

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Texas

A comprehensive guide to the cottage food statute, sales rules, and county-level zoning and health-department overlays for home bakers operating under Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq..

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Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.	Great	B	64

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2026-05-05**IMPORTANT – NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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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.

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Executive summary

This report covers the Texas cottage food framework — the state statute, the regulatory body administering it, what producers can and cannot sell, and county-level rules layered on top of state law for the 64 Texas counties included in this dataset.

ANNUAL SALES CAP

150000

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

no

FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATION

no

KITCHEN INSPECTION

no

DIRECT SALES ONLY

no

INDIRECT SALES (RETAIL/ONLINE/WHOLESALE)

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.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas cottage food law has undergone major expansions: originally HB 970 (83rd Legislature, 2013) created the basic framework; SB 572 (86th Legislature, 2019) expanded allowed foods to include acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats, and raised the cap from \$50,000 to \$50,000 (clarified); and SB 541 (89th Legislature, 2025) raised the cap to \$150,000 (inflation-adjusted using CPI-U), added nonprofits as eligible operators, and created the 'cottage food vendor' intermediary. The current cap as of 2025 is \$150,000 gross annual income. Health departments do not have regulatory authority to inspect cottage food operations; the DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. The excerpt is from the enrolled SB 541 (2025) bill text obtained from capitol.texas.gov.

Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 437 – Regulation of Certain Foods, Subchapter A – Cottage Food Production Operations

CITATION

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

ENACTED

2013

LAST AMENDED

2025

CONFIDENCE

HIGH

Allowed foods

Almost all non-TCS (non-temperature-controlled) foods are allowed, including baked goods, candy, jams and jellies, pickles, dried herbs and spices, roasted coffee, granola, vinegar, acidified foods, fermented vegetable products, dried meats, and any food that is not a time-and-temperature control for safety food. Nonprofits may also operate under the cottage food framework as of SB 541 (2025).

Prohibited foods

Prohibited foods include meat and meat products, poultry or poultry products, seafood and fish products, ice or ice products (shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, gelato), low-acid canned goods, products containing CBD or THC, and raw milk and raw milk products.

Labeling requirements

Labels must include: the words 'MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN'; name of the product; list of ingredients and sub-ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight; net weight or volume; name, address, and phone number of the cottage food production operation; and any allergen information required by federal law. Labels may not make any claim about health benefits or contain any false or misleading information.

Statutory text — verbatim excerpt

Statute excerpt — verbatim

(2-b) "Cottage food production operation" means an individual, operating out of the individual's home, or a nonprofit organization that: (A) produces at the individual's home or the home of an individual who is a director or officer of the nonprofit organization, as applicable, any food other than: (i) meat, meat products, poultry, or poultry products; (ii) seafood, including seafood products, fish, fish products, shellfish, and shellfish products; (iii) ice or ice products, including shaved ice, ice cream, frozen custard, popsicles, and gelato; (iv) low-acid canned goods; (v) products containing cannabidiol or tetrahydrocannabinol; or (vi) raw milk and raw milk products; (B) has an annual gross income of \$150,000 or less from the sale of food described by Paragraph (A), as the department annually adjusts for inflation using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); (C) sells the foods produced under Paragraph (A) directly to consumers or to a cottage food vendor; and (D) delivers products to the consumer or cottage food vendor at the point of sale or another location designated by the consumer or cottage food vendor.

Source: <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/89R/billtext/html/SB00541F.htm>

Official sources

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

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

Extension service <https://agrillifeextension.tamu.edu/>

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

State dept of agriculture / health: [Texas Department of State Health Services](#)

County-level rules

The state statute above sets the floor. Each county may add a home-occupation permit, business license, or zoning rule on top of state law. The 64 Texas counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 967 · FIPS 48325 · Hondo

Medina County

Population 51,432 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Medina County cottage food ordinances found. Unincorporated Medina County follows county rules; City of Hondo has its own zoning. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Medina County and City of Hondo planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendors (third-party intermediaries per SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery. No wholesale to distributors or restaurants without separate licensing.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law with no license or inspection required. 2025 SB 541 raised the cap to \$150,000 and added nonprofits and cottage food vendor intermediary. No Medina County-specific restrictions found. County is largely rural with Hondo as county seat.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 971 · FIPS 48073 · Rusk

