

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	62

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

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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 62 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://agrilifeextension.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 62 Texas counties below are sorted by population (largest first).

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48331 · Cameron

Milam County

Population 24,700 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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	varies — Milam County includes Cameron which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Milam County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48333 · Goldthwaite

Mills County

Population 4,900 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Mills County is a small rural county in Central Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Central Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Mills County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48335 · Colorado City

Mitchell County

Population 8,600 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Mitchell County is a small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Mitchell County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48337 · Montague

Montague County

Population 19,500 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Montague County is a rural North Texas county. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural North Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Montague County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48341 · Dumas

Moore County

Population 21,800 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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	varies — Moore County includes Dumas, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Moore County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48343 · Daingerfield

Morris County

Population 12,400 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Morris County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Northeast Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Morris County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48345 · Matador

Motley County

Population 1,200 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Motley County is a very small rural county in West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Motley County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48351 · Newton

Newton County

Population 13,600 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Newton County is a rural county in Deep East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Deep East Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Newton County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48353 · Sweetwater

Nolan County

Population 14,700 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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	varies — Nolan County includes Sweetwater, which may have home occupation provisions under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	varies

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

West Texas county known for wind energy. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Nolan County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48357 · Perryton

Ochiltree County

Population 10,200 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Ochiltree County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Ochiltree County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 48359 · Vega

Oldham County

Population 2,000 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Oldham County is a very small rural county in the Texas Panhandle. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Texas Panhandle county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Oldham County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48363 · Palo Pinto

Palo Pinto County

Population 28,000 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Palo Pinto County is a rural North-Central Texas county with lake tourism. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

North-Central Texas county with Possum Kingdom Lake. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Palo Pinto County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48365 · Carthage

Panola County

Population 23,000 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Panola County is a rural county in East Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural East Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Panola County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48369 · Farwell

Parmer County

Population 10,000 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Parmer County is a rural county in the Texas Panhandle, bordering New Mexico. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Texas Panhandle border county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Parmer County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48371 · Fort Stockton

Pecos County

Population 15,500 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Pecos County is a large, sparsely-populated county in Far West Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Large sparsely-populated Far West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Pecos County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48377 · Marfa

Presidio County

Population 7,100 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT varies — Presidio County includes Marfa, an arts destination that may have home occupation rules under city zoning. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE varies

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Far West Texas county with arts community in Marfa. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Presidio County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48379 · Emory

Rains County

Population 11,500 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Rains County is a small rural county in Northeast Texas. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural Northeast Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Rains County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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

RANK 9999 · FIPS 48383 · Big Lake

Reagan County

Population 3,700 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Reagan County is a small rural county in West Texas with oil production. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West Texas county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Reagan County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

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RANK 9999 · FIPS 48385 · Leakey

Real County

Population 3,400 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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 — Real County is a very small rural county in the Texas Hill Country. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.
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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Very small rural Hill Country county. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Real County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48387 · Clarksville

Red River County

Population 12,000 · 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. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Health departments have no authority to inspect 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	All products must be shelf-stable, non-TCS. 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.
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HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Red River County is a rural county in Northeast Texas, bordering Oklahoma. No county-level zoning ordinance identified. Texas cottage food law preempts local health regulations. No home occupation permit required at county level.

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. SB 541 (2025) also allows sales through nonprofit organizations. No wholesale to retailers.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not restricted by state cottage food law; local zoning may apply.

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.

RESEARCH NOTES

Rural Northeast Texas county bordering Oklahoma. State baseline governs. Texas has strong preemption of local health rules for cottage food. No Red River County-specific cottage food code identified. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000.

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 48389 · Pecos

Reeves 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Reeves County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Reeves County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Reeves County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Reeves County is a large, sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Pecos). Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. SB 541 (2025) made Texas one of the most permissive cottage food states, explicitly barring local fees/permits. Defaulted to state baseline; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48391 · Refugio

Refugio 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Refugio County is a rural unincorporated county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Refugio County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Refugio County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Refugio County is a small South Texas county on the Gulf Coast plain. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. SB 541 (2025) explicitly bars local fees/permits. Defaulted to state baseline; no county-specific cottage food ordinance found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48393 · Miami

Roberts 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Roberts County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Roberts County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Roberts County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Roberts County (county seat Miami, TX) is one of the smallest-population counties in Texas in the Texas Panhandle. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48395 · Franklin

Robertson 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Robertson County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Robertson County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Robertson County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Robertson County is a rural Central Texas county between Bryan-College Station and Waco. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48399 · Ballinger

