

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Jefferson County

Texas · Beaumont · FIPS 48245 · Population 254,942 ·
Crosodo Index #520*

STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

STATE TIER

Great

ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

LAST VERIFIED

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

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

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?

Yes

STATE SALES CAP

150000

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION

No

PETS

Not specified in state statute

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 (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and include producer's name/address. Jefferson County/Beaumont may require home occupation permit.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Jefferson County and City of Beaumont may require home occupation permit or business license. No county-specific information found. Check with City of Beaumont Planning Division.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life)

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN

No

PET RESTRICTIONS

Not specified in state statute

WATER SUPPLY

Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food

HANDWASHING

No formal certification required by state

FOOD STORAGE

Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED

No — Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT

Conditional — Jefferson County and City of Beaumont may require home occupation permit or business license. No county-specific information found. Check with City of Beaumont Planning Division.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE

Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP

Yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE

Conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES

Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME

Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Jefferson County TX follows the Texas state baseline. \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county URLs provided in input and no county-specific cottage food ordinance found in research. Confidence medium — Texas state law confirmed but no specific Jefferson County .gov source retrieved.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://co.jefferson.tx.us>

<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/jefferson-county-discuss

Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Jefferson County	Liberty County	Orange County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	Not specified in state statute	No specific restriction under Texas cottage food law.	No specific statutory restriction.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct and limited indirect sales; farmers markets, online, home delivery, third-party delivery platforms allowed.	Direct and indirect sales allowed. Online, home delivery, farmers markets, events, retail stores all permitted. Internet sales expressly al...	All direct and indirect sales permitted within Texas framework: from home, online, at events, to retailers. No wholesale to distributors.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Conditional	Varies	Varies
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	Varies	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS...	Texas cottage food law: no registration, no permit, no inspection required. Annual gross sales cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). Allowed: all no...	Texas cottage food: no registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541...
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; prohibited: meat, poultry, seafood, ice products, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products	Non-TCS foods only; must be labeled.	No specific statutory requirement.
POPULATION	254,942	93,523	84,761

State context — Texas cottage food law

Jefferson 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

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

crosodo.com/nb/texas/jefferson-county-discuss

Classifieds

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