Cherokee County

Population 50,824 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required by state cottage food law.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Cherokee County cottage food ordinances found. City of Rusk and other municipalities within Cherokee County have their own zoning codes. Home occupation permits may be required by local zoning. Recommend verifying with Cherokee County and City of Rusk planning departments.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendors (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. No Cherokee County-specific restrictions found. County seat is Rusk; county is a rural East Texas county.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 977 · FIPS 48373 · Livingston

Polk County

Population 50,536 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required. DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Polk County cottage food ordinances found. City of Livingston and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Polk County and City of Livingston.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Polk County is in East Texas (Piney Woods region). No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 981 · FIPS 48493 · Floresville

Wilson County

Population 50,381 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Wilson County cottage food ordinances found. City of Floresville may have local business license requirements. Wilson County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Wilson County and City of Floresville.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Wilson County is adjacent to Bexar County (San Antonio). No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 984 · FIPS 48277 · Paris

Lamar County

Population 50,149 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.

FOOD STORAGE Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — No license, inspection, or registration required.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT conditional — No specific Lamar County cottage food ordinances found. City of Paris (TX) and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Lamar County and City of Paris.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE conditional

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Lamar County is in northeast Texas near the Oklahoma border; county seat Paris. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 991 • FIPS 48053 • Burnet

Burnet County

Population 49,684 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Burnet County cottage food ordinances found. City of Burnet and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Recommend verifying with Burnet County and City of Burnet.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Burnet County is in the Texas Hill Country near Austin metro area. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 996 · FIPS 48013 · Jourdanton

Atascosa County

Population 49,403 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ice/ice cream, low-acid canned goods, CBD/THC products, or raw milk products.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	Not specified in state cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Standard food safety practices; not specifically required.
FOOD STORAGE	Products must be non-TCS.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No license, inspection, or registration required.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	conditional — No specific Atascosa County cottage food ordinances found. City of Jourdanton and other municipalities may have local business license requirements. Atascosa County is south of San Antonio metro area. Recommend verifying with Atascosa County and City of Jourdanton.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendor intermediaries (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery within Texas.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.; SB 541 (2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas has a highly permissive cottage food law. Atascosa County is south of San Antonio. No county-specific restrictions found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48003 · Andrews

Andrews County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

No Andrews County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48007 · Rockport

Aransas County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Aransas County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48009 · Archer City

Archer County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Archer County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48011 · Claude

Armstrong County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Armstrong County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48015 · Bellville

Austin County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Austin County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48017 · Muleshoe

Bailey County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
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Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bailey County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48019 · Bandera

Bandera County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bandera County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48023 · Seymour

Baylor County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

No Baylor County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48025 · Beeville

Bee County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	—
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	—
PET RESTRICTIONS	—
WATER SUPPLY	—
HANDWASHING	—
FOOD STORAGE	—

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bee County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48031 · Johnson City

Blanco County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Blanco County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48033 · Gail

Borden County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

- INSPECTION REQUIRED —
- HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT —
- LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE —

Customer-facing rules

- ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP —
- ON-SITE SIGNAGE —
- DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES —
- MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME —

RESEARCH NOTES

No Borden County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48035 · Meridian

Bosque County

Population 0 · State baseline: — · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

- HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED —
- SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN —
- PET RESTRICTIONS —
- WATER SUPPLY —
- HANDWASHING —
- FOOD STORAGE —

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	—
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	—
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	—

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	—
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	—
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	—
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	—

RESEARCH NOTES

No Bosque County-specific cottage food or zoning rules found. Texas Local Government Code §231.282 preempts county zoning bans on cottage food operations. Defaulting to Texas state baseline (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.).

