

COTTAGE FOOD LAW REPORT

Webb County

Texas · Laredo · FIPS 48479 · Population 267,282 · Crosodo
Index #460*

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

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Yes (No license, registration, or inspection required from health department. \$150,000 annual gross sales cap (SB 541, 2025). Almost all non-TCS foods allowed. Label must state 'made in a home kitchen' and producer's name/address. No state preemption of local zoning but health departments cannot regulate cottage food.)

SEPARATE KITCHEN REQUIRED?

No

PETS ALLOWED?

Not specified in state statute

HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT?

Conditional (Webb County and City of Laredo may require a home occupation permit or general business license under local zoning. Texas cottage food law does not preempt local zoning. Producers in Laredo should check with the City of Laredo Development Services.)

ON-SITE / PORCH PICKUP?

Yes

INSPECTION REQUIRED?

No (Health department may only act to prevent immediate/serious threat to human life; no routine inspection authority)

Home kitchen rules

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SEPARATE DEDICATED KITCHEN	No
PET RESTRICTIONS	Not specified in state statute
WATER SUPPLY	Potable water; no formal testing requirement for cottage food
HANDWASHING	No formal certification required by state; basic food safety practices recommended
FOOD STORAGE	Non-TCS shelf-stable foods; no refrigerated finished products

Inspection & permitting

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LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSE	Varies

Customer-facing rules

ON-SITE CUSTOMER PICKUP	Yes
ON-SITE SIGNAGE	Conditional
DELIVERY / PICKUP RULES	Direct and limited indirect sales allowed. May sell at farmers markets, online, home delivery. Third-party delivery platforms allowed. Wholesale to distributors not permitted. Nonprofits may also operate under cottage food framework (SB 541, 2025).
MAX EMPLOYEES IN HOME	Not specified in state statute

Relevant county code

Tex. Health & Safety Code §437.001 et seq.; Webb County/City of Laredo zoning

RESEARCH NOTES

Webb County is heavily Hispanic/Latino border county with Laredo as county seat. Texas cottage food law (§437.001 et seq.) applies statewide; \$150,000 cap from SB 541 (2025). No county-specific cottage food ordinance found. Webb County may have a general business license requirement. Confidence medium — Texas state law confirmed but no specific Webb County .gov source found.

SOURCES VERIFIED AT RESEARCH TIME

<https://www.webbcountytx.gov>

<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/webb-county-discuss>

State context — Texas cottage food law

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

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

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

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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