Runnels 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Runnels County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Runnels County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Runnels County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Runnels County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Ballinger) in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48403 · Hemphill

Sabine 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sabine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sabine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sabine County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sabine County is a rural East Texas county on the Sabine River bordering Louisiana (county seat Hemphill). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48405 · San Augustine

San Augustine 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Augustine County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Augustine County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Augustine County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Augustine County is a rural East Texas county (county seat San Augustine) in the Pineywoods region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48407 · Coldspring

San Jacinto 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Jacinto County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Jacinto County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Jacinto County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Jacinto County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Coldspring) north of Houston near Lake Livingston. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48411 · San Saba

San Saba 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. San Saba County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. San Saba County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated San Saba County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

San Saba County is a rural Central Texas Hill Country county known for pecans (county seat San Saba). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48413 · Eldorado

Schleicher 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Schleicher County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Schleicher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Schleicher County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Schleicher County is a sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Eldorado) on the Edwards Plateau. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48415 · Snyder

Scurry 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Scurry County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Scurry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Scurry County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Scurry County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Snyder) in the Rolling Plains oil-producing region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48417 · Albany

Shackelford 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shackelford County is a small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shackelford County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Shackelford County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Shackelford County is a small rural West Texas county (county seat Albany). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48419 · Center

Shelby 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Shelby County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Shelby County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Shelby County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Shelby County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Center) in the Pineywoods region bordering Louisiana. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48421 · Stratford

Sherman 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sherman County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sherman County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sherman County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sherman County is a small rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Stratford) on the Oklahoma border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48425 · Glen Rose

Somervell 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Somervell County is one of the smallest Texas counties by area, a rural county near Fort Worth with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Somervell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Somervell County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Somervell County is a small rural North Texas county (county seat Glen Rose, home to Dinosaur Valley State Park) southwest of Fort Worth. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48429 · Breckenridge

Stephens 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stephens County is a rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stephens County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Stephens County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Stephens County is a rural West Texas county (county seat Breckenridge) on the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48431 · Sterling City

Sterling 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sterling County is one of the least populous counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sterling County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sterling County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sterling County is one of the smallest-population counties in Texas (county seat Sterling City) in the Concho Valley of West Texas. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48433 · Aspermont

Stonewall 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Stonewall County is a very sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Stonewall County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Stonewall County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Stonewall County is a very sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Aspermont) in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

- <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 48435 · Sonora

Sutton 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Sutton County is a sparsely populated West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Sutton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Sutton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Sutton County is a sparsely populated West Texas county (county seat Sonora) on the Edwards Plateau. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48437 · Tulia

Swisher 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Swisher County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Swisher County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Swisher County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Swisher County is a rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Tulia) south of Amarillo. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48443 · Sanderson

Terrell 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terrell County is one of the most sparsely populated counties in Texas with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terrell County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Terrell County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Terrell County is one of the most remote and sparsely populated counties in Texas (county seat Sanderson) in the Trans-Pecos region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48445 · Brownfield

Terry 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Terry County is a rural South Plains county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Terry County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Terry County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Terry County is a rural South Plains county (county seat Brownfield) in the Lubbock metro area hinterland. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48447 · Throckmorton

Throckmorton 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Throckmorton County is a very small rural West Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Throckmorton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Throckmorton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Throckmorton County is a very small rural North Texas county (county seat Throckmorton). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48449 · Mount Pleasant

Titus 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Titus County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Titus County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Titus County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Titus County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Mount Pleasant) between Texarkana and Dallas. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48455 · Groveton

Trinity 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Trinity County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Trinity County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Trinity County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Trinity County is a rural East Texas county (county seat Groveton) in the Pineywoods region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48457 · Woodville

Tyler 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Tyler County is a rural East Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Tyler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Tyler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Tyler County is a rural East Texas Pineywoods county (county seat Woodville) known for Big Thicket National Preserve. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48459 · Gilmer

Upshur 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upshur County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upshur County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Upshur County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Upshur County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Gilmer) between Tyler and Texarkana. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48461 · Rankin

Upton 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Upton County is a sparsely populated West Texas oil-producing county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Upton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Upton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Upton County is a sparsely populated West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Rankin) known for oil production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48463 · Uvalde

Uvalde 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Uvalde County is a rural South Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Uvalde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Uvalde County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Uvalde County is a rural South Texas county (county seat Uvalde) on the Balcones Escarpment, known for honey production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48465 · Del Rio