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48043 · Alpine

Brewster County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Brewster County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Alpine) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brewster County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brewster County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Vast, remote Big Bend area county. Primarily agricultural and ranching. Alpine is a small college town. No county-level zoning code for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48045 · Silverton

Briscoe County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Briscoe County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Silverton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Briscoe County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Briscoe County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Very small rural Panhandle county. Minimal local government infrastructure. No county zoning code; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48047 · Falfurrias

Brooks County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Brooks County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Falfurrias) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brooks County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brooks County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Rural South Texas county. Primarily ranching and agriculture. No county-level zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48049 · Brownwood

Brown County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Brown County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Brownwood) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Brown County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Brown County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county. Brownwood is the largest city. No separate county zoning code; city of Brownwood may have home occupation rules within city limits. State law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48051 · Caldwell

Burleson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Burleson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Caldwell) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Burleson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Burleson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county east of Austin. Primarily agricultural. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48055 · Lockhart

Caldwell County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Caldwell County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lockhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Caldwell County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Caldwell County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county known as BBQ capital. Lockhart may have city home occupation rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48057 · Port Lavaca

Calhoun County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

PET RESTRICTIONS No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.

HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Calhoun County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Port Lavaca) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Calhoun County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Calhoun County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Coastal South Texas county on Matagorda Bay. Port Lavaca may have city zoning rules. No county-level zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48059 · Baird

Callahan County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Callahan County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Baird) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
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ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Callahan County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Callahan County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Central Texas rural county. Baird is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48063 · Pittsburg

Camp County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.

WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Camp County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Pittsburg) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Camp County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Camp County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small East Texas county. Pittsburg may have city ordinances. No county-specific cottage food or zoning code found; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48065 · Panhandle

Carson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Carson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Panhandle) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Carson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Carson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle county. Largely agricultural. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48067 · Linden

Cass County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cass County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Linden) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cass County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cass County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Piney Woods East Texas county. Linden is a small county seat. No county-level zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas; state law governs. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48069 · Dimmitt

Castro County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Castro County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dimmitt) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Castro County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Castro County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Small rural population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48071 · Anahuac

Chambers County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Chambers County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Anahuac) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Chambers County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Chambers County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Southeast Texas county near Houston metro. Has subdivision regulations but no standalone home occupation zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas. Chamberscountytexas.gov has building permit processes. State law governs cottage food. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48075 · Childress

Childress County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Childress County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Childress) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Childress County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Childress County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48077 · Henrietta

Clay County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Clay County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Henrietta) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Clay County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Clay County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Texas rural county near Oklahoma border. Henrietta is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48079 · Morton

Cochran County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Cochran County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Morton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cochran County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cochran County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48081 · Robert Lee

Coke County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Coke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Robert Lee) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Coke County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Coke County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small West Texas county on Colorado River. Sparsely populated ranching area. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48083 · Coleman

Coleman County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Coleman County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Coleman) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Coleman County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Coleman County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central West Texas rural county. Coleman is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48087 · Wellington

Collingsworth County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Collingsworth County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Wellington) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Collingsworth County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Collingsworth County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle agricultural county. Small rural population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48089 · Columbus

Colorado County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Colorado County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Columbus) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Colorado County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Colorado County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Central Texas county on Colorado River. Columbus is a historic small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48093 · Comanche

Comanche County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Comanche County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Comanche) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Comanche County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Comanche County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas rural county. Comanche is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48095 · Paint Rock

Concho County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Concho County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paint Rock) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Concho County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Concho County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Very small rural West Texas county. Paint Rock is among the smallest county seats in Texas. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

Cooke County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cooke County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Gainesville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cooke County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cooke County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Texas county on Red River. Gainesville may have city-level home occupation rules. No separate county zoning for unincorporated areas; state law governs cottage food operations. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48101 · Paducah

Cottle County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Cottle County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Paducah) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Cottle County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Cottle County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48103 · Crane

Crane County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Crane County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crane) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crane County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crane County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Permian Basin county. Oil and gas industry presence. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48105 · Ozona

Crockett County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Crockett County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Ozona) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crockett County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crockett County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Large, sparsely populated West Texas county. Ozona is the only incorporated community. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48107 · Crosbyton

Crosby County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Crosby County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Crosbyton) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Crosby County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Crosby County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas Panhandle county. Small agricultural community. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48109 · Van Horn

Culberson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Culberson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Van Horn) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Culberson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Culberson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Large remote West Texas county near Guadalupe Mountains. Van Horn is the only town of size. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48111 · Dalhart

Dallam County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dallam County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dalhart) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dallam County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dallam County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Extreme northwest Texas Panhandle county. Dalhart is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48115 · Lamesa

