT SALES

Limited (see notes) — Sales must be made directly to consumers or to a 'cottage food vendor' (a new category created by SB 541 in 2025 – a person with a contractual relationship who sells on behalf of the cottage food operation to consumers in-state). Cottage food products may not be sold as ingredients to a food service establishment. No retail grocery store or wholesale sales permitted under the pre-2025 framework; SB 541 (2025) adds the cottage food vendor intermediary option. Products must be delivered to consumer or vendor at point of sale or consumer-designated location.

For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Texas cottage food law report](#) on Crosodo, or open the live guide: crosodo.com/states/texas.

STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>

State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>

Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/texas/>

Questions about Gregg County? Local notes and a place to leave a question are on Crosodo. We monitor new threads — start with zoning, permits, or porch pickup.

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