

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Angelina County

Texas · Lufkin · FIPS 48005 · Population 86,608 · Crosodo  
Index #948\*

## STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-05

**IMPORTANT — NOT LEGAL ADVICE**

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

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

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

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## QUICK VIEW FOR BAKERS IN THIS COUNTY

**HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED?**

Yes (Texas cottage food is highly permissive. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen permitted. Annual gross income cap: \$150,000 (raised by SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. No labeling of home address required (physical or P.O. Box acceptable). Health departments have no regulatory authority over cottage food operations.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific statutory restriction.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

Varies (Texas state law §559.955 (Home Business) may apply at local level. Angelina County and the City of Lufkin may have home occupation ordinances. No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Angelina County or City of Lufkin planning offices.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection authority.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific statutory restriction.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	No specific statutory requirement.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	No specific statutory requirement.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	No — Health departments may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health. No routine inspection authority.
<b>HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT</b>	Varies — Texas state law §559.955 (Home Business) may apply at local level. Angelina County and the City of Lufkin may have home occupation ordinances. No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Producers should check with Angelina County or City of Lufkin planning offices.
<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	Varies

### Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct sales from home, online, via mail, at farmers markets, and through indirect channels (to retailers who sell directly to consumers) are all permitted under Texas cottage food law. No wholesale to distributors.
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state law.

### Relevant county code

No Angelina County-specific cottage food ordinance identified. Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq. governs.

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Angelina County follows Texas’s highly permissive cottage food framework. No registration, inspection, or training required. The \$150,000 cap was established by SB 541 (89th Legislature, 2025). Angelina County has no county-level health department oversight for cottage food. No county-specific overrides identified. Confidence is medium: state law confirmed from official DSHS and legislature sources; county-level rules not verified.

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#### 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>

**Questions?** Join the Crosodo Forum to discuss your county’s specific zoning rules at <https://crosodo.com/nb/texas/angelina-county-discuss>

## Bordering counties — cottage food law

Regulation	Angelina County	Nacogdoches County	Cherokee County
HOME KITCHEN ALLOWED	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No	No	No
PETS ALLOWED	No specific statutory restriction.	No specific statutory prohibition; food handler training covers safe practices	Not specified in state cottage food law.
INSPECTION REQUIRED	No	No	No
ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes	Yes	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional	Yes	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP	Direct sales from home, online, via mail, at farmers markets, and through indirect channels (to retailers who sell directly to consumers) a...	Direct sales and wholesale to registered cottage food vendors allowed (SB 541, 2025). Sales at home, farmers markets, events, and retail st...	Sales allowed directly to consumers in Texas, online, at farmers markets, through cottage food vendors (SB 541, 2025), and by mail/delivery...
HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT	Varies	No	Conditional
LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies	No	Varies
RESTRICTIONS	Texas cottage food is highly permissive. No registration, permit, or inspection required. Production from home kitchen permitted. Annual gr...	Cottage food must be produced in the home kitchen of operator’s primary domestic residence. Local health departments have NO authority to i...	Must produce in home kitchen. All non-TCS foods allowed. Annual gross income cap \$150,000 (as of SB 541, 2025). No meat/poultry/seafood, ic...
FOOD STORAGE	No specific statutory requirement.	Non-TCS foods primarily; proper storage required	Products must be non-TCS; proper storage implied.
POPULATION	86,608	64,768	50,824

## State context — Texas cottage food law

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

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<b>STATUTE</b>	<b>ANNUAL SALES CAP</b>
Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.	150000
<b>REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FOOD HANDLER CERT</b>
No	No
<b>KITCHEN INSPECTION</b>	<b>DIRECT SALES ONLY</b>
No	No

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

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For the full state-level analysis including the verbatim statute text, see the [Texas cottage food law report](#).

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### STATE-LEVEL REFERENCES

- State statute: <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.437.htm>
  - State dept cottage food page: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/food-establishments/cottage-food-production-operations>
  - Forrager.com: <https://forrager.com/law/texas/>
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