Dawson County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dawson County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Lamesa) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dawson County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dawson County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. West Texas agricultural county on Llano Estacado. Lamesa may have city-level zoning. No separate county code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48117 · Hereford

Deaf Smith County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Deaf Smith County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Hereford) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Deaf Smith County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Deaf Smith County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle county. Hereford is an agricultural hub. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48119 · Cooper

Delta County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Delta County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cooper) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Delta County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Delta County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small Northeast Texas county. Cooper is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

DeWitt County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — DeWitt County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Cuero) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

DeWitt County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for DeWitt County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas county known for turkey farming. Cuero is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48125 · Dickens

Dickens County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dickens County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Dickens) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dickens County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dickens County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Small West Texas Panhandle county. Very small population. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48127 · Carrizo Springs

Dimmit County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Dimmit County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Carrizo Springs) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Dimmit County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Dimmit County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas border county. Eagle Ford Shale oil/gas presence. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48129 · Clarendon

Donley County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Donley County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Clarendon) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Donley County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Donley County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Texas Panhandle rural county. Clarendon is a small college town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48131 · San Diego

Duval County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Duval County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., San Diego) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Duval County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Duval County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Texas rural county. Primarily ranching and oil. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48133 · Eastland

Eastland County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Eastland County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Eastland) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Eastland County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Eastland County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central West Texas county. Eastland is the county seat. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48137 · Rocksprings

Edwards County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Edwards County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Rocksprings) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Edwards County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Edwards County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Remote Edwards Plateau county. Rocksprings is among the smallest county seats. Very sparse population; no county zoning code. State law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48143 · Stephenville

Erath County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Erath County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Stephenville) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Erath County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Erath County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. North Central Texas county. Stephenville is a college town (Tarleton State). City may have home occupation rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48145 · Marlin

Falls County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Falls County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Marlin) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Falls County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Falls County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Central Texas county on Brazos River. Marlin is a small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48147 · Bonham

Fannin County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Fannin County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., Bonham) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Fannin County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fannin County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. Northeast Texas county near Oklahoma border. Bonham may have city zoning rules. No separate county zoning; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48149 · La Grange

Fayette County

Population 0 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas cottage food law (SB 541, 2025) is highly permissive. No registration required for most operators (registration optional for address privacy or for TCS food sellers). \$150,000 annual gross income cap. Almost all non-TCS foods allowed, plus TCS foods under proper temperature control. No local health department inspection authority over cottage food.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water supply requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods or TCS foods held at proper temperatures required. No refrigeration mandate for shelf-stable products.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	varies — Fayette County is largely unincorporated; counties in Texas have very limited zoning authority. No county-level home occupation ordinance found. Operators within incorporated cities (e.g., La Grange) may be subject to city home occupation rules. Unincorporated areas face minimal local restrictions.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	All channels permitted including direct to consumer, indirect sales, farmers markets, online, delivery, and through a registered cottage food vendor intermediary (SB 541, 2025). Wholesale of non-TCS foods to retail locations now allowed. No wholesale of TCS foods.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

Fayette County has no specific cottage food county code; state preemption limits local health authority.

RESEARCH NOTES

No county-specific cottage food ordinance found for Fayette County. Texas cottage food law (Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq., as amended by SB 541 effective Sept 1, 2025) applies statewide. South Central Texas county. La Grange is a historic small town. No county zoning code; state law governs unincorporated areas. Prohibited items include meat, poultry, seafood, ice/ice cream products, CBD/THC foods, and raw milk.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48151 · Roby

Fisher County

Population 3,848 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Fisher County is a small rural county. Unincorporated county areas have no zoning. Texas cottage food law expressly preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas county, pop. ~3,848. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000 and expanded allowed foods. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.co.fisher.tx.us>

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

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48153 · Floydada

Floyd County

Population 5,709 · State baseline: Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. · **MEDIUM**

Home kitchen rules

HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	yes — Texas allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
HANDWASHING	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Floyd County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Sales allowed direct-to-consumer, at farmers markets, online (statewide), fairs, roadside stands, and through nonprofit organizations (SB 541, 2025). Non-TCS cottage foods may also be sold wholesale to registered cottage food vendors.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq. (SB 541, 2025)

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Texas Panhandle county, pop. ~5,709. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. County URL not verified; standard format used.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.floydcounty.org>

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

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

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