

## COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

# Haskell County

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## STATE BASELINE

Tex. Health & Safety §437.001 et seq.

## STATE TIER

Great

## ANNUAL SALES CAP (STATE)

150000

## CONFIDENCE

MEDIUM

## LAST VERIFIED

2026-05-06

**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 allows cottage food from residential home kitchens. Annual gross income cap of \$150,000 (SB 541, 2025). No registration, permit, or inspection required for non-TCS foods. TCS food sellers must register with DSHS. Health departments cannot regulate cottage food operations. Strong state preemption — local governments cannot add licensing or inspection requirements.)

**SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?**

No

**PETS ALLOWED?**

No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.

**HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?**

No (Haskell County is a small rural West-Central Texas county. Unincorporated areas have no county zoning. Texas cottage food law preempts local governments from requiring permits or licenses for cottage food production or direct sales.)

**ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?**

Yes

**INSPECTION REQUIRED?**

No (DSHS or local health authority may only act to prevent an immediate and serious threat to human life or health.)

## Home kitchen rules

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<b>SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN</b>	No
<b>PET RESTRICTIONS</b>	No specific state restriction on pets in home for cottage food operations.
<b>WATER SUPPLY</b>	No specific requirement under Texas cottage food law.
<b>HANDWASHING</b>	Good manufacturing practices apply; adequate handwashing expected.
<b>FOOD STORAGE</b>	Non-TCS products must be shelf-stable. TCS foods allowed under SB 541 with registration. Proper storage to prevent contamination required.

## Inspection & permitting

<b>INSPECTION REQUIRED</b>	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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<b>LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE</b>	No

### Customer-facing rules

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

### Relevant county code

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

#### RESEARCH NOTES

Small rural West-Central Texas county, pop. ~5,336. No county-specific cottage food or zoning ordinance identified. State baseline governs. Texas SB 541 (2025) raised cap to \$150,000. No verified county website found.

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#### 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>

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

## State context — Texas cottage food law

Haskell 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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## Questions?

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