Val Verde 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Val Verde County is a border county with Del Rio as its county seat; the county has no county zoning code for unincorporated areas; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Val Verde County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Val Verde County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Val Verde County is a border county (county seat Del Rio) on the Rio Grande across from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. Texas counties outside incorporated municipalities generally have no zoning authority. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48475 · Monahans

Ward 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Ward County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Ward County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Ward County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Ward County is a West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Monahans) known for Monahans Sandhills State Park. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48477 · Brenham

Washington 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Washington County is a rural Central Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Washington County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Washington County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Washington County is a rural Central Texas county (county seat Brenham, home of Blue Bell Creameries and Bluebell Ice Cream). No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48481 · Wharton

Wharton 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wharton County is a rural Gulf Coast Prairies county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wharton County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wharton County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wharton County is a rural Gulf Coast Prairies county (county seat Wharton) southwest of Houston, a major rice-farming region. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48483 · Wheeler

Wheeler 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wheeler County is a rural Texas Panhandle county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wheeler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wheeler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wheeler County is a rural Texas Panhandle county (county seat Wheeler) on the Oklahoma border east of Amarillo. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48487 · Vernon

Wilbarger 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wilbarger County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wilbarger County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wilbarger County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wilbarger County is a rural North Texas county (county seat Vernon) on the Red River near the Oklahoma border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48489 · Raymondville

Willacy 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Willacy County is a rural Rio Grande Valley county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Willacy County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Willacy County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Willacy County is a rural Rio Grande Valley county (county seat Raymondville) in deep South Texas near the Gulf Coast. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48495 · Kermit

Winkler 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Winkler County is a West Texas Permian Basin county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Winkler County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Winkler County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Winkler County is a West Texas Permian Basin county (county seat Kermit) on the New Mexico border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48499 · Quitman

Wood 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Wood County is a rural Northeast Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures (≤41°F or ≥135°F).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Wood County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Wood County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Wood County is a rural Northeast Texas county (county seat Quitman) between Tyler and Texarkana, known for Lake Fork. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48501 · Plains

Yoakum 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Yoakum County is a South Plains county on the New Mexico border with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Yoakum County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Yoakum County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Yoakum County is a South Plains county (county seat Plains) on the Texas-New Mexico border. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48503 · Graham

Young 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Young County is a rural North Texas county with no county zoning code; state law governs.

SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN no

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

WATER SUPPLY No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.

HANDWASHING No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.

FOOD STORAGE Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

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

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Young County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.

LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP yes

ON-SITE SIGNAGE yes

DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Young County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Young County is a rural North Texas county (county seat Graham) on the Brazos River in the Rolling Plains. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48505 · Zapata

Zapata 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zapata County is a border county on Falcon Lake with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zapata County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.

MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Zapata County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Zapata County is a South Texas border county (county seat Zapata) on Falcon Reservoir on the Rio Grande. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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 48507 · Crystal City

Zavala 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, effective Sept 1 2025) allows sale of nearly all non-TCS foods plus TCS foods directly to consumers. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (CPI-indexed). No permit, license, or inspection fee may be required by any local or county authority. Zavala County is a rural South Texas Winter Garden region county with no county zoning code; state law governs.
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	no
PET RESTRICTIONS	No specific pet restriction in state cottage food law.
WATER SUPPLY	No specific state cottage food water testing requirement.
HANDWASHING	No specific state cottage food handwashing mandate beyond food safety education requirement.
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS foods unrestricted; TCS foods must be held at proper temperatures ($\leq 41^{\circ}\text{F}$ or $\geq 135^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Inspection & permitting

INSPECTION REQUIRED	no — No routine inspection. DSHS or local health authority may act only to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	no — Texas law explicitly prohibits local health departments and county governments from requiring cottage food producers to obtain any license, permit, or pay any fee. Zavala County has no county zoning ordinance for unincorporated areas.
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	no

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	yes
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct-to-consumer sales anywhere in Texas including home pickup, farmers markets, events, and online (with personal delivery). Non-TCS foods may be sold wholesale through registered cottage food vendors. No interstate shipping.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute.

Relevant county code

No county zoning ordinance identified for unincorporated Zavala County. State law preempts local cottage food regulation.

RESEARCH NOTES

Zavala County is a rural South Texas county (county seat Crystal City) in the Winter Garden region, known for spinach production. No county zoning authority outside incorporated municipalities. Defaulted to state baseline.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<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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